

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr. A.G. Wilkins (Chairman), Mr. F.J. Edmunds, Dr. I.H. Jones, Mr. M.P. Taylor and District Cllr. C.J. Saint.

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

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Ian Jones as the new Parish Councillor

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed, after the substitution of "Dr. Ian Jones" for "Mr. Ian Jones" under the paragraph "Co-option of New Parish Councillor".

MATTERS ARISING

1. Village Shop. A large number of letters of support for having a proposed Community Shop in the Red Lion outbuildings had been received by the Committee, and there was a meeting scheduled with Hook Norton Brewery for this week.
2. Sports Pavilion. Cllr. Fred Edmunds reported on a recent meeting in the Pavilion with representatives of the Sports Club and the Tennis Club to support Mrs. Clare Brundle in her efforts to improve the amenities of the building. A possible extension on the side for new changing rooms was discussed and applications would be made for funding for any alterations.
3. Mickleton Road. Mr. Jeff Morris had agreed to have reflectors put on the posts alongside the children's playground.
4. Flooding. County Highways had agreed to reimburse the Parish Council for the cost of digging out the ditch at the junction of Front Street and Armscote Road and clearing the culvert which amounted to £200.00.
5. Pavilion Roof. A number of quotations for repairing or re-roofing the Pavilion had been received, but it was impossible to compare the prices as they were all quoting for different work. Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Edmunds agreed to sort out a specification which would be sent to all the firms concerned.
6. An email had been received from Amanda Wilson-Patterson of the Shipston / Stour Community Forum, thanking those who had helped in laying out the room and serving the refreshments for the recent forum in Ilmington.

7. An email had been received from Mr. Harry Roberts of Gloucestershire Highways, saying that the corner on the Campden road by the disused quarry was on his wish list, but that he could not promise any work for the next few weeks at least. With regard to Cave bank (Ebrington Hill), he was trying to make contact with land owners in an effort to deal with the springs and ground water.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. A.G. Wilkins declared an interest and took no part in the discussion on this subject. G.V.S. Righton had agreed that they were willing to continue mowing the sports field for the 2013 season on the same terms as last year, namely at £65 per cut. Mr. A.G. Wilkins had agreed to continue mowing this season 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. These were both agreed.

FINANCE

A cheque for £44.39 for the hosting of the Village Website, made out to Bruce McFarlane, was agreed, signed and was within budget.

PLANNING

1. 12/02721/FUL. District Cllr. Saint reported that the application for affordable and market houses off Armscote Road had been approved by the District Council.
2. 13/00583/FUL. Application for installation of 4 velux roof lights on rear facing roof space and 1 flush mounted roof light on the front facing roof space of Poachers Cottage, Front Street. The Parish Council recommended approval.

PLAYING FIELD

Cllr. Edmunds informed the Parish Council that tenders were being asked for upgrading work on the entrance to the playing field car park, but it was felt that this would not be possible until the work on the roof of the pavilion had been done.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Jones said that it was not clear whether or not the Parish Council minutes on the village website were confirmed, and that in future if they were not then it should be stated that they would be confirmed at the next meeting. This was agreed.
2. Cllr. Jones asked for the references of any planning applications to be considered at a meeting to be put on the agenda. This was agreed.
3. Cllr. Martin Taylor reported that The Times had voted Ilmington as one of the top 30 places in which to live in the U.K.

4. The Chairman asked whether the playground inspection had taken place. Digley Associates were supposed to be telling the Clerk twenty-four hours before Ilmington was being inspected, but she had heard nothing from them recently.

5. The Chairman asked why the amenity mowing had been carried out during last week, when there was hardly any grass to cut. District Cllr. Saint said that there was a new contract with a landscape group which was starting on 1st April. They were supposed to cut it when the grass was a certain length. The Chairman said that some areas were not cut at all last year, and were still not cut this time.

6. District Cllr. Saint said that everyone should have had a Council Tax letter and booklet.

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

Date

Chairman