

# **West Ilsley Parish Council.**

Notice is given of the following Meetings to be held in The Village Hall on **Monday 14th May, 2001.**

## **6.45 p.m. Meeting of the Trustees of The Village Hall & Recreation Ground Leases.**

### Agenda.

1. W.I.R.& S.A. Accounts 2000/2001
2. W.I.R.&.S.A. Report

## **7.00p.m. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

### Agenda.

- 1 To elect for the ensuing year; a) Chairman, b) Vice Chairman.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. To receive and if approved confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th March 2001
4. Matters Arising, to include; Village Playscheme, Watermill Theatre, Litter Bin for Pond Area.
5. Correspondence, to include; Post Office Network, Parish Paths Clearance.
6. Village Parking
7. Modernising Decision Making - Consultation
8. To receive the Parish Council's Accounts year ended 31st March 2001, and approve the same for submission to Audit.
9. To appoint three Members as authorised signatories for cheques.
10. Accounts for Payment, - B.A.L.C., Cornhill Insurance
11. To decide upon dates for Council Meetings for the coming year.

## **8.00p.m. (approx) The Annual Parish Assembly.**

### Agenda.

1. To receive and if approved, confirm the report of the Parish Assembly held on

Monday

15th May 2000.

2. Chairman's Annual Report.
3. Guest Speaker - Deborah King, Rural Housing Trust.
4. Reports from Representatives of Village Organisations.

**All residents of West Ilsley are invited to attend.**

### **West Ilsley Parish Council**

#### **Report of the Annual Parish Assembly held at 8.00p.m. on Monday 14th May 2001.**

Present: Cllr.R.Gore(Chairman), C.Sheppard, A.Morris, P.Carlisle, P.Bartaby, L.Gibson (Clerk) and 18 members of the public.

1. The report of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday May 15th 2000, having been circulated, was signed as a true record.
2. Guest Speaker - Deborah King from The Rural Housing Trust Mrs King gave an interesting talk outlining the aims and achievements of the organisation and explained how the Rural Housing Trust had been providing affordable village homes for village people all over the country for the past 25 years. After questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked her for her time. It was agreed that a copy of the Registration form be placed in the W.I.News to enable parishioners to register direct with the Rural Housing Trust.
3. Chairman's Annual Report.

The Chairman reported that it has been a busy year for the Parish Council. Important issues still being discussed are schemes to decrease speeding though the village and ways to alleviate the village parking problems. Other matters that have arisen and been discussed throughout the year include, Flooding, Road Surfaces, Pot Holes, Gritting, Planning Applications, Public Transport, Footpath and Parish Maps.

Changes have been made to the running and management of The Village Hall and Recreation Ground. During the year it was agreed that Management of the Village Hall would in future be the responsibility of W.I.R.&.S.A. and that West Ilsley Cricket club would take responsibility for the Management of The Recreation Field and Pavilion. The Parish Council remain as Trustees.

Cllr Morris continues to represent the Parish Council on The Downland Practice Management Committee and Cllr Allan-Jones represents the Parish Council on the Board of

Governors of The Ilsley's School.

The Chairman thanked members of the Parish Council and the clerk for their hard work and attendance throughout the year, also district Councillor John Morgan for his support.

4. Reports from Representatives of Village Organisations.

W.I.R.& S.A. - Angela Hyde Hall use up by 37%. The fabric and general facilities have been ungraded with the help of a regular cleaner and a kitchen re-fit. The perimeter fence should soon be repaired. Fund raising has been fairly low key but has seen two successful Bingo evenings and a day selling ice creams at the Village Fête. The Committee, now to be known as 'The Village Hall Committee', would in future be managing the Village Hall only, a new Constitution is being drafted. Activities for the coming year will include Proactive Marketing to increase hall usage, further fund raising and continual improvements of the fabric and facilities.

Ilsley's School - Tracey Allan-Jones Pupil numbers now stand at a healthy 56 with 14 travelling from West Ilsley. The three class system will be maintained for the 2001 school year. Main projects during the year include the organisation of facilities for Foundation Stage (under 5) pupils, and the purchase of several new computers, bringing the average up to one for every six children. The Friends Association has been active raising money through activities such as a Race Night and Christmas and Craft Fairs etc. Donations from them have included £1000 toward the purchase of Early Years equipment. The school continues to welcome Ilsley's Under 5's twice a week and works closely with other small schools in the Downs Federation.

W.I.Tennis Committee - John Clemenger The court remains in good condition, and the wiring is generally sound. Tree lopping, at a cost of £460 has been decided against for several reasons. The financial position is good with the income for 2000 being £295.45p together with a donation of £200 from the show committee. Expenses for the year are £95.00. (court maintenance £70 and booking clerk honorium £25). A total of 212 people played on the court. The Investment Account balance stands at £1586.10p. The current long serving Tennis Committee of three and the Booking Clerk, have all expressed a desire to retire from their positions in the near future. I hope that people from the village will come forward to take over these roles. Maybe a suitable role for the disbanded Playground Committee.

Downland Volunteer Group - Les Fayle It has been a busy year. We started almost at crisis point with a shortage of volunteers. However, a recruitment drive resulted in 17 new volunteers, several of whom are willing to drive the bus. Throughout the year we have carried almost 1000 passengers by car to hospital, doctors, clinics etc. and over 1800 by Handybus, mainly on shopping trips. We are currently installing a computer in the office and have had a simple purpose built program written. This will not only aid the smooth running of the office but will enable us to provide the statistics so often required by various authorities. The DVG is grateful for the support given to them by W.I.P.C. over the years.

