

West Ilsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00p.m. on Monday 13th May 2002

Present: Cllrs. R.Gore (Chairman) C.Sheppard, A.Morris, P.Carlisle, P.Bartaby, J.Scriven, L.Gibson (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Due to the concerns held by members regarding the individual signing up to 'The Model Code of Conduct' it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Gore should Chair this meeting with a view to discussing the matter further, later in the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 11th March 2002, having been circulated were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Management of the Village Hall and Recreation Field. It was unanimously agreed that both bodies should now formally adopt the new Agreements. Jubilee Celebrations Deferred to the Annual Parish Meeting. Area around the Gazebo Cllr. Morris had appealed for occasional help to maintain the area three volunteers had come forward. More volunteers are needed to enable a rota of one complete month per volunteer. The ducks, particularly the Muscovy ducks are becoming a nuisance. They are constantly making a mess on the orientation table which needs frequent cleaning.

5. Correspondence

Sergeant Athawes of Thames Valley Police although unable to attend the Annual Parish Assembly has agreed to attend the next Parish Council meeting on July 8th. The Post Office had written to say that the Agents for The Post Office premises had written to say that the premises was still available at a reasonable rent. Clerk to make known to the villagers via the West Ilsley News. W.Berks Highways Road and Footpath Maintenance Programme for 2002/2003 does not suggest any maintenance for West Ilsley. Cllr Sheppard highlighted the poor condition of the footpath at the eastern end of the village. Clerk to write asking that maintenance be carried out on the path.

6. Village Parking

Deferred to the meeting on July 8th.

7. Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Gore informed the other members that he would not be signing up to 'The Code'. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that more time, guidance and information was required to fully consider the code. Cllr Morris proposed that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the matter further. Cllr Bartaby seconded. The date - Monday June 10th at 7.00p.m. in the Village Hall.

8. District Audit Results and Comments

The audit of the accounts for the year 2000/2001 had been successfully concluded with a few minor amendments. The following recommendations were received:

- 1) Acknowledgments for donations be included in payment vouchers
- 2) A V.A.T. claim be submitted

Confirmation was been given by the clerk that the audit had been formally advertised. The Parish Council agreed to act on the recommendations.

9. Parish Council Accounts year ended 31st March 2002.

After circulation to Members, Cllr Sheppard proposed, Cllr Carlisle seconded that the Accounts be accepted and when required, submitted for Audit. Unanimously carried. The Chairman duly signed the Accounts.

10. Cheque Signatories

Deferred until the meeting on June 10th 2002.

11. Accounts for Payment

West Ilsley Village Hall £35.00 (Hire of Hall 2001/2002)

Cornhill Insurance £241.86 (Policy Renewal)

Cllr Gore proposed, Cllr Scriven Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Council Meetings for the Coming Year

10th June (extra special meeting), 8th July, 9th September, 11th November, 13th January 2003, 10th March, 12th May.