

Ilmington Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Thursday 27th November 2014

Present: Cllr. G. Davies, Cllr R. Hawkins, Cllr J. Sherwood (Chair), Cllr T. Wilkins and Cllr G Osborne
Also present: Gill Bailey (Clerk) and 23 members of the public (10 Parishioners from Blackwell).

Cllr Sherwood declared that a **member of the public was recording the meeting** which was permitted under current legislation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wright, Cllr Saint and James Jenkinson, Senior Planning Manager from Conergy West Sussex Ltd., and two Parishioners.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No one declared any interests.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Representatives from the Blackwell Committee opposed to the Blackwell Solar Plant spoke about the subject and their concern about the company, Conergy, taking over the application. A representative from Conergy James Jenkinson, had also requested to speak. Unfortunately he was ill and was unable to attend.

The Chair of IPC said that she appreciated the concerns of Blackwell Parishioners, however, at this stage there was little IPC could do as there was no new planning application being put before them.

Cllr Osborne suggested that IPC had already considered and responded to the previous Planning Application.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October and 10th November 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Cllr Sherwood confirmed that members of the IPC Finance Working Group had held a meeting and had agreed 70% of the budget for 2015/16. Suggestions received from Parishioners were considered and would be brought forward at the Annual Parish meeting next year so that they could help prioritise them. The Working Group had agreed to make good the potholes in the Playing Field car Park and to obtain three competitive quotes for re-surfacing the Car Park. These quotes would be considered in deliberations regarding the precept request. The Clerk had been requested to monitor her overtime hours and expenses and receive agreement from members of the Finance Working Party if she were to go over agreed hours and/or expenses.
- B. Cllr Sherwood advised that she had received an email from Robert Howe, Chair of Whitchurch Parish Meeting, regarding planning application (14/02918/FUL) requesting IPC to support their objections for a proposed change of use from agricultural use to a Class B8 storage facility at Wimpstone Fields. Members of IPC agreed that there would be a substantial visual impact from the surrounding area and on highways safety issues as container lorries would be travelling along a C Road. It was also agreed that if the application were to be granted, the lighting should not be intrusive. IPC **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds of highway safety, visual impact, intrusive

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lighting and that this was a site in agricultural use that was being increasingly used for light industrial. Furthermore, it was suggested that those containers permitted under a previous application should be single stack only. 4/5 Councillors present voted to object and one Councillor abstained.

- C. Cllr Sherwood said that she had received an email from the previous Clerk, Mrs Sambrook requesting to purchase the old IPC filing cabinet for £20.00. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Mrs Sambrook could purchase the cabinet for the agreed figure.
- D. Cllr Davies confirmed that he and the Chair had attended a meeting with Cllr Saint, Officers of SDC and representatives from WRCC regarding the housing allocations for Wilkins Way. They expressed their dissatisfaction with the process and that it should have been opened up only to Ilmington residents initially. They had also said that the development had been poorly advertised and that putting the details on the website was not sufficient. A Parishioner also said that the development was still being called Larkstone Grange and this was not a postal address in Ilmington. Cllr Seccombe agreed that she would take the matter forward if she could.
- E. Cllr Sherwood expressed concern that the Call for Sites Submission 2014 had identified sites for 73 dwellings primarily on Warwickshire County Council land and that some of the details were incorrect. Cllr Davies added that the SDC Core Strategy had allocated Ilmington between only 26 and 50 new dwellings. Cllr Seccombe said that SDC had a requirement to look at the land supply with a view to building a certain amount of dwellings in the area and that all landowners were contacted to ascertain whether they wished their land to be used for development. The suitability of the sites would then be assessed. It was agreed that the Planning Working Group would meet to discuss the possibility of pursuing the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan to possibly help mitigate the impact of development in the future. It was also agreed to write to SDC to remind them that the potential 73 dwellings exceeded the Core Strategy allocation of between 26 and 50 for Ilmington and the lack sustainability for any more, due to limitations of transport, schools and drainage.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted as received.