W.I.Church. - Ian Fewtrell-Smith The church has continued to offer three services a month. The Pram Service continues on a monthly basis and an After School Service has been introduced for 3 to 7 year olds. Our rector, Antonia Cretney, continues to be supported by Tim Astin and Denise Brown. From March 2001 I have again taken on the role of Church Warden. Social events included a Burns Night Supper, two quiz nights and a harvest supper, fund raising efforts include a bottle stall and face painting at the show and a coffee morning and bring and buy in the churchyard. Financially the church continues to just hold it's head above water

although some repairs are necessary. We have introduced a Gift Aid scheme to take advantage of the new tax laws. The church continues to be unlocked every day and this is well received. The church is in a sound condition, the churchyard is well maintained by a small but helpful band and the interior kept clean again by a small band of helpers (any further helpers welcome), the flowers always look beautiful. Apart from the continuing problem of the roof needing maintenance, the fabric is in reasonable condition.

W.I.Cricket Club - David Gore The team started last season as Berkshire League champions but finished the season bottom of the division, narrowly avoiding relegation. We continue to run two sides. Membership last year consisted of 28 playing members, 47 social members and 19 family members. Subscriptions remain at £20 for players, £5 for social members and £10 for family members. Opening of the bar on Friday evenings during the winter has proved a success and temporary membership is available. The club still has a nucleus of hard workers who have transformed the recreation ground over the past month. Owing to flooding problems in Compton, the club has been hosting the under 11s on Friday evenings.

Downland Sports Centre - Tracey Weaver A good year with the main activities being Badminton, Football, Trampoline Coaching and Archery. Children's holiday activities have gone from strength to strength and the gym is proving increasingly popular. The wet weather has made it difficult to keep the Centre clean this year. Efforts to find a cleaner have been unsuccessful and anyone interested in the position should contact myself or Rose Melatti.

W.I.Millennium Committee - Avice Morris After some delays due to wet weather, the Gazebo is now almost finished. Brass plaques commemorating Micky Brown and a donation from Bas Pease are now in place. Turfing of the area is imminent, as are oak bollards. An orientation table made from granite is on order. A shortfall of £140 still exists, there are still 10 cookbooks for sale at the Harrow. If anyone is interested in making a donation, please contact a member of the Committee. We hope to arrange a date for the official opening soon. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in the project in one way or another. Finally, an appeal to villagers to respect the Gazebo and in particular that children are discouraged from using the area as a playground or a cycle track.

Isley's under 5's - Tracey Allan-Jones The group comprises of a twice weekly Playgroup and a weekly Mother and Toddler group. It has been another good year and we would like to thank the Parish Council for its continued support. The Wednesday toddler session is doing particularly well and has invested in new toys and storage boxes. The Playgroup is also doing well although not running to capacity at present. Fees have remained the same for 3 years, but will be increased to £3 per session from September. This is still fantastic value compared to other nurseries/playgroups in the area. The 2000 pre-fête dance was a huge success for the Under Fives, many thanks to helpers and attenders alike, and particularly to Ali Eyston who undertook all the organisation. This turned out to be a very sought after event on last year's calendar. Fund raising will be a priority for the rest of the year, with both the W.I. Fête and the Sheep Fair being cancelled. This will start with a children's summer party and a BBQ, hopefully in August.

Evergreens - Shirley Gore A successful year, the club has 46 members at present. A varied programme this year has included trips to The Watermill Theatre, Winchester, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Gloucester and Bath. The annual visit to Millets Farm was in July. Fund raising included a Tombola Stall at the E.Isley Sheep Fair, a cake stall at the W.I. Fête and a Christmas Bazaar. Donations from the Sheep Fair and the Fête were gratefully received.

During the year Mrs Ringwood and Mrs Huggins died, also our secretary Dick Wells. We ended the year with a Christmas Lunch at the Swan which was attended by 38 members.

W.I.Website - Ian Burton The Website first appeared in August 1999. Unfortunately it has not developed beyond an alternative source of the West Ilsley News and Parish Council Agendas and Minutes, both of which are updated regularly. No other village functions or organisations made use of it, or integrate with it. No frequent users are known. Therefore it is of little benefit to the village.

W.I.Village Fête - Ian Burton The occasion was very well attended with the best ever sponsorship and prizes. The return of the Art Exhibition was welcomed by many. A new event this year was the East/West Ilsley 5-a-side football competition. The net total was in excess of £2,900. of which donations of £2,700 have been made to local organisations. We have a current Balance of £1,548. At the March meeting this year the matter of Foot and Mouth Disease featured and at the April meeting following inputs from local farmers, it was decided that the event should be cancelled. It may seem that we have cancelled well ahead of the event, but we felt it the best decision for all concerned. One purely financial consideration was the marquee at £680, a significant cost for which a 50% deposit was required. The committee has folded until next year.

W.I.News - Andrea Cook Steve Price and I have now been editing the WIN for one year. Distribution is around 145 copies per month. Thanks go to local contributors who meet the published deadlines and make our task easier. Also to our distributors, Anne Carlisle, John Verney, Angus Muir, Kay Fewtrell-Smith and Carrie-Anne Young and to Ian Burton for posting onto the website. Within the village we receive very little feedback and suggestions for articles that may broaden the content have met with little response! The time taken to reproduce the WIN is around six hours per month for a four page edition. We currently feel able to continue as editors for another year, however, but as we stated when we took over, we will be delighted to relinquish the responsibility at any time.

Firework Committee - David Gore A donation to the fireworks is generally made by W.I.Fete with the shortfall being made up on the night. This year as there will not be a fête, it may be necessary to look elsewhere for funding.

The Chairman thanked all those for coming and especially thanked those who had given reports.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.59p.m.

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