

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2012.

Present:- Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. D.V. Sabin, M.P. Taylor and A.G. Wilkins. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. S. Clifford.

Apologies were received from Mr. F.J. Edmunds.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Maguire proposed, seconded by Mr. Taylor and agreed that Mr. A.G. Wilkins should continue as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:-

- (a) Vice Chairman - Mrs. Maguire
- (b) Planning Sub-Committee - all Councillors if important, otherwise a quorum of 3.
- (c) Village Hall Committee - Mrs. Wright
- (d) Playing Field Committee - Mr. Edmunds
- (e) Charities Committee - Mrs. Maguire
- (f) Sports & Social Club - Mr. Sabin
- (g) Rights of Way Officer - Mr. Wilkins

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford reported that they were concerned about the following in connection with the proposed Armscote Road affordable housing:-

- (a) Whether there would be a road connecting Bennett Place with the new housing. They were assured that there would be no such road.
- (b) Would there be landscaping between the new houses and Bennett Place.
- (c) Would there be adequate parking in the new development, as the present car park at the end of Bennett Place was always completely full.
- (d) There were too many two bedroom houses, when what was needed to encourage young people in Ilmington to remain in the village was three bedroom houses.

It was agreed that these points should be passed on to Mr. Neil Gilliver of the Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, and he should be asked to meet the Parish Council before the planning application was made. It might be necessary to conduct a new housing survey, as the original survey was carried out in 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. Defibrillator. This was in the hands of Ms. Romey Allison and Mr. David Goldsmith.
2. Roads and potholes. The Chairman reported that Mr. Jeff Morris of County Highways had been round the village with him some time ago, and had agreed that the potholes in Middle Street should be filled in, the gullies in Campden Hill and Back Street would be jettied, and the bollards alongside the children's playground would be put in. None of these had been done to date, but Mr. Morris had since said that the gullies would be jettied within the next two weeks. The state of the Charingworth Road from Redlands Barn towards Ebrington should be reported to Gloucestershire Highways.
3. Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mrs. Wright reported that all the preparations were going ahead. The Clerk was asked to report that Front Street between the Red Lion and the Howard Arms would be closed in the afternoon of Sunday 3rd June for the street party. The Parish Council had paid for the Jubilee mugs at £384.00 and had an invoice for bunting and other items at £786.19, and would soon be receiving an invoice for the hire of a skip. These would all come out of the promised £2,000 grant to the Jubilee Committee.

MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL MEETING

1. Cross Leys ditch. Mrs. Wright reported that Mr. Matt Jeffes, the Flood Risk Officer at the County Council, had visited her to look at the ditch. He would get the neighbouring farmer to clean out his part of the ditch, and the owners of No. 1 should get in touch with him, Mr. Jeffes. It might be possible to get a further grant from the District Council for any necessary work. He also said that water from the proposed affordable houses in the Armscote Road should not be allowed to go into the Cross Leys ditch.
2. Playground equipment. Mrs. Wright reported that the necessary repairs were in hand.
3. Speeding traffic along Armscote Road. The Clerk reported that speed checks had been carried out by the police between 0730 hours - 0930 hours and 1600 hours - 1800 hours, but that no one had been found to be going over the speed limit to date.
4. Insurance. It had been agreed at the April meeting that the Parish Council's insurance should be taken out with Zurich Municipal, and a cheque would be signed for this later in the meeting.

5. Audit of accounts. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Bill Buckley thanking him very much on behalf of the Parish Council for carrying out the internal audit of their accounts.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Audit Commission about the proposed appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditor of the annual report of Ilmington Parish Council for five years from 2012/13. The Parish Council were content with this.

2. Planning Application 12/00204/FUL. A letter from Mr. W.P. Nash asking the Parish Council to withdraw its association with the comments on this application from Prof. and Mrs. Dennis, and to withdraw the Parish Council's letter of objections or resubmit it without reference to the Dennis's objections. This was agreed.

3. A letter from the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee about the state of the car park at the playing fields. The Committee had saved £2,000 over the years which they proposed to put towards the cost of essential repairs, and they were asking the Parish Council if they could make a financial commitment towards this proposal. They were also asking for contributions from the established clubs using the site and the Ilmington Show Committee. Once they had an indication of the available budget they would determine the scope of the work attainable and engage a suitable contractor. They were not proposing to resurface the whole car park as the cost of this would be prohibitive. Mrs. Maguire proposed, seconded by Mrs. Wright and agreed that a grant of £2,000 should be given.

4. A letter from Mr. Angus Chambers, Churchwarden of St. Mary's Church, asking for a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of rewiring the lights on the footpath through the churchyard. The Church was unable to meet the cost as their finances were in the red for the year. The Chairman proposed that a grant of £750 should be given to the Church, seconded by Mr. Taylor and agreed, with Mrs. Maguire abstaining.

FINANCE

1. The following cheques were paid out of meeting, were approved and were within budget:-

(a) Stratford District Council, Community Links	
Grant for local bus	£ 120.00
(b) G.V.S. Righton, mowing playing field	£ 390.00
(c) Alpha Accountancy (Clerk's PAYE)	£ 96.00

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

(a) A.G. Wilkins, reimbursement for purchase of weed-killer	£ 30.00
(b) WALC subscription	£ 210.00

(c) Zurich Municipal, insurance	£ 1,306.89
(d) Shipston Building Supplies, materials for repair of Middle Street ditch	£ 166.21
(e) Peeks of Bournemouth, bunting etc. for Jubilee	£ 786.19
(f) Ilmington PCC, grant for lighting repairs	£ 750.00

PLANNING

1. 12/00283/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions for developments at The Orchards, Campden Hill.

PLAYING FIELD

1. Mrs. Wright reported that Mrs. Yates from the School had been presented with a special oak tree to mark the Jubilee and they would like to plant it on the playing field. The problem was that the tree was so small that it would be difficult to protect. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Mr. Edmunds when he returned from holiday.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Maguire reported that she had attended a meeting about the future of the Catholic Church in Ilmington, which was in doubt.
2. Mr. Sabin reported that water was beginning to leak out of the repairs in the road opposite the Red Lion. This should be reported to Severn Trent.
3. The Chairman reported that the Holm Oak tree at the Old School House in Back Street was splitting and was dangerous. This should be reported to the PCC.

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

Date

Chairman