

West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 11th March 2002 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs. R.Gore (Chairman) P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, A.Morris, J.Scrivens L.Gibson (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public.

1. Mrs J Scrivens signed the Declaration of Office, the Chairman welcomed her to the Parish Council.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Sheppard

3. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 14th January 2002, having been circulated to members were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Audit Fee The Clerk had contacted other small parishes to compare Audit Fees. The response had been varied. A credit note to reduce the invoice had not yet arrived from The District Auditors. No further action until it has been received.

Weaveaway Travel had written to say that in their opinion, Catmore Road was a suitable route for use by the school bus! The clerk to write to W.B.Council expressing concern over the safety of the children and suggesting that they add it to their gritting program of propose that the bus company use an alternative route.

Management of the Village Hall and The Recreation Field The Chairman had spoken to Lockinge Estate who have verbally stated that they are happy with the draft agreements and would be confirming same in writing. Cllr. Bartaby proposed that on receipt of the letter the clerk should write to the Cricket Club instructing that they formally adopt the agreement. Cllr Carlisle seconded.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations An appeal for suggestions on how to celebrate the occasion had brought a poor response. After much discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would organise a children's tea party on the Recreation Field on the afternoon of 3rd June, possibly followed by an evening party for adults. Clerk to publicise the event and ask for volunteers via the West Ilsley News. At the party, children aged 0 to 16 would receive a commemorative mug. Clerk to research mugs and delivery periods.

5. Correspondence

Forthcoming Meetings Annual Parish Conference and Structure Plan Meeting. No one available to attend. Chairman's Reception. Invitation to follow. Audit of accounts. Accounts for the year 2000/2001 to made available to the District Auditor on Tuesday 12th February. Clerk to prepare the accounts for audit and pass to the audit office.

6. Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Bartaby proposed that the Parish Council should adopt the new Code of Conduct on 1st May 2002. Cllr Morris seconded. All in favour. In the

meantime Parish Councillors would consider the conditions of the Code with a view to signing individual Declarations of Office at a later meeting but within two months of 1st May 2002.

7. Village Parking

The new Landlord of the Harrow had agreed to investigate a contact within Greene King for correspondence regarding the parking problems around the Harrow. He will inform the Chairman.

The letter to the Queen had been forwarded to the Crown Estates Commissioners. No reply has so far been received.

8. Parish Paths Initiative

Simon Barnett, the Countryside Officer for W.B.D.C. had written outlining the new format for the funding of footpath works. It was agreed that at present, there were no footpaths in West Ilsley in need of repair.

9. Accounts for Payment

Berkshire Association of Local Councils – Annual Membership £41.30 Cllr. Bartaby proposed, Cllr. Morris seconded.

Clerks Annual Salary £490.00 Expenses £151.66 Cllr. Carlisle proposed, Cllr. Scrivens seconded. All in favour.

10. Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Monday 13th May Time: 8.00p.m. Clerk to send invitations to all Local groups and to invite Police Sgt. Athawes of the Community Policing Team to report and receive questions.

11. Planning Applications

01/02677	4 The Maltings	Support
02/00073	The Bungalow, Churchway	Support, comments recorded

12. Open Forum

Cllr. Morris asked that the Parish Council appeal for volunteers to help cut the grass around the Gazebo. Clerk to do so through the West Ilsley News. Cllr. Morris agreed to set up a rota for the work.

Cllr Gore stated that a donation had been received by the West Ilsley News. It was agreed that the cheque should be made payable to West Ilsley Parish Council.

Date of next meeting, Monday 13th May 2002.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.