

West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 12th November, 2001 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs R.Gore(Chairman) P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, A.Morris, C.Sheppard, L.Gibson(Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 10th September, 2001, having been circulated to members, were signed as a true record.

3. Further to the vacancy for a Parish Councillor created by the resignation of Cllr Allan-Jones, the required 'Notice of Vacancy' has now been posted on the village notice boards.

4. Matters Arising.

War Memorial The War Memorial in the church yard has now been satisfactorily repaired. A balance of £281.75 was now due to A.G.Wright and Sons. Cllr. Bartaby proposed the payment, Cllr. Sheppard seconded. All in favour.

Audit Fee Following discussions with other parish clerks it was unanimously decided that the Clerk should write to the Audit Commission requesting a breakdown of charges.

Village Post Office There has been no serious interest from any prospective candidates to take over the position of postmaster/mistress. Audrey Tizzard stated that she would continue until the end of the year. It was agreed that Andrea Cook would advertise the vacancy in the W.I.News again.

5. Correspondence

Rural Housing Trust The results of the survey carried out by The Rural Housing Trust had shown a good level of interest. The next step is to highlight suitable one acre sites. Chairman to circulate a map of the village to Parish Council members to enable them to mark areas that, in their opinion, would be a suitable.

Village Playsceme Report The report compiled by West Berks Council showed that the playscheme for the children of East and West Ilsley had been a success and many children from both villages had benefited. Should anyone wish to see the report it is available through the Clerk (200242).

6. Village Parking Greene King had still not replied to previous letters. Cllr Bartaby suggested that another letter should be sent asking why they have not replied, also informing them that W.B.D.C. Highways Department are aware of the problem and measures may need to be taken to stop cars parking on the road at The Harrow end of the village. Clerk to write.

7. Flooding in the Village W.B.D.C. had written stating that now that other local areas of more serious flooding had been attended to, attention was now being turned to West Ilsley

amongst other villages. From the floor Mr Pease suggested that pressure be put on the Environment Agency to turn on the pump between East and West Ilsley in future times of flooding. Cllr. Carlisle had met a representative from the Environment Agency who had informed him that the pump between East and West Ilsley needed repairs. Clerk to Write to Mark Edwards of W.B.C. Highways Dept asking him to contact the Environment Agency asking them to ensure that the pumps are repaired and working and put into service to help prevent any further problems of flooding. Copy to The Environment Agency.

8. Management of Village Hall and Recreation Field Tracey Allan-Jones had created a draft agreement for the Management of the Recreation Field which had been circulated to all P.C. members. After a lengthy discussion, during which the Chairman established from a representative of the Cricket Club that they were happy, the Chairman called for a vote to accept the draft agreement. Three in favour, one against. At this point Cllr. Bartaby resigned as a Trustee of The Recreation Field. Clerk to send the draft agreements for The Village Hall and The Recreation Field to Lockinge Estate for approval.

9. Donations to Local Organisations

The Following donations were proposed by Cllr. Sheppard and seconded by Cllr. Morris

Downland Sports Centre	£75.00
Downland Volunteer Group	£75.00
Downland Handybus	£150.00
West Ilsley News	£50.00

Cllr. Bartaby proposed that a donation of £40.00 be made to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. (£25.00 to cover the cost of the wreath and £15.00 donation). Cllr. Morris seconded. All in favour.

10. Planning Applications

01/02102	Bakery Mews	Support
01/02144	White Ways	Support

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Planning Meeting re. the improvements to West Ilsley Stables (01/00936). The proposal has now been passed with no restrictions.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Morris reported that at recent meeting of The Downland Practice Patients Representative Committee she was assured that the new telephone system soon to be installed in the surgery would offer complete confidentiality as all calls would in future be taken in a private room and not in the waiting room. At the same meeting concern was expressed by Doctor at the practice over the lack of Nursing Homes and the shortage of hospital beds. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Sally Hannon of W.B.C. expressing this concern. Copies to David Rendle (M.P.) and Alan Milburn (Health Secretary).

As Tracey Allan-Jones had resigned from the Parish Council, there was now a vacancy for a Parish Council Representative on the Board of Governors at The Ilsley's School. Cllr. Gore proposed Cllr. Morris for the position, Cllr. Bartaby seconded. All in favour.

11. Open Forum

Cllr. Gore reported that he had been approached by Alec Coles with the suggestion that the doors to The Pavilion should be replaced with something more suitable. The Parish Council as trustees agreed that new doors should be commissioned.

Cllr Bartaby reported that the recent amendments to the bus timetable had further improved the bus service in the village.

Date of Next Meeting, Monday 14th January, 2002

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45m.