

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2012.

Present: Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. F.J. Edmunds, D.V. Sabin, M.P. Taylor and A.G. Wilkins (Chairman) Also present were District Cllr. C.J. Saint, Mrs. K. Plackett, Mr. Clive Tinson and Mr. Clive Johnson.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. I Seccombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FROG LANE DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman reported that a letter of complaint against the Parish Council had been received from a number of residents of Frog Lane. Since this was a very long document, and since it had only been received on 17th February, Parish Councillors had not had an opportunity to study it. It would therefore be circulated and discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Flood Defence Grants. Mrs. Alison Wright reported that she had had meetings with Mr. Peter Bones of the County Council about the ditch at No. 1 Cross Leys. Mr. Bones had said that the ditch was satisfactory with regard to the possibility of flooding, and that he would write to the Gloucestershire Housing Association about the collapsing of No. 1's garden into the ditch.
2. Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Fred Edmunds reported that plans were ongoing. Mrs. Wright reported that she had found a Jubilee mug that was being produced by a firm called Elgates, which cost 90p per mug + VAT + delivery, and that they were thinking of ordering 400. The house to house bucket collection would be taking place this weekend. Mr. Edmunds asked whether the Coronation gate by the school should be replaced by a new gate to commemorate the Jubilee, but the Chairman felt that a gate in that position was no longer needed. He suggested a new gate at the entrance to the playing field by Orchard House in Mickleton Road, or a kissing gate into Bury Orchard, opposite the school. Mrs. Wright also suggested a new piece of play equipment for Grace's Playground, or some trees in that area to provide shade.
3. Playground equipment. Mrs. Wright reported that the working party would start on the minor repairs during March. Digley Associates should be asked when they would be coming to Ilmington to inspect the playground equipment so that the Chairman and Mrs. Wright could go round with them.

4. Mrs. Wright reported that she would be taking the petition about the speeding traffic along the Armscote Road round this weekend, when she did her share of the bucket collection for the Jubilee.
5. Washbrook Close potholes. Mr. Jeff Morris had inspected the potholes last week, and they had since been filled in. However, Mr. Morris had measured up some patching work to solve the problem permanently, and this would require the road to be closed, but that this would not cause too many problems to residents.
6. District Cllr. Saint reported that the District Council had still not set their Council Tax, but that the County Council would have a freeze on their tax, and it was expected that the Police were planning for a 3.9% increase in their share.
7. New Core Strategy. A Parish Council Workshop would be held in Alderminster Village Hall on Friday 9th March, and the Chairman would be attending. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a colour hard copy of the Draft Core Strategy 2012 for £7.00 + £1.50 postage. The closing date for comments was Friday, 30th March.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. After lengthy email correspondence with the Caravan Club, the Club had decided that because the Parish Council's insurers would not confirm public liability insurance cover for the caravans, and because the Council had decided that it was not economic to take up the Caravan Club's policy, then it was with regret that the Caravan Club would not issue a CL certificate. It was therefore necessary for all the Caravan Club notices to be removed.
2. A letter from Mr. F.J. Owens about a new local newspaper which he wished to launch as a broadsheet, full colour publication, and had asked whether the Parish Council wished to discuss this matter. It was agreed that the Parish Council was not interested in another local newspaper.

FINANCE

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

(a) CPRE, subscription	£ 29.00
(b) Ilmington Village Hall, donation	£3,000.00
(c) S.M. Gardner, reimbursement for ink cartridges	£ 38.98

A copy of an invoice from DDD Security Systems, originally sent to the Parish Council in October 2011, had been received. This was passed to Mr. David Sabin for action.

PLANNING

1. 12/00301/TREE. Application for arboricultural work at The Fish, Front Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make. A letter of complaint about the Parish Council's response had been received from Mr. Mike Lane. It should be explained to him that the Council thought it best to leave it to the District Council's Landscape Officer, Alison Frost, to decide. The Chairman wished to meet her, but unfortunately she had so much tree work that she would be unlikely to inspect the site before the end of March.
2. 12/00191/TREE. Application for tree work at Ravens Croft, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
3. 12/00283/FUL. Application for a two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and single storey side extension at The Orchards, Campden Hill. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
4. 12/00204/FUL. Retrospective changes to application 10/02066/FUL, for new rooflights at The Hill, Back Street. The Parish Council fully endorsed representations by Professor & Mrs. Dennis and District Cllr. C.J. Saint, and in addition "dark brown plain tiles" are specified and "plain tiles to match main dwelling". They are neither. In the Village Design Statement "Red or pink tiles are not in the local tradition and their use should be discouraged". The building had already been roofed with tiles of this colour. The Parish Council considered that this was a deliberate flouting of the planning process, and asked that the Conservation Officer should inspect the building due to its proximity to listed buildings. They recommended refusal of this retrospective planning application. A copy of an email from Deborah Barker of the Grange, Back Street, to the District Planning Department had been received, complaining that she had not received a copy of the planning application, and asking that their objections to the application be noted.
5. 11/02645/FUL. The Parish Council understood that this application for three dwellings at Clifford Orchard, Frog Lane, had been withdrawn, but they had not received any notification of this.

PLAYING FIELD

Mr. Edmunds reported that there had been a meeting of the Playing Field Committee recently, and that the AGM would be held on 8th May.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Chairman reported that he wished to put stakes on the Upper Green in the War Memorial area, to stop cars from parking too far off the road in wet conditions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date

Chairman