IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A RECORDING OF ANY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHAIR BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING.

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 19 March 2019, all councillors were present apart from Paul Riley who sent his apologies. Apologies were also received from Stephen Gray our District Councillor. Jo Barker our County Councillor was present as were 15 members of the public. Steve Duck and Paul Riley have decided to stand down from the council after the next elections so this was their last meeting. Our thanks go to both for their input and help over the last session. Paul has kindly agreed to continue to be responsible for the routine checking of the defibrillator. We now welcome two new councillors who will be representing the village, Keith Murphy and Christopher Wolverson who will join the remaining councillors. This was an uncontested election.

**Planning Applications:** Four Shires House, a new planning application was made for a replacement dwelling (19/00294/FUL). This was discussed at some length and it was agreed to raise no objections but to request further information on building materials which were less than would be expected on an application of this type so making it difficult to get a complete picture of the proposal.

Hillside Farm: change of use from agricultural land to the temporary siting of Nordic Tipis between the months of April and November for the purposes of holding weddings (19/00337/FUL). It was noted that there appeared to be appropriate controls in respect of noise, lighting and parking and it was agreed to make no representations. This application has since been withdrawn.

Since the last PC meeting two further applications have been received, 19/00733/FUL for the replacement of a conservatory with a new oak and glass kitchen area at Laureldene, this was discussed by the parish council and no representations were made. The second application 19/00722/FUL was for a side extension and other building works at Fair View. This was also discussed and while we did not object in principle we asked for further information on the proposed access/parking, the use of suitable windows and patio doors and the impact of large skylights in the conservation area/dark sky area. Also further information re the possible removal of some trees on the plot.

**Village Design Statement:** Jennifer Green reported the SDC Cabinet had approved the updated version of the VDS and following minor amendments it would move forward to the print version. The team who had produced the document, Jennifer Green, Sarah Constable, Keith Murphy and Di Watson , were warmly thanked for all their work on the project.

**Fox and Hounds:** the Fox and Hounds is currently on the market and we understand that some offers have been made but none have been agreed. The Wolford Pub Campaign group, with the backing of the PC and Councillor Jo Barker are liaising with SDC re the possibility of SDC imposing a compulsory purchase order(CPO) on the building. SDC have now commissioned an independent valuation of the property which will be used as the basis of the CPO application.

**Parish Council Elections:** as noted earlier Steve Duck and Paul Riley have now stood down from the Parish Council and their places have been taken by Keith Murphy and Christopher Wolverson, the remaining councillors remain in post. This was an uncontested election.

**Finance:** as well as normal payments the Village Hall applied for a grant towards the cost of setting up a Village Hall website to enable information to be available and bookings to be done on line. A grant of £357.90 was unanimously agreed.

**Village Litter Pick:** a successful litter pick was done on 30th March on all the roads entering the village, several bin liners were filled with the usual selection of plastic bags, plastic bottles, tin cans etc. Thank you to all those who took part.

**Any Other Business:** as there have been several attempted burglaries recently it was agreed to put forward to the AGM the possibility of reactivating the Village Neighbourhood Watch scheme, I have since been in touch with the local police who say that they would now suggest a village WhatsApp group. This will be discussed and the next PC meeting which is the AGM.

It was agreed at a previous PC meeting that traffic calming measures would also be discussed at the AGM.

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND A NORMAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. ALL OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT THE AGM IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG WITH ANY COMMENTS OR IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE AND ALSO TO MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS. THIS IS ALSO THE MEETING WHERE THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR) ARE DECIDED.**