- i. K A Perkins – Returned cheque
- ii. Parishioners comments regarding dog fouling
- iii. Ilmington Bowling Club Request and Cheque
- iv. WALC – Planning Practice Guidance : Housing Assessment
- v. Andrew Deptford – Purchase of a new defibrillator
- vi. Midlands Rural Housing – Housing Scheme Opening at Wilkins Way
- vii. Linfoot Country Homes – Larkstoke Grange – price list, plans etc
- viii. Shipston Rural Watch – Heating Oil Thefts
- ix. Wirsol – Blackwell Solar Park Application – Request to attend an IPC meeting
- x. M Shepard – Police & Crime Commissioner Safety Ambassadors – crime & communication
- xi. CPRE – Save Chesterton Mill
- xii. WALC – Playground Equipment Safety

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7. PLANNING

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following comments on planning applications received:

Application no.	Proposal	Address	Submitted by	Agreed comment for submission by Parish Council
14/02934/TREE	T1 : Cherry : Remove	Puddocks, Frog Lane, Ilmington	Mr W Buckley	No Objection
14/02887/TREE	T1: Sycamore: Remove bifurcated stem closest to the footpath	The Hill, Back Street, Ilmington	Mr W Nash	No Objection
14/02612/FUL	Erection of one and a half storey extension to existing building and change of use of part of the site for use as a cafe with creation of terrace to front elevation to provide outdoor seating (Use Class A3) with removal of trees and formation of hardstanding and car parking area	St Phillips Presbytery, Grump Street, Ilmington	Ilmington Community Shop Ltd – Mr T Allen	Support
14/03048/TREE	T1 ; Pine : Remove T2 : Red Maple : Remove T3 : Balsam Poplar : Remove	The Bevingtons, Valenders Lane, Ilmington	Mr & Mrs Tustain	T1 ; Pine : Object T2 : Red Maple : Object T3 : Balsam Poplar : Support
14/02959/LDP	Proposed live work garden studio from redundant stables	Ilmington Grange Ilmington	Mr M Markham	* See comments below

- Cllr Osborne opined that the proposal for the conversion of the existing stables into a garden studio at the Grange was unsuitable for what was effectively a dwelling and that the applicant should re-submit the application to a FUL Planning Application rather than apply for Lawful Permitted Development. Cllr Sherwood added that there was also a Public Right of Way near to the proposed development which was much used. Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that IPC unanimously object to the proposal.

The following planning up-dates were noted:

Application no.	Proposal	Address	Up-date
14/02436/FUL	Dismantle existing outside toilet and rebuild using same materials on another nearby Site	Puddocks, Frog Lane, Ilmington	SDC decision: Permission

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

As Cllr Saint as not present at the meeting, there was no reports from him and Cllr Seccombe had nothing to add to her previous comments.

9. TO DISCUSS THE DATES FOR ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council considered moving the date of Council meetings from the last Thursday of the month to enable them to hold Council meetings in August and December. IPC also considered moving the venue for PC meetings to the Sports and Social Club as it had cost saving implications.

It was agreed to keep the date as the last Thursday of the month (apart from 15th January 2015 as to accommodate the IPC requirement to submit their Precept request prior to the end of the month). It was also agreed to retain the Village Hall as the venue for PC meetings as it would be more accessible to Parishioners and a more agreeable location.

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10. TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO CONSULTATIONS

- a. Planning and Travellers – It was agreed not to submit a comment on this Consultation as it was felt that SDC should respond.
- b. Tackling Partial Not-Spots in Mobile Phone Coverage - It was agreed not to submit a comment on this Consultation as it was felt that the 53 page document was too technical and it would be more appropriate for a mobile phone company to respond rather than a parish council.

11. FINANCE

- a. **RESOLVED** to accept Receipt of £3.46 as a Wayleave payment from Western Power.
- b. **RESOLVED** to approve the payments set out in Annex A.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Ilmington Parish Council Web Site - Cllr Sherwood confirmed that the Web Site was live.
- b. Grass Mowing Contract – Cllr Hawkins advised that the grass mowing costs were over budget. It was agreed that Cllr Hawkins find out if any more cuts were due and the Clerk ascertain the extent of the current mowing contract.
- c. Replacement of damaged Salt Bins and supply of additional bins in Foxcote Hill and front Street. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a replacement salt bin be supplied in Front Street. It was also agreed that the situation be monitored during the Winter months with a view to replacing damaged salt bins in the Summer when they are empty.

13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Ordinary & Finance Meeting on 15th January 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Ilmington.

Meeting closed at 21.30.

ANNEX A

The following payments were approved:

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| i. | Clerk's salary & expenses, October & November 2014 | £722.24 |
| ii. | Grass Mowing village greens (October) | £631.20 |

Signed _____ Chairman

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