

West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 11th September, 2000 at 7.00p.m.

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Present: Cllrs R.Gore (Chairman) T.Allan-Jones, P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, A.Morris, C.Sheppard, Dist Cllr J. Morgan L.Gibson(Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 10th July, 2000, having been circulated to members were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising.

Millennium Gazebo After consultation with West Berks Highways Dept, West Berks Legal Dept had written to say that although the planned Gazebo is to be partially sited on Highways land the project could go ahead providing that The Parish Council take full responsibility for the upkeep and insurance of the structure. It was agreed that Cllr Sheppard and Cllr Morris should take the necessary action for construction to begin as soon as possible.

Management of The Village Hall and Recreation Field Following the last meeting, the Chairman and Cllr Sheppard had met with Antonia Cretney(Trustee) who was quite happy with the proposal provided that she is kept informed. Village Hall - Peter Bartaby the Secretary said that a draft constitution was ready to be presented to the Village Hall Committee in the near future and if this was accepted then it would be circulated and presented at the next P.C.Meeting in November. Recreation Ground A letter had been received from David Gore a representative of The Cricket Club asking for clarification on a few points. This given, he passed to the Chairman a draft constitution for circulation and discussion at the next P.C. Meeting.

Speeding Thames Valley Police had twice set speed traps in the village but had not caught any cars speeding. W.B.Highways confirmed that they have contacted the Dept of Environment to gain permission to install 30mph roundel road markings. The cost to the Parish council for a red road surface would be approx £500. Clerk to write for other cheaper options.

Street Nameplates W.B.Highways have agreed to install a new nameplate (Fir Tree Paddock leading to Fir Tree Cottages) and to move the existing nameplate (Fir Tree Paddock) to the right hand side facing the road. As this would then obscure the private 1-6 Fir Tree Cottages sign, the Chairman will approach Mr Barrett suggesting that it be moved to a suitable position.

Drainage W.B.Highways had written agreeing to an increased programme of cleansing and gully emptying in the village and for Bury Lane to be swept at least twice a year. Cllr Morris suggested that Bury Lane should be upgraded as it has been designated as a main thoroughfare when problems arise on the A.34. Clerk to write to Highways with suggestion.

4. Correspondence

Southern Electric had replied stating that there are no plans to carry out any works to the overhead lines in the village during the current financial year. Concern was expressed by Cllr Sheppard that Aerial Bundle Conductors may be fitted without the necessary planning permission.

Land Use Consultants - North Wessex Downs AONB, had written regarding a consultation meeting. The letter had arrived too late! Dist Cllr Morgan said that all AONB are now designated as National Parks. Clerk to write to Land Use Consultants asking for clarification and expressing a desire to be involved in further meetings. Copy to J.Ashworth W.B.Planning.

Public Protection Meeting No one available.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for West Ilsley, Norman Carlisle had written informing the P.C. of his decision to retire from the post. The decision had been taken following a lack of support from Thames Valley police when they were called to a recent incident of 'hare coursing' by several gangs over planted crops on his farmland. The letter expressed dissatisfaction with his treatment by the police. Clerk to write to Thames Valley police summarising the letter and copy to David Rendel M.P. Cllr Morgan to contact the Newbury Weekly News.

5. W.B.C. Chairman's Perimeter Walk

In aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service. The section of the walk covering W. Ilsley will be on 11th March 2001. Clerk to write offering any assistance that may be required.

6. Best Kept Village Competition

West Ilsley had again come seventh, with a score of 66.7%. Stockcross were first with a score of 81.8%. It was noted that the War Memorial had scored low due to its dilapidated state. Clerk to appeal for a Stonemason through the W.I.News. Litter in the village had

also been highlighted as a problem. P.C. members had received reports from parishioners regarding rubbish blowing on to the footpath behind the Harrow. Clerk to write to the landlady of The Harrow.

7. Planning Applications

No. 157259 (7 Rowles Paddock) - Permission Granted.

No. 157551(Adjacent to The Bungalow, Church Lane) The Chairman declared an interest and passed the chair to Cllr Sheppard(vice Chairman). Cllr Sheppard stated that there had been no alterations made to the original plans and that a Planning sub-committee site meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 13th September. Cllr Sheppard to attend.

Downside Cottage - although the planning application had been listed in the Newbury Weekly News and the red notice displayed, the Parish Council had not been sent a copy of the plans. Dist Cllr Morgan to check with planning department.

9. Open Forum No items were raised.

8. Donations to Local Organisations

The Following donations were proposed by Cllr Allan-Jones and seconded by Cllr Sheppard.

Downland Sports Centre	£75.00
Downland Volunteer Group	£50.00
Mencap(Newbury Branch)	£50.00
Neighbourhood Watch	Held over (Area Co-ordinator)
Ilsley's Under 5's	£50.00
Friends of the Ridgeway	£10.00
Downland Handybus	£150.00

Any Other Business

Car Parking. Cllr Allan-Jones suggested that as there had been no new ideas to create suitable parking in the village that the possibility of parking on the meadow behind the pond should be re-investigated. The Chairman to speak to Sue Huntingdon informally and the Clerk to write to Richard Morris, agents for the Privy Purse. Cllr Sheppard to approach Malcolm Bowler, of the Highways Dept regarding the possibility of parking in the Catmore Road.

Village Playscheme Cllr. Allan-Jones felt that the Playscheme had been poorly attended by W.Ilsley children due to the fact that it had been poorly publicised by W.B.C.

