

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Committee Room on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2011.

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

Apologies were received from Mr. D.V. Sabin and County Cllr. I. Seccombe.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. A meeting had been held on 9th November at which Mr. Edmunds was appointed chairman and Mrs. Wright treasurer. A secretary had not yet been found. It was proving difficult to fit in all the activities suggested with those already planned by Mr. Colin Edwards. Funds were needed and there would be a house to house collection soon.
2. Flood Defence Grants. As reported at the last meeting, the District Council grant of £448.00 had been received and all the work had been done. It had not yet been possible for Cllrs. Seccombe and Saint to inspect the garden of No. 1 Cross Leys with Mrs. Wright, but a meeting would be arranged soon.
3. Severn Trent water bill. There was nothing to report.
4. Playground Equipment. It would not be possible to arrange for a working party to do minor repairs until after Christmas.
5. Front Street Water Leak. Mr. David Brown of Crab Mill had written a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of Severn Trent, asking him to appoint someone of seniority to deal with this matter, and he should be thanked for his help. The Chairman reported that Severn Trent had again dug up the road, repaired it, and the water was no longer running. However, there was still a leak from the kerb on the other side of the road, which was the responsibility of County Highways, and the Chairman would be contacting Mr. Jeff Morris about this.
6. Parking alongside the children's play area. The Chairman had not yet been able to do anything about putting in wooden stakes to prevent parking, but this was not a problem in any case during the winter months.
7. Western Power Distribution's recent work in Front Street. The Chairman reported that at his meeting with a representative of Western Power he had been told

that he and the Clerk had some time ago signed a form allowing them to undertake work on Stock Bank. The Clerk had received a telephone call from Western Power saying that the pile of soil and stones had been removed from Foxcote Hill, but Mrs. Maguire was sure that it was still there this morning. This should be checked soon. (Since the meeting it was found that the pile had been removed.)

8. Community Links Transport Service. WALC had recently asked if Parish Councils would be willing to budget and precept for a contribution to this valuable service for the next financial year. The District Council had informed the Parish Council that there were ten registered users of this scheme in Ilmington, and that Ilmington's contribution would be £120 per annum at a cost of £12 per person per annum. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £120 per annum towards the cost of the scheme.

9. Affordable Housing Scheme. The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr. John Gordon, the District Development & Enabling Officer, asking if the District Council could help in any way with this scheme. He had replied that negotiations were underway between the District Council and housing associations to agree specific proposals to support the delivery of such housing schemes, and he hoped that these negotiations would have been successfully concluded by the end of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter about a proposed Diamond Jubilee service to be held in Warwick in February.
2. A letter from the District Council saying that they would no longer be funding the annual independent inspections of play areas, and giving the names of three organisations qualified to conduct these inspections. The Parish Council's current inspection expired in February 2012, and it was agreed that Digley Associates and ROSPA should be asked to quote for this work.
3. A letter from the County Council about winter services in Warwickshire in 2011/12. The gritting routes would be the same as last year. They were also asking for voluntary Snow Wardens, and Mr. Edmunds agreed to ask Mr. David Sabin if he would be willing to undertake this task.

FINANCE

1. The Budget. After some discussion Mrs. Maguire proposed, seconded by Mr. Taylor and agreed that the Parish Council should ask for a precept of £17,500, which was the same as the current year.
2. The Clerk reported that a cheque for £892.50 had been received from Ilmington Bowling Club as a reimbursement for the cost of top dressing and grass seed.
3. The following cheques were agreed, signed and were within budget:-

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| (a) Avonmore Associates, top dressing & grass seed for the Bowling Club | £1,071.00 |
| (b) D.G. Kerby & Son, cutting hedge round Cross Leys | £ 36.00 |
| (c) Shipston Building Supplies, materials for rebuilding of ditch wall in Peggy's Lane | £ 269.22 |

PLANNING

1. 11/00134/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions from the District Council for retrospective change of use of farmyard and buildings at Caley Fields Farm to timber yard and premises for landscaping business.
2. 11/02506/FUL. Application for conversion of existing outbuildings to a residential annex at Wood Meadow, Campden Hill. The Parish Council had no representations to make.
3. 11/02522/FUL. Application for proposed single storey extension at Rose Cottage, Frog Lane. The Parish Council had no representations to make.

PLAYING FIELD

There were no items.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. District Cllr. Saint reported that the District Council would soon be discussing their budget for 2012/13, which would be decided by the end of February. This would include proposals for saving money on public toilets, the core strategy and the Localism Act.

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

Date

Chairman