

DRAFT MINUTES

West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 10th July, 2000 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs R.Gore (Chairman) T.Allan-Jones, P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, A.Morris, C.Sheppard, L.Gibson(Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 1 Sth May 2000, having been circulated to members were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Millennium Gazebo West Berks Legal Department had not yet replied regarding the ownership of the land. Clerk to write again asking for a speedy reply and to suggest a site meeting between W.Berks Legal Dept., Highways and a representative of the Parish Council. Copies to Cllr. J Morgan and Highways. Cllr Sheppard suggested that even if the Highways Dept were shown to be the owners of the land then there may still be room to erect the Gazebo on Parish Council Land.

Racing Welfare Charities had written expressing an unwillingness to change the address of 'Fir Tree Cottages'. Cllr Bartaby suggested a sign 'Fir Tree Paddock' leading to Fir Tree Cottages'. Clerk to write with suggestion to the Pacing Welfare Charity and to W.Berks Highways.

B.T. Pole No action, as the pole is temporary.

Footpath 16 has still not been reinstated to it's original position. Awaiting contact from Elaine Cox (W.B.C.Footpath Officer).

4. Correspondence

Southern Electric Cllrs. Sheppard and Carlisle met with Alan Murray of Southern Electric on 6th June. who stated that the only work pending in the village is the replacement of the 3 poles from the Village Hall to the Harrow which should be carried out over the coming 18 months. He also stated that Southern Electric would be willing to lay the cables underground if the Parish Council were to pay 50% toward the cost. This would be at a cost to the Parish Council of £9,000 and not an option they could consider. Cllr. Sheppard suggested that the clerk write to Southern Electric asking to be kept informed of any future work.

Bas Pease the previous Chairman had written stating that he had passed to Cllr. Gore the following items: The 1815 Enclosure Awards map (in a tin cylinder), one leather box of records and four cardboard boxes of more recent records.

5. The Management of the Village Hall and Recreation Field

After lengthy discussion, The proposition from Cllr. Bartaby was amended to read:

That this Council, having reviewed their responsibilities as Trustees under two separate leases dated 8th December 1982 granted by Mr Christopher Lewis Loyd on behalf of Lockinge Estates in respect of 1. The Village Hall room and adjacent garages and 2. The Recreation Field, **do hereby resolve:-**

1. To arrange the setting up of a Management Committee as their Agents to undertake all aspects of management of leased property No.1. for the benefit of the residents of West Ilsley and for the Parish as a whole.
2. To arrange the setting up of a Management Committee as their Agents to undertake all aspects of management of leased property No.2. for the benefit of the residents of West Ilsley and for the Parish as a whole.
3. Following the setting up of the new Management Committees as above, to agree with both Agents, appropriate Constitutions embracing all aspects of their Operating Terms and Conditions, and Accountability to the Parish Council.

After further discussion Cllr. Morris proposed that **West Ilsley Recreational and Social Association with one member of the Parish Council** be appointed as **The Management Committee** to leased property **No. 1**. Cllr. Allan seconded. All in favour. (Subject to the approval of the trustee The Rector of West Ilsley).

Cllr. Allan proposed that **West Ilsley Cricket Club with one member of the Parish Council** assumes responsibility for the management of The Recreation Field. (Leased property **No. 2**.) Cllr. Allan also proposed that **The Management Committee** should be made up of representatives of all village groups with an interest in the Recreation Field. Cllr. Bartaby seconded. All in favour. (Subject to the approval of the trustee The Rector of West Ilsley).

The Chairman suggested that both Management Committee's put together a draft constitution for circulation. From the floor, Clive Hooker (Chairman of W.I.R&S.A.) stated that he was pleased that the matter had been resolved. He thanked Peter Bartaby for all the research and hard work that he had carried out over the months. The Chairman hoped that the Parish Council could look forward to an amicable arrangement with both committee's.

6. Thames Valley Police.

Following changes in Police Policy, Cllr. Bartaby suggested that the Parish Council may like to express dissatisfaction with the changes. Cllr. Bartaby agreed to represent the Parish Council at the annual gathering/informal meeting in the near future.(Date to be confirmed).

9. Open Forum.

Overhanging Vegetation is again becoming a problem in the village, Clerk to appeal to owners in the W.I.News. Cllr. Allan-Jones suggested a direct approach may be more effective. The Chairman to approach individual residents.

Clive Hooker urged the Parish Council to continue discussions with Southern Electric regarding the under laying underground of electricity cables. He also asked if anything could be done to prevent silt being washed down Bury Lane and into the High Street. Clerk to write to W.B.Highways asking for suggestions.

7, Planning Applications

Application No. 15755 1. The Parish Council had objected on grounds that the style, size and height proposed would be incongruous to the site. To speed the circulation of Planning Applications in future, the clerk to create and attach a fore sheet for individual comments.

8. Accounts for Payment

Election Expenses - £39.93. Cllr Sheppard Proposed, Cllr Carlisle Seconded. All in favour.

Any Other Business

The Downland Practice Patient Representation Group. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Morris should continue as Parish Council representative on this committee. Villagers to be informed via the W.I.News.

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West/East Ilsley Playscheme. Clerk to confirm that information has been circulated to the school.

Speeding within the village. Cllr. Morris suggested that the village may benefit from road marking to curb speeding i.e. 30 painted on the road. Clerk to write to W.B.Highways suggesting that 30 be placed on the road along with red surfacing at all roads into the village. Clerk to write to Thames Valley Police to request a program of speed checks in the village. Cllr. Carlisle to confirm that 'Horse Warning' signs are no longer present in the village.

Newbury to Didcot Bus Service. Cllr. Bartaby suggested that W.Berks Transport Dept be approached to consider re-routing the service through West Ilsley. Clerk to check back through minutes for previous action on the matter.

Housing Needs Survey. Clerk to request via W.I.News for any householders who have not yet returned the survey to do so.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05p.m,