

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013.

Present: Mr. A.G. Wilkins, Mr. F.J. Edmunds, Dr. I.H. Jones, Mr. M.T. Robinson, Mr. M.P. Taylor and Mrs. A.D. Wright. Also present were Mr. Rob Hawkins, Mr. Tony Merriman, Mr. & Mrs. Tremellen and Mr. Tim Allen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Taylor proposed Cllr. Wilkins, and Cllr. Wright proposed Cllr. Edmunds as Chairman. On a secret vote the majority were for Cllr. Wilkins continuing as Chairman and he was therefore elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:-

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

PRECEPT

Mr. Rob Hawkins repeated the question which he put to the Annual Parish Meeting, of why the Precept had continued to rise, when the precepts of other parishes had been reduced. It was pointed out that it had gone up this year because the sports pavilion would have to be completely re-roofed. He said he would like the Parish Council to cut down on the costs, and the Chairman said that it was hoped that it would be possible to cut down the precept next year.

COMMUNITY SHOP

Mrs. Tremellen said that she was sorry that none of the committee had reported on progress to the Annual Parish Meeting. She said that Hook Norton Brewery did not want the Red Lion buildings to be used as a Community Shop, and that they were now looking at the possibility of having an extension to the Village Hall. However, the Chairman, who was the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee, said that at their meeting the previous evening the Committee had

decided that they could not accommodate a community shop on the site as it would be detrimental to the use of the hall. Mrs. Tremellen said that the Community Shop Committee planned to have another open meeting to consult the village on the next steps. She also reported that the old village shop had not been sold at the auction on 21st May.

MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL MEETING

1. Pavilion roof. At the Annual Parish Meeting Cllr. Edmunds had proposed, seconded by Cllr. Robinson and agreed, that the quotation from the preferred builder should be accepted. Since then Cllr. Jones, on behalf of the Parish Council had written officially to accept the quotation from Jessop Roofing Midlands Limited. They would start work on 27th August, after the village show, and the work would take approximately four weeks. There would be scaffolding and a skip for the asbestos materials. Cllr. Jones would get back to them on the question of security of the materials.
2. Playground Inspection. Cllr. Wright reported that this had been carried out by Play-Ground Supplies and that the report had been received. There was nothing in the report which needed immediate attention, except that more sand was needed. Cllr. Edmunds agreed to ask Webbs of Armscote for a price for sand. Cllr. Wright also reported that she had been in contact with Mr. David Wright of the District Council, and that he had advised that the inspection should be carried out by ROSPA next year.
3. War Memorial. Councillors had inspected the war memorial before this meeting, but could not decide what needed to be done. Cllr. Robinson agreed to ask English Heritage for advice, and to fill in the pre-application form from the War Memorials Trust to see what grants would be available.
4. Southfield Farm planning application. The application for the creation of a new highway access, driveway and gates at Southfield Farm had been refused by the District Council.
5. Skateboard Ramp. This had been repaired by Mr. Adrian Meredith.
6. Allocation of Council Houses. Cllr. Robinson said that District Cllr. Saint had still not reported on his investigations into the allocation of council houses. He asked if this could be carried forward for the next meeting, and if Cllr. Saint could be asked for a reply.
7. The Chairman reported that the footpath from Ballards Lane across Bury Orchard to Back Street was too dry for gravel to be put on it at present.
8. The Chairman reported that a metal gate had been put in by the Cotswold Wardens on Footpath SS153 on the Mickleton road.

MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. Defibrillator. Cllr. Jones reported that the Defibrillator group had become much smaller, but that more pagers were being purchased to ensure the continued effectiveness of the group. It was planned to have defibrillators mounted on walls in the village so that they were easily accessible to all villagers. The Parish Council should be asked to give a grant to support the purchase of a defibrillator. It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the next meeting.

2. Sports & Social Club. Cllr. Jones had been investigating the possibility of the Club becoming a charity, but he felt that it was not very likely. The only possible grounds for this would be that the club advanced amateur sports. He agreed to discuss the matter with the Club, and in the meantime would ask the Charity Commission for advice.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Verge Mowing. This had been carried out at the beginning of the month, but several areas had been missed, and the machinery used was not adequate. Mr. Matthew Austin from the District Council had been out to inspect the work twice, but there were still areas that had been missed, such as Middle Street, Grump Street and Hurdlers Lane. There would be a total of five cuts during the year, with some areas having a further cut.

FINANCE

1. The insurance was due on 1st June, and Cllr. Robinson had been looking into the quotes from Zurich Municipal and he found that the figure quoted in the schedule for the rebuilding of the pavilion of £167,503 was way too low. He had measured the pavilion and had asked Zurich to re-quote on a reasonable re-build cost, and the result was a revised premium of £1,688.71. This was agreed.

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

(a) Playground Supplies Limited, annual inspection	£ 45.60
(b) Zurich Municipal Insurance policy	£ 1,688.71

PLANNING

1. 13/00409/FUL. Notice of refusal from the District Council for an application for the creation of a new highway access, driveway and gates at Southfield Farm.

2. 13/00583/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for rear facing velux roof lights at Poachers Cottage, Front Street.

PLAYING FIELD

1. Cllr. Edmunds reported that quotes were awaited for repairing the entrance to the playing field, despite the absence of the grant of £2,000 from the Parish Council.
2. Cllr. Edmunds reported that the BBC would be filming at the Manor from 5th – 12th June, and that they had asked if they could use the playing field car park for their vehicles. There would be meeting soon, and the BBC would be paying the Playing Field Committee for the use of the car park. On this occasion they would not want to use the pavilion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Clerk reported that there was a new edition of “Local Council Administration” which would be available in August at a price of £75 plus post and packing. If it was ordered before the end of June through WALC it could cost £60 plus £10 post and packing. The edition the Parish Council had already was dated 1975. It was agreed that a copy should be ordered.
2. The Clerk reported that she was finding the accounts difficult to deal with, and it had been suggested that Cllr. Robinson might take them over. However, WALC had said that this would not be advisable, as there might be a conflict of interest if the accounts were taken over by a parish councillor. She had discussed this with Mr. Buckley, who had acted as Internal Auditor, and he could help with the final presentation of the accounts without taking them over.

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

These minutes have not yet been confirmed, but will be at the next meeting on 26th June.

Date

Chairman