

West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 9th July, 2001 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs R.Gore (Chairman) T.Allan-Jones, P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, A.Morris, C.Sheppard, L.Gibson(Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 14th May, 2001, having been circulated to members, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising.

War Memorial Cllr. Gore had received one quote but was awaiting another. Due to the urgent nature of the repair, it was unanimously agreed that having considered both quotes Cllr's Gore and Sheppard should make a decision and then proceed with the most suitable quote.

Litter Bin for Pond Area a Green Topsy bin has been ordered from W.B.D.C. at a cost of £137.38 + V.A.T. This will replace the existing post mounted bin. There will be no charge for emptying.

Footpath Maps should be in place within the next month or two.

Insurance The Gazebo has been added to the Parish Councils existing policy with the Cornhill, the extra premium being £47.88. The amount of public liability cover was confirmed to be £5,000,000.

Village Playscheme A joint playscheme with East Ilsley has been booked for three weeks in August. Cllr. Allan-Jones stated that the publicity had been much better this year and that some West Ilsley children had already registered. Cllr. Bartaby proposed that the Parish Council make a donation £200 to East Ilsley Parish Council towards the cost of hosting the scheme. Cllr. Sheppard seconded. All in favour.

4. Correspondence

W.R.V.S. & Winged Fellowship An appeal for donations had been received from both organisations. The Parish Council agreed to maintain its policy of supporting only local organisations.

Thames Valley Police Insp. Athawes, Hungerford Police Station, had written proposing that meetings open to all Downland Parish Council's should be held every four months. The opinion of the Parish Council was that there was little value in attending such a meeting and would favour an occasional presence, no matter how brief, at Parish Council meetings. Clerk to reply to this effect.

W.B.D.C. Flooding the Highways department had sent a plan of action for the area. Cllr. Allan-Jones said that the news was not very positive but that a capital scheme was being prepared to replace the current drainage system, however the funding had not yet been secured.

The road was again flooded during the heavy rain of 7th July. Cllr. Morris passed maps of the drainage system around the Gazebo to the Clerk for safe keeping.

5. H.G.V.s through Beedon

A letter requesting support from the Parish Council for the action being taken by Mr Lutter of Beedon along with fellow villagers who are attempting to prevent H.G.V.'s from leaving the A34 and using the roads of Beedon, Chieveley and Worlds End during peak times. The Parish Council felt that, although sympathetic to the problem, it was a matter for the local Parish Council's and would consider it further if approached by them. Clerk to write to Mr Lutter expressing this view.

6. Village Parking

Cllr. Sheppard had met with Tom Ingram of W.B.D.C. Highways Department. Mr Ingram was against any plan to create a lay-by in the Catmore Road as it was too close to the junction. It now seems that all possible sites have drawn a blank. After much discussion it was decided that the clerk should write to Greene King, the owners of the Harrow, asking if they have any suggestions that may help to alleviate the parking problem

7. District Audit The audit of the accounts for the year 1999/2000 had been successfully carried out. The following recommendations were made by the auditor.

1. Minutes to note that the clerk be responsible for own tax and N.I.
2. Donations made be listed as S.137 payments in future.
3. VAT should be shown separately on receipts & payment account.
4. To consider increasing the value of the fidelity insurance.
5. VAT should be claimed annually.
6. Arrangements be made to receive bank interest gross.
7. To create a personal template for financial statements.

The Parish Council considered the above and agreed to act upon the recommendations where appropriate.

8. Planning Applications

01/00661	Hunters Ride	No objections
01/00936 & 00938	West Ilsley Stables	No objections
00/01028	Whiteways	No objections

The Parish Council then considered application no. 01/01216 Winhaven. Cllr. Sheppard declared an interest and stood aside. After careful consideration no objections were raised.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Bartaby had contacted W.B.D.C. regarding the overhanging vegetation to the eastern side of West Ilsley House. W.B.D.C. to inspect and take action. Clerk to remind parishioners via the West Ilsley News that it is the householders responsibility to keep hedges and trees under control.

Cllr. Morris suggested that there may be a need in the future to create a rota of people willing to cut the grass around the Gazebo.

Cllr. Allan-Jones reported that she had been asked to study and comment on the draft

constitutions for the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground. A draft to be circulated to P.C. Members at a later date. The Chairman thanked her for taking on this task.

Cllr. Morris reported that the orientation table was now in place in the Gazebo and was the finishing touch!

9. Open Forum No items were raised.

Date of Next Meeting, Monday 10th September, 2001

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.34p.m.