

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 27th February, 2013.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

VILLAGE SHOP

Mrs. Ribbans explained the position if it was decided to site the proposed community shop at the Village Hall. The Shop Group should put before the Trustees a draft lease, including the length of term, an indication of rent, and confirmation of areas seeking to be used. An indication should be included for what provision would be made in the eventuality of the shop ceasing to trade. The Village Hall Committee felt that it was important that for the sake of future Trustees and to conform with Charity Commission rules, the details of any possible link with a Community Shop should be very clearly set out.

SPORTS PAVILION

Mrs. Claire Brundle reported on possible plans to improve the existing pavilion. She said that Sports & Social Club profits had increased by 80% recently, and it was being used more and more as a venue for weddings. The Club was launching a new fund-raising project called "Game On". The sports clubs had been asked what they wanted from an improved pavilion and the School had also been involved. One of the proposals was to extend the pavilion at the back and the side, and use the present building as a nursery, which was very badly needed in the village. There was also the possibility of building a new pavilion on the spare ground, whilst keeping the existing club house. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Brundle for all the work she was doing for the Club, but said that the first priority was the re-roofing of the building on the field side.

CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported that he had approached Dr. Ian Jones, of Junction Cottage, and he was willing to be co-opted. Mr. Edmunds reported that Miss Rachel Beswick was also interested in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr. Taylor that Dr. Jones be co-opted. Mrs. Wright proposed, seconded by Mr. Robinson that Miss Beswick be co-opted. Mr. Edmunds declared an interest and took no part in the voting. There being two votes for each person, the Chairman gave

his casting vote for Mr. Jones. Dr. Ian Jones was therefore co-opted as Parish Councillor for Ilmington.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Allocation of Council Houses. There was nothing to report.
2. Salt Bins. These had now been filled.
3. War Memorial. This should be left until the spring.
4. Mickleton Road. Mr. Jeff Morris should be asked again about reflectors to be put on the posts alongside the children's playground. In the meantime Mr. Edmunds agreed to find out what it would cost for him to do this.
5. Flooding. Mr. E.C. Edmunds had dug out the ditch at the junction of Front Street and Armscote Road, cleared the culvert and dug out some of the ditch along the Armscote Road. He had made a very good job of this and there had been no flooding since. Mr. Jeff Morris had been asked to put a grille on the entrance to the culvert.
6. Sewage. Mrs. Wright reported that the escape of sewage out of the stream bank below the entrance to Cross Leys had been stopped, and a new inspection cover had been put on it.
7. Pavilion Roof. Two samples of possible tiles for the roof were brought in, and also a quotation from Shire Roofing. Mr. Edmunds agreed to ask Steven Chance's advice about these, and also about insulating the roof. Mrs. Wright agreed to ask Aylesford School in Warwick for their advice, as they had recently had their buildings re-roofed.
8. Blocked drain in children's playground. Mr. Adrian Meredith would deal with this when the ground had had a chance to dry out.
9. Salt bin on Foxcote Hill. The Clerk reported that she had written to the Foxcote Estate Manager to ask if he knew who had demolished the salt bin so that the Parish Council could claim on their insurance, but apparently Foxcote Hill was not used in bad weather. All the traffic went up Campden Hill, so he could not help.
10. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mrs. Maguire, thanking her for all her work for the Parish Council over the years.
11. Shipston/Stour Community Forum. The leaflets advertising the 5th March meeting were distributed to Parish Councillors for delivery this week. The Chairman and Mr. Robinson agreed to help with setting up chairs, and County Cllr. Seccombe agreed to help with the refreshments.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of an email from Severn Trent to Mr. David Brown from Crab Mill with an update on their mains renewal scheme for Front Street. Work could take place during the year April 2013 to March 2014, subject other more urgent works being identified.
2. On the instructions of the Chairman the Clerk had written to Mr. L. Cullen of Frog Cottage, Front Street about the parking of his vehicle on part of the Lower Green and on the footpath.
3. On the instructions of the Chairman, the Clerk had sent a letter of support for the possible community village shop to Mrs. Sarah Tremellen. The committee needed this as a back up for their applications for grants.

FINANCE

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

(a) Glasdon U.K. Limited, Replacement grit bin	£ 193.43
(b) E.C. Edmunds, Digging out ditch & culvert at junction of Front Street & Armscote Road.	£ 240.00

PLANNING

1. A letter from Graeme Beamish, the architect dealing with Southfields Farm, asking for the Parish Council's support for moving the drive from its present position to the other side of the field. This was to separate the footpath from the access, as there had been a number of incidences of walkers entering the garden at the farm. The Parish Council had no objections to this, but wished to point out that there was a blind bend to the south of the proposed drive's junction with the Compton Scorpion road.
2. 12/02721/FUL. Application for affordable and market houses off Armscote Road. The Parish Council were still concerned about the speed of traffic on Armscote Road, and the inadequacy of the present sewage system. They also wanted to ensure that the shared ownership houses remained as such and that there was no possibility of staircasing in the future. However, they wished to emphasise that they strongly supported the proposed scheme, and on no account wished to delay or jeopardise it. They were still concerned about the sewage problems but wished to withdraw their condition that the upgrading of the sewage system should be done before building commenced, if the District Council were happy with the present situation. Cllr. Seccombe reported that the County Council had agreed to the extra piece of land being used for a catchment pool.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was agreed that it was too late to go out to tender for the mowing contracts, but that this should be done next year, with specifications going out in December 2013 or January 2014.
2. Mr. Robinson reported on concerns about the road to Chipping Campden. The corner on the County boundary had become very narrow because of all the potholes. This should be reported to Gloucestershire Highways.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Date

Chairman