

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 15th, 2018

Present were Mark Walker (Chair) Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson & Simon Stace.

Apologies for absence were received from Nicky Brooks & Charles Mathew.

Declaration of Interest: Declarations of Interest were made by Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle and Alan Wilson as landowners in the parish.

The minutes for the February meeting were signed as being a true report of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

Neighbourhood Plan. The amended Plan was put before Council and the approval of councillors sought with the request that permission be granted to take matters to the next stage namely the public and statutory consultations. Having studied the document it was agreed that the draft Plan should be adopted and the Chair duly authorised the NPG to proceed to prepare for and implement the public and statutory consultations.

EM proposed & SS seconded the motion that a few typing errors on the NP should be corrected and the maps on the final version should be larger than shown on the draft copy. All agreed.

There was concern regarding an invoice from Edgars for £2500 +VAT as to what exactly it was for. The clerk will obtain the details.

The Gladman planning application is going through the consultation phase. WODC have received just over 100 objections, mostly from within this parish.

Bus Shelter at Shores Green. EM & SS have investigated and reported it needs support at the rear and some wooden panels need replacing. The chair produced a photo of a metal and glass shelter seen locally and as this is a possibility will try and find the cost. The clerk also showed a photo of an aluminium one with glazed panels which cost £1999 +VAT.

Clearing of Limb Brook and flooding in general. Reply from the Environment Agency that they used to clear the brook but since 2007 they do not have the funds to do so. The flood risk is low in terms of people and property so where they cannot allocate funds they expect the riparian owners to carry out their duty and keep the water flowing. They will try to attend to a blockage of a main river watercourse if there is a risk to property.

There are concerns about flooding and the state of the ditches in the Level Crossing area, the pub area, Chapel Road, Shuttles Cottage area and High Cogges. Regarding the latter, the chair said he will discuss with the owner of Timbercroft as the problem there seems to stem from a collapsed bridge on his

land. He also said he will put drainage rods down the pipes opposite the pub to try and clear any blockages. Meanwhile the trenches recently dug to reduce flooding there which exposed the Gigaclear cables still haven't been filled in. Complaints have been received, some with photos of the ditches. OCC will be contacted again but it seems the responsibility to keep the ditches clear falls on the owners of adjacent land.

Request received for our annual subscription to OALC for £135.06. Unanimously agreed to pay as was £750 to the clerk as it is the end of the financial year.

PLANNING APPLICATION

High Cogges Farm for "conversion and alterations to the granary and car shed with link through to form holiday let accommodation or ancillary residential annexe". Although agreed in principle the proposed cart shed ridge is considered too high and concern was expressed as to whether it is intended for holiday let accommodation or residential purposes.