

## ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

Present: Mr. A.G. Wilkins (Chairman), Mr. F.J. Edmunds, Dr. I.H. Jones, Mr. M.T. Robinson, Mr. M.P. Taylor and Mrs. A.D. Wright.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. I. Seccombe and District Cllr. C.J. Saint.

### MINUTES

After the alteration to the item on the Playing Field to read "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.", the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

### MATTERS ARISING

1. Community Shop. The Clerk reported that the Community Shop Committee were still continuing negotiations with Hook Norton Brewery. Since the old shop was going to be sold at auction it had been suggested that the village should buy the it, but this could only be done if someone could be found to act as a benefactor.
2. Mickleton Road. There was nothing to report on the provision of reflectors on the posts alongside the children's playground.
3. Flooding. A payment advice notice had been received from the County Council for the cost of the work done at the bottom of Front Street.
4. Pavilion Roof. Three tenders had been received which were considered by the Parish Council. Cllr. Edmunds proposed, seconded by Cllr. Robinson and agreed that Decra Stratos metal tiles should be used, and that both the front and rear of the pavilion should be re-roofed. The Parish Council chose a preferred builder, but before accepting a tender it should be confirmed that the quote covered all the items in the specification and that there was an acceptable time limit for the work to be done.
5. Children's Playground Inspection. Digley Associates were no longer able to carry out the annual inspection, and had passed the work on to Play-Ground Supplies Limited. When contacted this firm did not have Ilmington on their books and everything was in chaos. One of their inspectors was supposed to be coming on the day of the Parish Council meeting, but he was unable to do so. Cllr. Wright agreed to contact him again and also ask the District Council for their advice.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. War Memorial. Cllr. Wright declared an interest and took no part in the

discussion. Two quotations had been received but it was not clear what work needed to be done to the lettering. It was decided that Councillors should meet at the war memorial at 7.15 p.m. before the next meeting. In the meantime the necessary forms should be obtained from the Heritage Alliance so that the Parish Council can ascertain whether a grant would be available for the remedial work.

2. School Bus. An email from Mrs. Louise Fifield to say that the bus service contract with Bakers Coaches had been amended to provide a replacement smaller bus with immediate effect.

3. Mr. Peter Finer from the Old Rectory had asked for a letter to the County Council confirming that the Parish Council approved of him having the road outside his property kerbed with granite setts at his own expense. This had been done.

### FINANCE

1. Parish Council Accounts. Cllr. Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr. Edmunds that the annual governance statement should be approved by the Council. This was agreed.

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

(a) Severn Trent Water.	£ 68.20
(b) S.M. Gardner, Clerk's salary & expenses	£564.50
(c) WALC Subscription	£224.00
(d) Alpha Accountancy Evesham Ltd. Clerk's PAYE work	£ 96.00

### PLANNING

1. 12/02361/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for the construction of two houses at Clifford's Orchard, Frog Lane.

2. 13/00844/TREE. Application for tree work at Crab Mill House, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

3. 13/00729/TREE. Application for tree work at Killaloe, Lower Green. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

4. 13/00409/FUL. Application for the creation of new highway access, driveway and gates at Southfield Farm. The Parish Council had no objection to creating a new drive to the highway, but as the road was the boundary of the AONB they recommended that the rest of the field remained as agricultural land, and was not changed to domestic, to retain the rural aspect of the area. The answers to questions 1, 2 and 5 in Section 6 of the planning application would seem to be incorrect. The Parish Council were also concerned that there was a blind bend to the south of the proposed new drive. The District Council Solicitor had sent a plan of the proposed

diversion of the public footpath, and the Parish Council considered that the diversion, should not be as shown on his map, but should follow the hedge line adjacent to the road.

#### PLAYING FIELD

1. Cllr. Wright reported that three trees had been given to the children's playground by Mr. John Gardiner of Vale Forestry, which would provide much needed shade. They were a silver birch, a hornbeam and a weeping willow. Mr. Gardiner should be thanked for this generous gift.
2. Cllr. Wright reported that there was a hole in the wood of the skateboard ramp. The Chairman had already contacted Mr. Adrian Meredith who had got the work in hand and had taped up the ramp.
3. Cllr. Wright reported that Mr. Righton had been mowing the playing field earlier in the week, and she asked him to mow round the playground. This he had done, and she asked him to mow there every time he cut the playing field.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Robinson asked whether District Cllr. Saint had investigated the problems of allocation of council houses which had been raised at the January meeting of the Council.
2. Cllr. Wright reported on potholes in Front Street opposite the Lower Green, and in Back Street. The Chairman would point all these out to Mr. Jeff Morris when he had arranged a meeting with him to go round the village.
3. Cllr. Taylor reported that the footpath from Ballards Lane across Bury Orchard to Back Street was extremely muddy and needed some gravel or chippings on it. The Chairman suggested that he should ask the Cotswold Wardens for help on this.
4. The Chairman reported that a new wooden kissing gate had been put in by the Cotswold Wardens on Footpath SS153 towards Admington.
5. It was agreed that the Chairman should replace Cllr Wright on the Village Hall Committee.

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

Date

Chairman