

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 27th June, 2012.

Present:- Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. F.J. Edmunds, D.V. Sabin, M.P. Taylor and A.G. Wilkins (Chairman). Also present were Mr. Neil Gilliver from Warwickshire Rural Housing, Mr. & Mrs. S. Clifford, Mr. & Mrs. O'Dowd-Booth, Mrs. S. Cawley, Mr. Clive Johnson and County Cllr. I. Seccombe.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. Gilliver reported that the archaeological survey had started, and that six out of the seven trenches were clear. The next step was the ground survey for drainage and sewerage purposes. The planning application should be sent in September, with the target of spring 2013 for work to start. All the funding had been arranged, and the original Housing Needs Survey carried out in 2006 would still have to be the basis of the project, as to change the types of housing now could jeopardise the whole scheme. At present the plan was for 2 x 2 bedroom bungalows, 3 x 2 bedroom houses, and 2 x 3 bedroom houses all for rent, 1 x 3 bedroom house and 2 x 2 bedroom houses for shared ownership. There would also be the four open market houses. There would be two parking spaces per home and a full landscape plan. There were then many objections to the building of more two bedroom homes because no one wanted such small houses. Mr. Gilliver said that the only possible alteration to the scheme at this stage would be to change the two 3 bedroom houses from rent to shared ownership. Questions about the access to the new site from Bennett Place and sewerage and drainage were also raised, and it was agreed that when the plans had been produced there would be a separate meeting of the Parish Council with concerned residents to discuss them. Mr. Gilliver was thanked by the Chairman.

MINUTES

After the deletion of item 3 on page 19 - "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." - the minutes were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Roads and potholes. The County Council contractors had cleared the gullies on Campden Hill, and presumably also in Back Street, although the latter had not been confirmed. The Clerk had written to Gloucestershire Highways about the state of the Charingworth road from Redlands Barn towards Ebrington. The reply was that if and when they were able to get funding for this road they would deal with this section from Redlands Barn.

2. Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Fred Edmunds thanked everyone who had helped to organise the celebrations and to set up the street party which had to be moved to the marquee on the playing field. He said that the bunting was now all being taken down. Letters of thanks from the Parish Council had been sent to Mr. Edmunds and to Miss Sarah Holman who organised the beacon on Foxcote Hill. A further letter should be sent to Mr. Nigel Elcomb, the Foxcote Estate Manager, thanking him and his staff for building the beacon, and Mr. & Mrs. Wexner for allowing the beacon to be built on Foxcote land. The Jubilee Committee had asked that the remains of the money from the £2,000 grant promised to the committee - £1,024.84 - should be paid to the committee, and this was agreed.
3. Cross Leys ditch. The Clerk reported that she had written too Carol Ashley, the District Council Land Drainage Officer, to ask if there was likely to be any more flood grants this year, and she had replied that she was sure funding would be made available for further work on the ditch.
4. Playground equipment. Mrs. Wright reported that repairs to the equipment were still in hand.
5. Speeding traffic along Armscote Road. There was nothing to report.
6. Playing field car park. The Chairman of the Playing Field Committee had been informed of the proposed grant of £2,000 from the Parish Council for the repairs to the car park.
7. The Orchards, Campden Hill. It was reported that building material was being tipped on the field belonging to the Orchards, and being covered with soil. The District Council Planning Department should be asked whether this was acceptable.
8. The oak tree presented to the school had been planted on the playing field.
9. Water leak opposite the Red Lion. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Severn Trent about this on several occasions, and had been told that they had done a correlation. When they had the results they would carry out the work.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email from Mr. Robert Weeks, the Head of Environment and Planning at the District Council, about dog fouling enforcement, asking if Parish Councils were interested in exploring the possibility of appointing for a temporary period a trained individual to target specific areas. It was agreed that the Parish Council was interested in such a scheme, particularly if it could be applied to the playing field.
2. Mowing of verges. The Clerk had written to the District Council to ask when the verges would be mown again, as they were last mown on 26th April. The Environmental Maintenance Officer had replied saying that contractors should be

here this week, but nothing had been done so far. County Cllr. Seccombe said that the County Council were funding five cuts per annum, and the District had just agreed to one further cut per annum. A complaint had been received from a resident of Bennett Place that the grass cuttings had been removed from the car park at the end of the road, but from nowhere else, and when cut again all should be removed.

3. The Clerk reported that the Mickleton road would be closed for resurfacing from 4th to 18th July. Since the meeting it had been learned that the closure would last for a period of 18 months, or until the works were completed. However, it was anticipated that the works would be completed by 10th August.

4. A complaint had been received that the first many barred metal gate along the track from Campden Hill to Stoke Wood was impossible to open. The Chairman had looked at this and found that the spring on the bolt was too strong, but that at present there was binder twine over the gate. This should be reported to the Foxcote Estate.

5. A new agreement with the County Council for financial help towards the cost of rights of way maintenance would be sent to Parish Councils shortly. In the meantime, the Chairman had complained that two kissing gates which he had asked for on the SS153 footpath towards Admington had not been put up or supplied as promised for several years. This had been reported to the County Rights of Way Team.

6. Code of Conduct. A paper on this should be sent to Parish Councils in the near future, and when it came it was recommended that it be adopted by Ilmington Parish Council, as the previous one was no longer valid.

FINANCE

1. A cheque for £45.00 was paid out of meeting to Ebrington Diamond Jubilee Committee as sponsorship for the Ebrington/Ilmington boundary stone.

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

(a) Ilmington PCC, churchyard mowing	£ 500.00
(b) G.V.S. Righton, playing field mowing	£ 390.00
(c) Ilmington Jubilee Committee, remains of grant	£ 1,024.84

PLANNING

1. 12/01275/TREE. Application for the felling of one cypress and one douglas fir at Crabmill Cottage, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no objections.

2. 12/01214/LBC. Amendments to previously approved single storey rear extension to the Grey House, Grump Street. The Parish Council had no objections.

PLAYING FIELD

1. Mrs. Wright said that G.V.S. Righton should be asked to cut as close to the play equipment as possible in future when mowing the playing field.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Sheila Ribbans, chairman of the Village Hall Committee, had sent a report on the progress of the extension works to the hall. Building Regs. had been applied for, and Cotswold Building Contractors had been appointed to carry out the work. They would start in mid July with the foundations and the drains.

2. Mrs. Cawley expressed concern about the speeding of vehicles along the Armscote Road and in other parts of the village, particularly between the Lower Green and Bennett Place where there were several blind spots. However, it was felt that nothing could be done about this, other than the speed checks taken earlier in the year along the Armscote Road.

3. Cllr. Seccombe reported that there was a County Council Members Grant Fund now available for schemes to be put forward for communities. The total amount that she had available to spend in her area was £5,000, and she was looking for about two or three worthwhile projects. If anyone was interested, they should contact her or Amanda Wilson-Patterson, the County Area Officer.

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

Date

Chairman