

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCILMinutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Thursday 21st May, 2014

Present: Cllr. C.J. Saint, Cllr. I. Seccombe and Mr. A.G. Wilkins (Chairman).

Also present: Mrs. D.Sambrook (Clerk) and 28 members of the public.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Members **RESOLVED** that MR WILKINS be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council until 26th June 2014 and that a new Chair be elected following the parish election on 19th June 2014. Mr WILKINS confirmed acceptance of office.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs SECCOME and SAINT declared that they are members of Warwickshire County Council.

4. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Mr Jenkinson of Wirsol outlined proposals for a solar PV farm at Blackwell Grange and invited comments from the public and members of the parish council. Support of the school's solar panel fund, landscaping, location and visual impact were discussed.

A member of the public outlined concerns relating to proposed housing development off Armscote Road. Issues of concern include drainage, flooding, sewerage capacity.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 24th April and the Annual Parish Assembly (APA) held on 9th May 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. Further quotes are to be sought for plumbing and electric works to the toilets at the sports pavilion.
- b. It was noted that the skate ramp is in need of repair and subsequently was closed to the public on Friday 25th April 2015. Quotes for the replacement of the ramp have been obtained, however funding must be sought and consultation with users of the ramp is to be carried out.
- c. During the APA, several members of the public asked the parish council to support the community shop committee in negotiations in the purchase of the Catholic Church. It was agreed by members to send a letter to the current owners of the Catholic Church confirming support for a community shop in principal and potential future community use of the building.
- d. During the APA, the use of brick rather than stone for buildings currently under construction off Armscote Road was queried by a member of the public. It was noted that the relevant planning consent includes a condition (No.23) requiring approval from SDC planning department for materials to be used.

7. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

The designation of member responsibilities will be deferred until the next meeting when a new parish council will have been elected.

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8. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk noted the timetable and key dates regarding the poll for the election of FIVE parish councillors to be held on 19th June 2014. Members **RESOLVED** that SDC will provide polling cards for the election, at a cost of £150-£200.

9. MABEL'S FARM

Stella Carr of Rural Provenance outlined current research and consultation being carried out regarding Mabel's Farm in Ilmington, which is a tenanted smallholding owned by Warwickshire County Council (WCC). The research and consultation project is investigating options for how the property could be used as a community asset, and the continued use of the farm as a working farm with learning opportunities in rural heritage skills was being considered by Rural Provenance. The views of the local community were being sought as part of the project. Several members of the public present expressed concerns regarding the livelihood of the existing tenants and stated that the matter should not be under discussion. It was confirmed that there were no plans to change the existing tenancy or for WCC to change their small holding assets, but that WCC has a policy to review assets and investigate the feasibility of possible future opportunities.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted as received (with actions in bold type):

- a. SDC (E09/05/2014) Details of election for Ilmington parish council casual vacancies. **Noted.**
- b. Spicer Architects (E08/05/2014) Invitation to public exhibition. **Noted.**
- c. AW (E07/05/2014) Info on skate ramp quotes. **Noted.**
- d. WALC (E05/05/2014) NALC up-dates and training/workshops. **Noted**
- e. Local Government Boundary Review Warwickshire. **No response to the consultation will be made by the parish council at this early stage.**
- f. SDC (E15/05/2014) Flood Defence Assistance Grants 2014. **Noted.**

11. PLANNING

RESOLVED to make the following comments on planning applications received:

Application no.	Proposal	Address	Agreed comment for submission by Parish Council
14/01237/TREE	- T1: Oak: prune	Crab Mill House, Grump Street Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4LH	No representation
14/01319/TREE	- T1: Yew: 20% crown reduction, crown lift to 4m	Rose Cottage, Frog Lane, Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4LQ	No response, but ask tree officer to review the amount of crown reduction

It was noted that three planning applications had recently been received by the parish council (14/01348/TREE, 14/01231/FUL and 14/01260/LBC), but insufficient information was available at the meeting for a response to be decided.

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12. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Saint reported on the district council approval of the Local Plan. He also confirmed that SDC is the enforcing authority with regards to the issue of dangerous trees at Hurdlers Lane, but that the parish council has a duty to protect members of the parish. It was noted that the path is not a public footpath, but it is well used by the public and has been for considerable time.

13. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the annual governance statement as required for the external auditor (Grant Thornton).

14. INSURANCE COVER

The clerk reported that the policy expires on 31st May but that the council has previously entered into a long term fixed rate agreement with Zurich to May 2015. However, a very competitive quote has been obtained from a competitor. It was agreed that the clerk should negotiate for a discount or investigate termination of the long term agreement to obtain best value, but to ensure that the policy cover was renewed.

15. FINANCE

- a. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for the financial year ending March 2014 (previously circulated).
- b. Council **RESOLVED** that all accounts, as listed at Annex A be approved for payment.

16. COUNCILLORS REPORTS & INFORMATION

It was noted that the following items be included on the agenda of the next meeting:

- a. Donation to The Playing Field Committee towards the cost of resurfacing the car park.
- b. Sandpit at Grace's Playground to be refilled.

An extraordinary meeting (EM) will be called by the Chairman to deal with recent planning applications and the skateboard ramp.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Thursday 26th June at 730pm at the Village Hall, Ilmington. Date of the EM to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 21:50.

ANNEX A

The following payments were approved:

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| i. | Clerk's salary & expenses April 2014 | £533.07 |
| ii. | HMRC PAYE for Jan-March 2014 | £202.20 |

Signed _____ Chairman

Date _____