

## ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Ilmington held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2016

Present: Cllr. G. Davies, Cllr R. Hawkins, Cllr J. Sherwood (Chair) and Cllr G. Osborne

Also present: Amanda Wasdell (Clerk) and 16 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Brain and County Cllr Izzy Seccombe.

#### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Sherwood gave a report on the activities of the PC over the last year:

- **The Council:** The Council is now made up of Cllrs Davies, Hawkins, Osborne, Wilkins and Sherwood (Chair) with Izzi Seccombe as County Councillor and a new District Councillor in Cllr Mike Brain. Cllrs Tony Wilkins and Ross Chambers have stepped down but Ross will now chair the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. She thanked the other councillors for their hard work and welcomed the new clerk, Amanda Wasdell.
- **Policy Review:** IPC has reviewed its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as well as its asset register to ensure that all its assets are listed and adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy.
- **Communication and Consultation:** IPC has built on its communication with parishioners and wishes to continue listening to the views of the community it serves. IPC regularly contributes to the 20:20, Parish Magazine and update the IPC website. It has a new notice board on the Upper Green and new suggestion box in the Community shop. Consultations were held as to whether to remove the Lower Breen Phone box and whether to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Planning:** IPC has voted to pursue a NDP dependent on having enough volunteers from the village. They have responded to 30 planning and 16 tree care applications. They have worked hard to preserve the open spaces of Ilmington and up on Foxcote Hill and Grump Street. Thanks went to Joyce Bridges, Mike Lane and Ross Chambers, all whom give their time to help with planning matters.
- **Highways:** Cllr Davies has been working with the Highways department to improve the village roads. Cllrs Davies and Sherwood created a drain, salt bin and dog bin map of the village for the Highways Dept. to enable easy identification when repairs, collections or deliveries are needed.
- **Playing Field and Playground:** The Playing Field has been awarded £8,000 by the Tesco Bags of Help grant to replace the skateboard ramp with a football wall/basketball court. IPC are in discussion with Tempo Events to try to improve the parking situation that arose. Cllrs Hawkins and Osborne assessed and organised the repairs of playground equipment,
- **Village Environment:** Cllrs Davies and Hawkins have looked after the landscape of the village. IPC replaced a damaged salt bin, commissioned the refurbishment of the benches (thanks to Glyn Parry) and are now looking at the parking on the Upper Green by the shop.
- **COME AND JOIN THE PARISH COUNCIL:** There are two vacancies on the Parish Council currently and there is a lot to do so come and join the friendly team.
- **Thanks:** to all the groups and clubs who help to make Ilmington the vibrant Village that it is.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Cllr Osborne presented an overview of the accounts:

Precept £18,360

Total Income £20,742 (Including donations and repayment of a Treasury bond)

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IPC is operating within budget – principal outgoings are:

Sports Field and Pavilion	£4,700
Clerk and admin	£4,100
Grass Cutting	£3,300 – negotiating a 3 yr. period and a tender process brought about a reduction in cost
Insurance: Zurich	£1,000 – just over

#### REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS

##### **Report from Ilmington c of E Primary School – sent by Carol Ryninks, read out by Cllr Sherwood.**

The school is thriving with nearly full classes in all year groups. It has strong links within the community, and with St Mary's Church, both of who's help widen the breadth of education, and thanks to the many volunteers who contribute to the school. Performances were well attended by locals as well as parents, so thanks went to them. The school wanted to thank the local community for the support they gave in all aspects.

##### **Report from Village Show – Sent in and read By Cllr Sherwood**

This year the show will be on 29th August. A great day out for all the family. All welcome, stalls, children's amusements, vintage tractor display, vegetable and flower show.

##### **Report from Wednesday Club by Christine Wright**

Every month it is a chance for the members to get together and have lunch with a variety of guest speakers. Often there are garden meetings and visits. Come along and join in - all are welcome, it is only 50p to come to a single meeting or £5 per year to join.

##### **Report from WI by Margaret Goldsmith, Treasurer**

About 20 members. Meet 3rd Wed of the month at lunchtime where they have a speaker and a glass of wine. Summer outings. Courses available at either Denham College or locally.

##### **Report on Defib Group by David Goldsmith**

New recruit Fiona Shanks a practice nurse from Stratford will take over from Romy Alison who has retired from organising the rota. There are 2 defibrillators – 1 at the school, 1 at the Village Hall I+ a portable one for those on duty. There are 17 active members, but more are needed. There were about 60 call outs in the last 12 months. The group needs about £800pa for new pads, maintenance, new batteries etc. They held a choir concert on the 14<sup>th</sup> May with the Church and all proceeds go to the defib group, there is a raffle and prizes include fruit and veg from Drinkwater's, Meals from Rob at the Howard Arms, and they sell about 120 tickets.

##### **Report from the Parish Trustees by Irene Sabin**

They distribute plants to the ill, sick, bereaved, or people having a hard time. They spent £990.73 in the last year.

##### **Report form the Cinema Club by Susan Carr**

The cinema Club is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. Last Friday of the month – numbers are on the slight increase They show up to date films and lend out their equipment for a small fee. Any surplus funds are distributed amongst the village. More volunteers are welcome

##### **Report form the Community Shop by Tim Allen**

It took many volunteers t get it up and running – thanks to them. Thanks also to the IPC for its support. The shop is generating income and making a small profit. Work is on-going at the café with a soft opening in May, more formal one in June or July. Funding: there was a £40k funding deficit but they sold £20k in shares and the other £20k was donated and loaned with no interest, so the café can go ahead. The aim is to improve communications and improve the profit margin. More volunteers are needed.

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#### **Report from the Horticultural Society by Lee Bridges**

Organise the horticultural show on Bank Holiday Monday in August. They are introducing a few changes to the show this year including allowing people to enter on Wednesday before closing date. Re-instating cash prizes for children. More volunteers are needed. He asked for more people to join the committee and help on the day of the show. Two garden visits are planned: 23 June at Wisley and 18 June at Rockcliffe (£16 for the coach and FOC entry).

#### **Report from Ilmington 20:20 by Lee Bridges**

They are supporting projects to help the village become more sustainable. They compiled content and organising for the printing of the latest Ilmington Directory. Directory went to printers on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April and should be available in May. All profits will go to the Air Ambulance. More volunteers are needed.

#### **Report from Village Hall Committee by Bryan Clifford the new Chair**

Their mission Statement is to improve life of the Village. Many groups use the Village Hall including the IPC, Horticultural Society, Cinema and WI. There are many groups that use it, such as Pilates, Brownies, Guides. It is also used for parties, funerals, and weddings. AGM is on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Regarding their finances, they have £8k in the bank but the floor needs improving.

#### 4. PUBLIC SESSION

There was a discussion regarding the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Bryan Clifford advised that there was to be a barn dance in the Village Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was suggested that it could be followed by a torchlight procession up Foxcote Hill and to have a bonfire at the top of the Hill as there was for the Jubilee celebration. The drinks stall at that bonfire was hosted by Sarah Holman. Cllr Hawkins said he would organise the bonfire. He and Bryan Clifford would liaise regarding the details. IPC is not proposing to organise this but anyone who would wish to take this on, please contact Jan or the clerk.

Meeting closed at 8.40

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date \_\_\_\_\_