

The Green Man Public House

The Green Man has been closed since December 2017. Since then the present owners decided to offer the pub for sale as they believed it was no longer possible to run it as a hostelry. In June 2018 the Parish Council were notified that they were applying to the District Council for a change of use and hoped to find a property developer who would purchase the site.

On June 5th 2018 over seventy residents of the village attended an Open Meeting in the Village Hall. This meeting was organized by the Parish Council to give those villagers interested in future of the public house a chance to express their views. The present owners of the Green man were also invited so they could hear the views of their fellow residents and explain their plans. The decision taken at the meeting was to ask the Parish Council to apply for an Asset of Community Value Order. If granted by the District Council this will give the residents of Widford 6months in which they can investigate the possibility of either finding a new owner of the public House or consider raising enough finance to purchase the building.

The application for an Asset of Community Value has now been placed, and our local Member of Parliament, Mark Prisk, has agreed to back our application. The CDA (Community Development Action Hertfordshire) would also welcome the opportunity to meet with Widford residents if they would like to investigate further. There are apparently several organizations which can help when there is the threatened closure of the last remaining public house in the village.

If you are interested in the future of the Green Man, please contact any member of the Parish Council and if there is sufficient support we will organize a second meeting.