

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 24th October, 2012.

Present:- Mrs. P.J. Maguire, Mrs. A.D. Wright, Messrs. D.V. Sabin and A.G. Wilkins (Chairman).

Apologies were received from Mr. F.J. Edmunds and Mr. M.P. Taylor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

WAR MEMORIAL

It had been suggested that the Parish Council should apply for a grant for restoring the lettering on the Ilmington war memorial. Mrs. Maguire had obtained details of various grants available, and it was agreed that advice on what work needed to be done and how much it would cost should be obtained from Mr. Alan Wright, Cliffords of Stratford and Banbury Memorials.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Roads and potholes. The Chairman reported that a firm had started work on root cutting in Back Street, but could not complete it without replacing some of the pipes. This would be started on 31st October and would have to finish within four days, or the work would have to be postponed. The jetter had been trying to clear the gully at the top of Valenders Lane but could not get very far. Mr. Sabin reported that there was a broken pipe in front of the Red Lion.
2. Mrs. Wright reported that a competition would be held through the school after half term to produce anti dog fouling posters. This would be done at home so that the parents could be involved, and there should be prizes for which the Parish Council would pay. The posters would be laminated so that the winners could be put up round the village, and Mrs. Wright would bring them to the next meeting in November.
3. The Chairman reported that he had trimmed the overhanging vegetation along Back Street, and Mrs. Wright said that Mr. John Challinor from Armscote Road would be prepared to help with hedge trimming and footpath clearance.
4. The Chairman reported that he had obtained a quotation from Fosseway Signs of £55 for a notice to be put up along the Mickleton Road by the children's playground saying "Car Park - (arrow) 200m". It was agreed that two signs should be ordered saying "No Parking. Car Park - (arrow) 200m."

5. A letter had been received from Severn Trent about the sewage flowing down the Armscote Road after heavy rain, saying that they were continuing to investigate the best way of resolving the issue. They hoped to have defined and priced all feasible options by spring 2013. In the meantime it was most important that Severn Trent should continue to be informed of further flooding on 0800 783 4444. Mr. Jack Hands should be asked to continue to report such flooding on this number, to make a note every time he rang, who at Severn Trent he spoke to and what they said.

6. A further letter had been received from Mr. David Derrington, Treasurer of the Village Hall about the Outreach Post Office, saying that they would make further enquiries with the Post Office about a possible part of the hiring fee being paid to the Village Hall, but that he was not hopeful. Also that their main concern now was that both the Post Office and Defibrillator Unit were housed at the Village Hall without charge, but both carrying financial implications, and the committee might have to consider whether it could continue to host both these services without some income towards the running costs of the hall. It was agreed that if the need arose the Parish Council would consider a grant to the Village Hall.

7. Pavilion roof. Mr. David Sabin reported that the roof only leaked when it was raining really hard with the wind blowing straight at it. He said that the roof needed to be stripped off and the peak raised, and he thought that this could cost between £20,000 and £30,000. He had a list of sources of possible grants for which the Parish Council could apply, and quotes should be obtained from Jessop's Roofing and Woodstock Roofing.

8. Mrs. Wright reported that the grass round the children's play area had not been cut recently, but that Righton's would do it next time.

9. The Chairman reported that the new salt bin had been put opposite the school and that the salt for it had been ordered.

COMMUNITY SHOP

Mrs. Sarah Tremellen, chair of the community shop committee, then joined the meeting to report on progress made. The Committee wanted to have a community shop, and needed to get the finances organised. They wanted to find somewhere to buy and were investigating various options. The most important thing was to involve the village, and there would therefore be a further meeting in the village hall, hopefully in November, to ask the village what form they wanted the community shop to take. A detailed questionnaire would also be distributed to each house to find out what people wanted.

FINANCE

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

(a) Fosse Contracts Ltd., sum withheld in August at the request of the Tennis Club, for work not completed	£1,000.00
(b) Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd, salt bin	£ 152.34
(c) S.M. Gardner, Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 578.95

PLANNING

1. 12/02378/TREE. Application for tree work at Puddocks, Frog Lane. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
2. 12/02354/TREE. Application for tree work by the County Council at Street Record, Front Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
3. 12/02230/FUL. Application for change of use of ground floor from shop back to residential at The Old Village Shop, Middle Street. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
4. 12/01595/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for the retention of garage in its present form at The Hill, Back Street.
5. 12/01825/LBC & 12/01824/FUL. Letter from the District Council about the application for the infill of the porch at Middlehill Barn, Back Street. This would be considered at Committee on 24th October with a recommendation for refusal. The Clerk reported that she had informed the District Council Committee Managers and District Cllr. C.J. Saint that there would be a Parish Council meeting that evening so that no one could attend, and also saying that the Parish Council had not changed their opinion of this application.
6. 12/01868/LBC. Notice of consent with conditions from the District Council for a new external door to the south east elevation at Crab Mill, Grump Street.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. David Sabin reported that he would have to resign from the Parish Council immediately because he now had a job on Wednesday and Thursday nights. He said that in any case he had not intended to stand for the Parish Council at the next election. This information was received with much regret, and the Chairman thanked him very much indeed for all his work for Ilmington over many years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Date

Chairman