

## ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

Present: Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Messrs. F.J. Edmunds, D.V. Sabin and A.G. Wilkins (Chairman). Also present were District Cllr. C.J. Saint, Mr. Clive Johnson, Mr Mike Lane and Mr. Maurice Ribbans.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. I. Seccombe, Mrs. A.D. Wright and Mr. M.P. Taylor.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

## FROG LANE DEVELOPMENT

The letter of complaint against the Parish Council from some residents of Frog Lane had been circulated to Parish Councillors, and the Chairman acknowledged the complaint and said that its contents would be noted by the Parish Councillors.

## MATTERS ARISING

1. Flood Defence Grants. In the absence of Mrs. Wright there was no information about the collapsing of the garden of No. 1 Cross Leys into the ditch.
2. Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Fred Edmunds reported that all the arrangements were in hand, and that some £2,000 had been collected round the village. 400 Jubilee mugs had been ordered at a cost of £320 + VAT. The next meeting would be in the pavilion at 8 pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, and the committee hoped as many people as possible would attend to offer their help over the Jubilee weekend.
3. Playground equipment. The inspection by Digley Associates had been carried out, but they had not informed the Parish Council so that some Councillors could go round with the team. Mrs. Wright had reported that her working party were going through the items on the list of repairs to be undertaken.
4. Speeding traffic along Armscote Road. The petition had been handed in to Shipston police, but no further information was available.
5. Washbrook Place potholes. The repair work had been carried out with great speed and efficiency.
6. Draft Core Strategy. The hard copy of this had been purchased at a cost of £8.50, and had been circulated, but unfortunately no one from the Parish Council had been able to attend the Parish Council Workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. Saint then explained the importance of the Core Strategy.

7. Caravan site. Since the Ilmington entry was still in the Caravan Club handbook, people were still coming to the site. They were being told that it was no longer a CL site. The situation should be reviewed at the end of the season.

8. DDD Security Systems. Their invoice had been passed to Mr. David Sabin as Chairman of the Sports & Social Club, and all agreements, contracts, etc. with the firm had been cancelled. This was because the cost of the security was greater than the value of the stock. Mr. Sabin hoped to have all outstanding accounts settled by the beginning of April.

9. Planning Application for tree work at The Fish, Front Street. A letter had been received from Mr. Arthur Clifford, saying that he had withdrawn his application to fell trees, but that he had asked for confirmation that he would not be held responsible should there be any problems in the future. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Forestry Officer at the District Council, pointing out the danger from the overhanging trees. There had been an incident in the parish of a bale being swept off a trailer by an overhanging branch when there was a car behind it. It should be suggested to Mr. Clifford that he puts in another planning application to trim back the trees that were overhanging the road. Cllr. Saint agreed to speak to Mr. Clifford about this. Mr. Clifford also pointed out that part of the ditch bank on the road side was falling in and required urgent attention. The Chairman agreed to ask Mr. Jeff Morris of County Highways to look at this.

10. The Hill, Back Street. A letter had been received from Mr. W.P. Nash saying that he considered the contents of a letter from Professor and Mrs. Dennis to be libellous, and enclosing a copy of the letter to them from his solicitor.

11. The Chairman reported that he had not put stakes on the Upper Green in the War Memorial area as the ground at present was so dry that it would not be made muddy by cars being parked there.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Parish Magazine. Mr. Bruce McFarlane, as editor of the 6 Parishes Magazine, had asked if the Parish Council would be willing to donate some funds to the running of the magazine. Mrs. Judy Maguire pointed out that in the past any shortfall in income had been made up by the Rector, as this was a church magazine for six parishes. She agreed to speak to Mr. McFarlane about this, and in any case the Parish Council should not be expected to contribute. If necessary people receiving the magazine should be asked to pay something towards its cost.

2. An email from Neil Gilliver of the Midlands Rural Housing Association, saying that the County Council cabinet had agreed to release the land for all 14 homes for the Armscote Road site. This meant that a planning application could now be made.

