

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st August, 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).

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Affordable Housing. It was agreed that there should be an open meeting in the Village Hall lounge at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 29th August, and that Mr. Neil Gilliver from the Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, should be asked to do a 15 minute presentation, to be followed by questions or statements from the members of the public, each lasting not more than 2 minutes. Mr. Gilliver should be told that the sewage problem is the most urgent item, and it was suggested that Severn Trent should be asked to attend. There had been three letters from residents of Ilmington, all of whom need three bedroom houses to rent, and copies of these should be sent to Mr. Gilliver.
2. Roads and potholes. An email had been received from Mr. Jeff Morris of County Highways, saying that he had not yet received the report from the jetting on Back Street, but that he had been informally told by the crew that the system was all full of roots which was causing the drainage to back up and come across the footway and carriageway. He had put this on the list to be dealt with by the rootcutting machine, although he was not sure when this would take place. Mr. Morris should be told about various potholes in the village, including one in Front Street by the Howard Arms field.
3. Cross Leys ditch. Mr. Morris should be asked to arrange for either side of the culvert at the entrance to Front Street to be dug out.
4. Playground equipment. Mrs. Wright reported that the top had come off one of the drums and that it had been taped up temporarily. The rest of the repairs were in hand. She also reported that the latest mowing had been done close to the equipment.
5. The Orchards, Campden Hill. The District Council Planning Department should be asked whether it was acceptable for building material being tipped on the field belonging to the Orchards and covered with soil.
6. Water leak opposite the Red Lion. Severn Trent had reported that the water coming from the middle of the road did not belong to them. Mr. David Brown of Crab Mill had written to the Chief Executive Officer of Severn Trent asking him to get someone to take responsibility for this issue with the intention of solving it for the

future. Mr. Morris of County Highways had said that he had spoken to Mr. Nigel Chetwynd about the possibility of installing a cut off drain across the road in order to pick up the ground water / spring hopefully for good. This would be on the understanding that the water did not belong to Severn Trent.

7. Dog fouling. An email had been received from Mr. Robert Weeks of the District Council saying that once the deadline had come and gone he would be able to collect some indicative prices from potential providers of trained individuals, and to circulate those Parishes which expressed an interest.

8. The Chairman reported that the metal gate along the track from Campden Hill to Stoke Wood had been dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A complaint had been received about the state of the footpath from Ilmington to Berryfield Lane, which was blocked in many places with brambles, nettles and long grass. This had been passed to the County Council Rights of Way team.

2. Code of Conduct. It was agreed that the Parish Council should adopt the District Council's Code of Contact, and that all Councillors should fill in the register of members' interests.

FINANCE

1. A payment of £35.62 for Wayleave had been received from Western Power Distribution.

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

(a) G.V.S. Righton, playing field mowing	£ 390.00
(b) S.M. Gardner, Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 581.18

PLANNING

1. 12/01690/AGNOT. Application for erection of a grain store at Manor Farm, Stratford Road. The Parish Council had no objections.

2. 12/01498/FUL. Application for a one and a half storey side extension at Meadow Hill, Mickleton Road. The Parish Council recommended approval.

3. 12/01595/FUL. Application for retention of garage in its present form at The Hill, Back Street. The original application was for a very different garage from that now built. The Parish Council did not approve the current application as the building now standing was in their view inappropriate for its situation in a conservation village. In particular the Parish Council objected to the roofing material, and they were concerned that the garage would easily become a residential building on a site they considered to be inappropriate for one.

PLAYING FIELD

1. Mr. Sabin reported that the gents' toilet in the pavilion had been repaired, but that the ladies' toilet appeared to have been locked on the inside. Mr. Edmunds agreed to make sure this was unlocked. Also one of the ladies' toilets inside the pavilion needed to be repaired. He agreed to ask Mr. Adrian Meredith to deal with these matters.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Sabin reported that Mr. Martin Righton from Oakham Farm, Ebrington, who did the mowing of the playing field, had had an accident, but that he was now home from hospital. It was agreed that the Parish Council should send him a letter, wishing him well.

2. The proposed closure of the village shop on 2nd September was discussed, but no decisions were made.

3. Mrs. Wright reported that vehicles were being parked in the lay-by in front of the Armscote Road bungalows, which were reserved for residents. In particular one of the lorries involved with the road works along the Mickleton road had been parked there in order to have a rest.

4. Mrs. Wright reported that there were brambles and nettles overhanging the footpath from the shop to Back Street.

5. Mrs. Wright also reported that the hedges along Back Street by the farm were overhanging the footpath and needed cutting back.

6. Mr. Edmunds asked when the bollards along the Mickleton road by the children's play area would be put in. The Chairman said that Mr. Morris of County Highways had agreed to put these in, but had not done so yet.

7. Mr. Edmunds reported that Low Furlong in Shipston had been bought by Runwood Homes, and was being updated.

8. Mr. Edmunds also reported that the kerbing along the Mickleton road was expensive and dangerous, and had narrowed the road. Farm vehicles could no longer go onto the verge to avoid oncoming traffic. It was agreed that this should be reported to County Cllr. Izzi Seccombe.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Date

Chairman