

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 26th September, 2012.

Present:- Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. F.J. Edmunds, M.P. Taylor and A.G. Wilkins (Chairman). Also present were Mr. C.J. Saint (District Councillor), Mrs. I. Seccombe (County Councillor) and Mr. Clive Johnson.

Apologies were received from Mr. D.V. Sabin.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 1st August were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Roads and potholes. The pothole opposite the Howard Arms had been filled. The flooding down Back Street had not been dealt with as the firm which did the rootcutting for the County Council did not do this work any more as on several occasions they have cut through utilities. Mr. Morris was trying to find a firm that would cut through the drains using high water pressure.
2. Cross Leys ditch. This was on the County Highways' list.
3. Play equipment. Mrs. Wright reported that the repairs were still in hand.
4. The Orchards, Campden Hill. The matter of tipped soil etc. on the adjoining land needed planning permission and this was being pursued by the District Planning Enforcement Officer.
5. Water leak opposite the Red Lion. This had been dealt with by Severn Trent for the time being, but as all the pipes were asbestos and there was acid in the soil, the pipes could break again due to their deterioration according to one workman.
6. Dog fouling. Information had been received from the District Council about the possible costs of providing trained individuals to deal with this problem, but they were prohibitive, and the Parish Council did not wish to proceed. Mrs. Wright suggested that there should be a competition through the school for children to draw posters saying what they found most objectionable about finding dog faeces. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for any costs, and a notice should be put in the parish magazine. Mrs. Wright agreed to liaise with the school about this.
7. Pavilion toilets. This problem had been dealt with.
8. Shop Closure. The Clerk reported that a meeting of those interested in forming a committee to deal with this matter would be held on 1st October, and Mrs. Jan

Sherwood had said that she would then hand over to such a committee and did not wish to take any further part. It was agreed that she should be thanked by the Parish Council for all her work.

9. The Chairman agreed to deal with the problems of brambles and nettles overhanging the footpath from the shop to Back Street, and in Back Street from the farm to the school.

10. The bollards had been put in along the Mickleton road by the children's playground, but cars were now being parked in between the bollards and along the road. There should be a notice telling people to park in the playing field car park.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 29th August to discuss the Armscote Road housing were confirmed and signed.

1. Cllr. Saint reported that a survey had been done of the whole district laying down new ground rules for housing.
2. Mr. Fred Edmunds said that when the sewage treatment works were improved several years ago, this was to deal with a possible large new development in the area. He therefore could not see why it could not deal with a larger pipe. It was agreed that the Parish Council were very concerned that sewage still ran down the Armscote Road every time there was heavy rain, and a letter to this effect should be sent to Severn Trent with a copy to the Environment Agency.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Footpath Clearance. Correspondence with the County Council about a possible partnership between a volunteer footpath group and the County Council. The Chairman reported that the Cotswold Wardens dealt with problems brought to their attention which were in their area. It was agreed that a notice should be put in the parish magazine and on the website asking if anyone would volunteer to clear footpaths. County Cllr. Seccombe said that volunteers should get on and do it without all the red tape contained in the 212 page Rights of Way Team Volunteer Risk Assessments Manual.
2. Notice from WALC about the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th November in the Shire Hall, Warwick.
3. A letter from Mr. David Derrington. Treasurer of the Village Hall about the Outreach Post Office. The Village Hall no longer received any hiring fees from the Post Office, resulting in a loss of £997.94 income per annum. He was asking if the Parish Council could contribute up to half this amount. It was felt that this might not be legally possible, and it should be suggested that as a start the Village Hall negotiate with the Post Office for some part of the hiring fee to be paid to them.

4. A letter from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council about a new venture to reduce the price of heating oil in rural communities within Warwickshire. They were asking assistance in publicising the Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate, in particular recruiting a Local Co-ordinator in the parish. This was agreed, and the WRCC should be asked if there could be a link to the Ilmington website.

FINANCE

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

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| (a) Clement Keyes, Audit Fee | £ 162.00 |
| (b) Fosse Contracts, resurfacing tennis courts | £ 25,712.00 |
| (c) G.V.S. Righton, mowing playing field | £ 468.00 |
| (d) Bruce McFarlane, printing shop closure notice | £ 50.00 |
| (e) Fosse Contracts, sandbrusher for Tennis Club | £ 3,032.40 |

2. The following cheques were received and had been paid into the bank:-

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| (a) Multi Sports Club, resurfacing tennis courts | £ 22,260.00 |
| (b) Multi Sports Club, sandbrusher for Tennis Club | £ 2,532.00 |

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

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| (a) Ilmington Village Hall, hire of rooms | £ 36.00 |
| (b) WJ & AK Meredith, repairs to pavilion toilets | £ 25.00 |
| (c) R. J. Shurey, toilet paper for pavilion | £ 13.37 |
| (d) G.V.S. Righton, mowing playing field | £ 390.00 |
| (e) Grace's Playground Fund, strimming & mowing | £ 200.00 |

PLANNING

1. 12/02160/TREE. Application for felling a goat willow at Grump Cottage, Grump Street. The Parish Council recommends approval of this application.

2. 11/02530/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for replacement porch to front of 15 Cross Leys.

3. 12/01498/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for one and half storey side extension at Meadow Hill, Mickleton Road.

4. 12/00656/LBC & 12/00653/FUL. Notices of permission with conditions from the District Council for replacing glazed roof of lean-to with slate roof at Chapel Cottage, Foxcote.

5. 12/01275/TREE. Notice of consent with conditions from the District Council for tree work at Crabmill Cottage, Grump Street.

6. 12/01837/TREE. Application for permission to pollard Holm Oak at the Old School House, Back Street. The Parish Council recommended approval of this application.
7. 12/01868/LBC. Application for new external door at Crab Mill cottage. The Parish Council recommended approval of this application.
8. 12/01825/LBC & 12/01824/FUL. Application for proposed infill of porch at Middlehill Barn, Back Street. The Parish Council recommended approval of these applications.
9. 12/01214/LBC & 12/01203/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for amendments to previously approved development at the Grey House, Grump Street.
10. Hill House, Back Street. Email from District Cllr. Saint who attended a planning committee recently at which Mr. Nash was granted retrospective planning permission for his garage with embellishments, subject to some roof light changes. Cllr. Saint said that there was no representation from the Parish Council or objectors.
11. Cllr. Saint reported that there would soon be an objection from the District Council to the proposed infill of the porch at Middlehill Barn, Back Street. He pointed out that Parish Council representatives must attend such meetings or withdraw their support or objections.

PLAYING FIELD

1. Mr. David Sabin wished it to be reported that the pavilion roof was once again leaking like a sieve. Mr. Edmunds agreed to speak to Mr. Sabin about this over the weekend, and enquiries should be made about obtaining a grant for the work.
2. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Mark Ashworth, the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, asking him to arrange for the pile of sand on the car park to be removed. Enquiries should also be made about obtaining a grant for work on the car park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that there was a blocked gulley by the entrance to the Manor. Cllr. Seccombe sent an email to Mr. Jeff Morris asking him to arrange for the jetting of that gulley, and also other gullies including one in Back Street by the Garden House and one at the top of Valenders Lane.
2. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Sandiford at Pembroke House, Grump Street, who regularly mowed a path across the Upper Green and round the War Memorial.

3. The Chairman reported that a proper salt bin was needed opposite the school, as the present one was frequently run over and squashed. It was agreed that a new bin should be ordered.

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

Date

Chairman