3. Correspondence about a new bus timetable. This was circulated to Councillors.

4. A letter from the Ebrington Diamond Jubilee Committee about their project to erect seven boundary stones in Ebrington Parish where each adjoining Parish met their own. The Ilmington boundary stone would be carved with E11R 2012 within a diamond, and the words EBRINGTON and ILMINGTON. It would be positioned adjacent to the Bridleway from Ebrington to Foxcote at Watery Gate. The letter was asking whether the Parish Council would sponsor the name ILMINGTON at a cost of £45.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council would sponsor the name, and that if there was any money left over from Ilmington's Jubilee funds, this sum would be reimbursed.

### FINANCE

1. Mr. A.G. Wilkins declared an interest and left the room. The Clerk had written to G.V.S. Righton and Mr. A.G. Wilkins to ask if they were willing to continue mowing this season on the same terms as last year. Mr. Righton replied that this year they would have to increase their charges by £5 per cut, making a price per cut of £65. Mr. Edmunds proposed, seconded by Mrs. Maguire and agreed that this should be accepted. Mr. Wilkins had agreed to continue mowing on the same terms as last year, namely £100 per cut for the Upper Green and Dums Plantation, £50 per cut for the longer grass areas at the playing field, and £13.50 per cut for the Lower Green. It was agreed that this should be accepted. Mr. Wilkins then returned to the meeting.

2. Zurich Town & Parish Team had been asked to quote for the Parish Council's 2012 insurance.

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

(a) G.V.S. Righton, spiking playing field	£ 276.00
(b) Bruce McFarlane, reimbursement for website fees	£ 44.50
(c) Digley Associates Ltd, play equipment inspection	£ 45.60
(d) A.G. Wilkins, reimbursement for timber bollards	£ 27.13

With regard to the spiking of the playing field, in future the Parish Council should be asked if they agreed to the work being carried out.

4. Mr. Edmunds had asked if the Parish Council would submit an invoice for the Jubilee mugs to Mr. Colin Edwards so that he could see if the Heritage Lottery Fund would cover their cost. This was agreed.

### PLANNING

1. 12/00593/TREE. Application for permission to fell a leylandii at Larkrise, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no objections.

2. 11/02530/FUL. Application for replacement porch at 15 Cross Leys. The Parish Council should write to the District Planning Authority to say that they felt the application was reasonable, and that they supported it.

3. 11/02645/FUL. Notice from the District Council that the application for housing at Clifford Orchard, Frog Lane, had been withdrawn.
4. 12/00369/TREE. Application for permission to reduce in height a conifer and a yew at The Cottage, Campden Hill. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
5. 12/00378/TREE. Application for arboricultural work at Ilmington Manor. The Parish Council discussed the state of the red horse chestnuts with the owner, and it was obvious he would have liked to have kept any of them which, with pruning, would be suitable to leave, perhaps two or three. The willows needed pollarding.
6. 12/00242/TPO, Application for arboricultural work at Ilmington Manor. The Parish Council considered that the lime, T2, should not be felled. This was a mistake as the Agent in his assessment had said it was “simply a matter of tidying the tree up”. The Parish Council considered that the lime, T1, and the yew, T3 should be felled.
7. 12/00656/LBC. Application for permission to replace glazed roof of lean-to with slate roof at Chapel Cottage, Foxcote. The Parish Council had no objections.

#### PLAYING FIELD

1. The Clerk reported that the Tennis Club would be putting down a new carpet on the courts in May/June, and that the invoice made out to the Parish Council would be around £22,000. Mr. Richard Leadbeater had said that when he handed over the invoice he would also hand over a cheque for the cost of the carpet of around £22,000 less VAT.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Sabin asked why there had been no quote from Mr. Geoff Davies for his work on the Middle Street ditch. The Chairman explained that it was extremely difficult to quote until the scope of the work required was known. There was still around £900 left in the Flood Defence Grant from the District Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Date

Chairman