

ILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th November, 2013.

Present:- Mr. A.G. Wilkins (Chairman), Mr. F.J. Edmunds, Mrs. R. Edmunds, Dr. I.H. Jones, Mr. M.T. Robinson and Mrs. A.D. Wright. Also present was District Cllr. C.J. Saint. Fifteen members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Wilkins declared an interest in the Village Hall, grass cutting and a planning application for felling a tree at Church View, Back Street.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Mr. M. Kinning spoke about his planning application for the felling of a silver birch at Brookfield House, Back Street. He said that the roots of the tree were very close to his house and to his neighbour's garage. He also pointed out that he had planted several trees and shrubs on land he had bought from another neighbour.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd October were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a. The Chairman reported that the gap in the playing field hedge by the skateboard ramp had not been fenced off because the future of the ramp was still being considered. Cllr. Wright reported that someone who dealt with ramps would come to inspect the Ilmington one to see if it was worth repairing. If so he knew of superior ply that could be used. If it was not worth repairing he would come up with plans for an alternative.
- b. Highway matters. No reply had been received to the Clerk's email to County Highways, copy to County Cllr. Seccombe, listing work which needed to be done in the parish.
- c. Trees round the village. Mr. Rob Hawkins was prepared to do any work needed to trees that were the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was understood that the late Mr. Hugh Beecham had a map of the village showing trees planted at the millennium which may be found.
- d. Pavilion toilets. These needed updating, so this item should be brought up at the next meeting when the budget was discussed.
- e. Manor Barns trees. Nothing could be done about these until a planning application was submitted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. A request from Ilmington Drama Group for financial help from the Parish Council to meet the costs of putting on the Pantomime. It was pointed out that there would be a bill of some £800 for the hire of the Village Hall for rehearsals and performances between October and December. Cllr. Robinson said that there would be enough funds in the Parish Council accounts for a small donation this year. He proposed, seconded by Cllr. Rachel Edmunds and agreed that a

donation of £200 should be given to the Drama Group. It was stressed that this would not be setting a precedent.

- b. A draft letter from Ilmington Community Shop Committee to the District Council Planning Department about the possibility of using the Catholic Church as the site of a village shop.

7. PLANNING

- a. 13/02904/TREE. Application for permission to fell an ash at Ilmington Grange. The Parish Council supported this application considering the condition of the tree.
- b. 13/02891/TREE. Application for permission to fell a silver birch at Brookfield House, Back Street. The Parish Council supported this application because of the proximity of the tree to the house and to the garage of the neighbouring property.
- c. 13/02938/TREE. Application for permission to fell a conifer at Church View, Back Street. The Parish Council supported this application because of the proximity of the tree to an existing shed.
- d. 13/02398/TREE. Application for permission to fell a conifer at The Grey House, Grump Street. Cllr. Jones proposed that the Chairman, Cllr. F.J. Edmunds and Cllr. Robinson inspect the tree and come to a decision.
- e. 13/02401/TREE. Notice of consent with conditions from the District Council for tree work at Quaint End, Back Street.
- f. 13/01466/FUL. Notice of permission with conditions for a detached 2 bay garage and store at Puddocks, Frog Lane.
- g. 13/02388/FUL. Retrospective planning application for a parking space at Hobdays Bank, Front Street. The Parish Council had supported this construction of a single parking space because it reduced parking on the road. At the time they had not been informed of County Highways' objections to the application. County Highways had now asked the Council to review their decision in the light of the highways comments. Cllr. Jones proposed, seconded by Cllr. F.J. Edmunds and agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to change their decision.

8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Cllr. Jones reported that a new Clerk had been appointed, and she was Mrs. Dionne Sambrook, who was currently also Clerk to Tredington Parish Council. He introduced her and welcomed her to Ilmington Parish Council.

9. STANDING ORDERS

Cllr. Jones distributed sets of the new standing orders, and Cllr. F.J. Edmunds proposed, seconded by Cllr. Robinson and agreed that these should be adopted.

10. DANGEROUS TREES

Cllr. Jones reported on the current situation of the trees deemed dangerous or in need of urgent attention in the area of Hurdlers Lane.

11. COMMUNITY SHOP

A letter from the Community Shop Committee to the Parish Council was read out, in which the Committee said they were not asking for Parish Council support for any proposals and should they need any help they would contact the Council.

Cllrs. Jones and Robinson presented an interim report on the fact finding enquiry requested by the Council into the proposal for a community shop.

The Chairman proposed and was seconded by Cllr. F. Edmunds that the Parish Council would continue its fact finding exercise. The motion was carried unanimously.

12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

13. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Saint reported on progress on setting a District Council budget, and he hoped that the tax base would be known soon. He also reported on the progress on the review of boundaries, which would have to change. It was likely that Ilmington would be grouped with Whitchurch, Admington and Quinton, but it would not be until May 2015 that this would take effect.

14. FINANCE

- a. Cllr. Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr. Jones and agreed, that a resolution be passed that bank accounts be continued with HSBC Bank plc, with all listed Parish Councillors being authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.
- b. The following cheques had been signed out of meeting, were agreed and were within budget:-
 - i. Geo. Clifford & Sons, repairs to War Memorial £510.00
 - ii. Ilmington Village Hall, hire of rooms £120.00
 - iii. Avonmore Associates, autumn maintenance of Bowling Green £1,272.00

A cheque for £1,060 had been received from the Bowls Club

- c. The following cheques were approved, signed and were within budget:-
 - i. Grace's Playground Fund, strimming & mowing round playground £200.00
 - ii. Singleton Heating Services, servicing gas boiler in Pavilion £291.36

A cheque for £242.80 had been received from the Sports & Social Club.

 - iii. Ilmington Village Hall, Hire of rooms £13.00
 - iv. S.M. Gardner, Clerk's salary & expenses for November & December £470.22

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. HOUSING The public and press left the meeting for this item on the agenda as it contained confidential and sensitive information.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

This will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, 2014 in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Date

Chairman