

## ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

Present: Mr. A.G. Wilkins (Chairman), Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. F.J. Edmunds and M.P. Taylor. Also present were County Cllr. I. Seccombe, District Cllr. C.J. Saint, Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mr. M.T. Robinson and Mr. R. Hawkins.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

## RETIRING PARISH COUNCILLORS

As a result of the resignation of Mr. D.V. Sabin as Councillor, Mr. Taylor proposed, seconded by Mrs. Wright and unanimously agreed that Mr. Mark Robinson be co-opted to take his place. He was welcomed back onto the Parish Council.

A letter of resignation had been received recently from Mrs. P.J. Maguire. The Chairman said that she had been a very good Councillor, he thanked her for all her work and said he was very sorry that she felt she had to resign. She was given a vote of thanks.

## ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL HOUSES

Mr. Hawkins reported that when one of the Elm Close bungalows became vacant, a resident of Washbrook Place wished to move into it from her present house, which was too big for her. This would have freed up a three bedroom house for one of the many families in Ilmington who were desperate to move into a larger house. When she applied she was told that she should look for the house on the website, but it was not there, and she was told that she was not on the District Council housing list, which she was. It had now been allocated to someone from outside the village. Mr. Hawkins felt that it was wrong that the Parish Council had not been consulted about this. Cllr. Saint explained that the allocation was made by Orbit Housing Association and that it was no longer done on a points system. Newer houses were ring fenced for local inhabitants, but the older council houses, including Elm Close, were not. Cllr. Saint agreed to investigate the problems, including why Orbit have not been informing the Parish Council when ring fenced properties came on the market.

## GRITTING OF BACK STREET

Mrs. Wright had reported on the recent closure of the School in Back Street during the very cold weather, because Back Street was not gritted. This resulted in parents having to stay at home and miss work in order to look after their children. Cllr. Seccombe pointed out that this applied to many schools in the area, and that there was

only a certain amount of funds available for gritting. However, she agreed to investigate, and see if anything could be done in future to alleviate the situation. It was also reported that many of the salt bins round the village, including the one opposite the School, needed refilling

Cllr. Saint reported that the District Council Cabinet met early in the week to discuss their budget and there should be a letter about this soon. Cllr. Seccombe said that there would probably be a 2% increase in the County Council tax over two years.

### MATTERS ARISING

1. War Memorial. This should be left until the spring.
2. Mickleton Road. There was nothing to report on the request for reflectors to be put on the posts alongside the children's playground.
3. Flooding. The Chairman said that he had reported the flooding at the junction of Front Street with Armscote Road to County Highways time and time again, but still nothing had been done. Mr. Edmunds reported that he had contacted County Highways to say that his brother would be willing to dig out the ditch. This should be left for the time being as it would not be possible for him to be paid. He also reported that he had spoken to farmers along the Armscote Road about their ditches, but he felt that the real problem was at the entrance to Armscote Road. The Chairman also reported that water was coming out of a BT inspection chamber opposite the School, and BT should be asked to investigate.
4. Sewage. Mrs. Wright reported that raw sewage was coming out of the stream bank below the entrance to Cross Leys. Severn Trent had been out to inspect, and had said that it was coming out of a manhole.
5. Village Hall. There was nothing to report.
6. Pavilion Roof. Two estimates had been received for repairing the roof, but the Chairman was asking Mr. Steve Chance, an architect, for his advice.
7. Village Hall entrance. It was agreed that nothing should be done about this until a decision had been made about the proposed Community Shop.
8. Precept. Mr. Taylor proposed, seconded by Mrs. Wright and agreed, that the precept of £18,000 which was agreed at the last meeting should be confirmed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of an email from Mr. Chris Kelsey of Severn Trent to the developers of the proposed Armscote Road housing, re-iterating his comments made at the Parish Council meeting in August 2012.

2. The Chairman reported on the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January to agree an agenda for the meeting of the Shipston/Community Forum to be held in Ilmington on 5<sup>th</sup> March. He said that leaflets advertising the March meeting would be produced and he had agreed that the Parish Council would distribute them.

3. A message from Digley Associates Limited asking if the Parish Council were happy for them again to carry out the annual inspection of the children's play facilities. This was agreed, but they should be asked to let the Clerk know when they would be coming so that a representative of the Parish Council could go round with them.

### FINANCE

The following cheques were agreed, signed and were within budget:-

(a) CPRE, subscription	£ 29.00
(b) Village Hall, hire of rooms	£ 16.00
(c) A.G. Wilkins, grass cutting, 2012 season	£ 706.50
(d) S.M. Gardner, Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 556.67

### PLANNING

1. 12/02807/TREE. Application for permission to fell and replace two apple trees at Puddocks, Frog Lane. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

2. 12/02827/TREE. Application for permission to remove an elder at Park Piece, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

3. 12/02434/VARY. Notice of permission from the District Council for the removal of a condition about roof lights at The Hill, Back Street.

4. 12/02535/FUL. Notice of permission from the District Council for a rear extension at Ashley Cottage, Carriage Wheel Lane.

5. 12/02230/FUL. Notice of permission from the District Council for change of use of ground floor from shop back to residential at the Old Village Shop, Middle Street.

6. 12/02493/FUL. Notice of refusal from the District Council for change of use of land at The Orchards, Campden Hill, from agricultural to domestic curtilage to create a tennis court.

7. 13/00077/FUL. Application for a tennis court with porous surface at The Orchards, Campden Hill. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

### PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman reported that there was a blocked drain in the children's playground area which was causing flooding. He agreed to ask Mr. Adrian Meredith if he

could deal with this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Clerk reported that one of the salt bins on Foxcote Hill had been demolished by a vehicle during the snowy weather. The Foxcote estate should be asked if they knew who was responsible for this.
2. The Chairman reported that water was running down Front Street from outside Rowney's Farm,
3. Mr. Edmunds reported that Severn Trent had jettied the sewer pipes at the back of Washbrook Place.
4. A replacement for Mrs. Maguire as Parish Councillor would have to be found, but there was no hurry for this as no-one could be co-opted until the March meeting.
5. It was agreed that Mr. Taylor should purchase some flowers for Mrs. Maguire.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Date

Chairman