

Parish Council Update

February 2005

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Village Environment Issues

It was sad to see so few at the Open Meeting on the 10th January to discuss issues that affect our village and thereby to give direction to your Parish Council. On the bright side of course it must mean everyone is pretty happy with things and many thanks to the 6 members of the village who did turn up to support us!

Summary of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 10th January

A full copy of the minutes is available on both village notice boards

The Chairman welcomed Philip Knight to the Parish Council.

Matters arising from the last minutes:

Surface water is still lying east of the horse crossing, however it has been reported to West Berks and the problem has been logged for future attention. The **'Harrow' waste bins** are still blocking the footpath, Cllr P.Smith agreed to have another word with the landlord.

Re-siting of the 30m.p.h. limit, Dist Cllr George Chandler reported that he too had had discussions with the Highways Department regarding the matter; he confirmed that the request had been logged and that further information should be available in May.

Resignation of current Clerk/Appointment of replacement Clerk Linda Gibson will cease her duties as Clerk on 31st March 2005. The Chairman welcomed Alison Banks who will be taking over the role of Clerk on 1st April. In the meantime they will work together. There will be official thanks to Linda at her last meeting, and we are sure that villagers will join us in thanking Linda for her support over the last 6 years and in particular during the period when the

team from West Berkshire Council stood in as our Parish Councillors.

Parish Precept for 2005/2006

The Parish Council set a precept of £2,345.00 - this is the amount of money which is added to our overall council tax and which the Council uses to run our local services. We have made provision for a couple of new areas this year, including a small budget for training Councillors and the Clerk so that as a village we get the best from our representatives, and we have also taken on the financial responsibility for the West Ilsley website which we feel will be increasingly important to the village in the future.

Precept 05-06

Clerk's Salary	£540.00
Insurance incl Gazebo	£400.00
Admin Expenses	£150.00
Election Expenses Reserve	£150.00
Training (Cllrs/Clerk)	£150.00
Audit	£75.00
West Ilsley News	£75.00
W.I. Website	£60.00
Berks Assoc of Local Councils	£50.00
Councillors Expenses	£50.00
Hire of Hall	£45.00
Donations	
W.I.Church Roof Appeal	£200.00
Downland Handybus	£175.00
Ilsley's Under 5's	£150.00
Downland Volunteer Group	£75.00
Total	£2,345.00

Date of next meeting
14th March 2005

☺ Speed Indicator Device ☹

Results of the 'SID' Speed Survey in the Village. Those of you who were around in the village at the beginning of November may have seen our local SID operators who were conducting a survey of car speeds through the village; the table below contains the results which have been collated by the Road Safety Team.

Date	Place	Speed Mode	Times	Direction	No of Vehicles	Average speed	85 th percentile.
01/11/04	Main Street (Old Chapel)	30 mph	15:55-17:05	West	48	34.54 mph	43.95 mph
02/11/04	Main Street (opp cricket ground)	" "	09:00-10:18	East	73	32.36 "	41.2 "
" " "	Main Street (Old Chapel)	" "	15:56-16:48	West	39	33.54 "	41.00 "
03/11/04	Main Street (opp cricket ground)	" "	08:43-10:01	East	78	31.51 "	39.00 "
04/11/04	Main Street (Lay-By Morland close)	" "	15:55-16:43	East	26	25.23 "	28.25 "

What does it mean? Well, a couple of observations to explain ...



The 85th percentile figure means that 85% of people in the period recorded were driving at less than the speed shown – so, for the first reading 85% of people heading west (into the village) past the Old Chapel were driving at less than 43.95 mp, 15% were driving faster (!) and the average speed for this period was 34.54 mph.

Interestingly, by the time the last reading was taken, the drivers had slowed so that 85% were driving at less than 28.25 mph when they passed Morland Close, but even so, 15% were going faster – it's worth remembering that the 30 mph limit is the maximum limit.