

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
West Ilsley Parish Council (“WIPC”)
held at the West Ilsley Village Hall, West Ilsley
on Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.30pm (the “Meeting”)**

Present: Rollo Duckworth (Chair)
Inna Fauler (Secretary)
Justin Gilbert
Alan Bloor
Justin Pilditch
Alan Beaumont

Apologies: Graham Woods
Anna Sugden

In attendance: Various members of the public

1 Chair and Apologies

1.1 Rollo Duckworth (“RD”) acted as Chair of the Meeting. Inna Fauler (“IF”) agreed to act as Secretary and take the minutes. RD thanked everybody for attending the Meeting.

2 Changes to Declarations of Interest and Councillors

2.1 No changes to the Declarations of Interest of the Councillors were received, nor were there any changes to the Councillors.

3 Minutes of the Meeting of the West Ilsley Parish Council held on Monday 12 November 2018

3.1 The draft minutes of the Meeting of the WIPC held on Monday 10 July 2018 (the “Minutes”) had been circulated prior to the Meeting. The draft Minutes were approved and signed by RD as a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 RD asked IF whether all the actions that had arisen from the Minutes of the previous Meeting had been completed. It was confirmed as follows:

- a) Alan Beaumont (ABe) has cleared the vegetation and dirt from the Village gates on the Cartmore road.
- b) IF wrote the email to Mr Andrew Reynolds regarding the broken drainage on the Main Street in front of the Church and it has been repaired.
- c) Alan Bloor (AB) updated the Village through the WIN regarding generator repairing. The generator has been repaired since.

Actions

IF to file the Minutes from the November 2018 Meeting in the WIPC archives.

- d) RD wrote to the West Berkshire Council regarding the footpath behind the Giles North's house. The footpath was inspected by WBC and was closed for six months as this is not safe for public to use it. WBC is doing some work for improvement of the footpath and it will be open as soon as it is safe for dog walkers and other users.

5 Correspondence

- a) Rollo Duckworth informed the Meeting that he received the information about cycling event, which took the place on the Ridgeway last year and created the problems with the car parking, the organizer of the event tries to avoid the similar problems this year. The Meeting decided to delegate this issue to Peter and David Carlaises.
- b) IF also received a letter from West Berkshire Council regarding School Holidays Dates 2020/2021 Consultation.

IF is organise to circulate the letter from WBC re school holidays through WIN

6 Community Matters

6.1 Finance:

- a) IF informed the Meeting that we were invited to submit a precept on behalf of West Ilsley Parish Council. It was discussed at the Meeting the amount of the precept RD said that West Berkshire Council suggested that we base the amount of the precept on tax base. However the Meeting decided to relay on inflation rate. So it was decided to increase the precept in 1,5 % for the next 2020/2021 year.
- b) IF presented one cheque to sigh for Rollo Duckworth (RD). The cheque is for £314.55 to West Ilsley Trust to separate the PC account money from panto ringfence money. The Parish Council hosts some money for the panto fund, but now they have been transferred RD to West Ilsley Trust account instead.

6.2 Cricket Club: The Cricket Club members (the Chairman and the Clerk) made the presentation of the new nets, which they want to purchase and install on the cricket pitch.

6.3 Fireworks: It was noted that Tony Elliot has done a great job –fireworks his year. The event went very well. The committee managed to raise nearly £600.

7 Environment and Upkeep

- 7.1 Footpaths and Bridleways: The footpath next to the Giles North's house is closed. WBC is doing work on it. The steps have been done. WBC will open it as soon as possible when it is safe to do, more useable.

8 Safety and Services

- 8.1 Roads and Gritting: It was noticed at the Meeting that the state of the pavement opposite the Village Hall in a very poor state. It also was noted by the member of public that there are huge potholes opposite the barns. The person to be contacted in connection with this matter is Andrew Reynolds.

IF is to write the letter to Mr Andrew Reynolds.

- 8.2 Refuse and waste: It was noted that, from the beginning of this month, WBC started charging each household for green bin collection. The cost was £50 per month. It is known at this date that 44% of the households have subscribed for this service.

- 8.3 Telephone and broadband, Electricity: The Meeting was informed that there was a power cut in 22 houses in the village. The village has already experienced some problems with the electricity a year ago, however the electricity company said that the problem was the birds, which sit on the electricity wire. This time they had to accept that there is a problem with a generator, which they agree to replace or repair. The company erected the temporary generator at the moment and promised to complete all works in a week time. Alan Bloor volunteer to be in contact with the Company, represent the Parish Council and inform the Village through WIN about any updates regarding this matter.

AB is inform the Village through WIN about any updates re generator repairing

- 8.4 Signage: There was again discussion regarding the road sign on Catmore Road on the entrance into the Village. The sign was covered in vegetation and difficult to see. It was also in a very poor condition. ABe agreed to clear it out.

ABe is to clear the sign on Catmore Rd from vegetation

9 Working Village

- 9.1 Rollo Duckworth inform the Meeting that David Carlise is here representing the farming and he is delighted about this. David Carlise said that he will remove the barbed wire from the cricket pitch fence and do the rails instead. He needed it to control the sheep. He also informed the Meeting that the sheep are happy and are grazing on the slopes. The new cattle have been also bought for the new year.

10 AOB

- 10.1 It has been noted that the Village needs to purchase some sand for solid bins. The West Berkshire Council stopped supplying it. Clive Hooker recommended to contact constructors, because this is cheaper than buying it from the West Berkshire Council. There are five solid bins in the Village, which needed to be refilled before winter.
- 10.2 It has been noted that the working party to tidy up the church grounds was a big success. RD said a special big thank you for David and Peter Carlise for their help.

11. Open forum

All to attend.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14 January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chair