

## DRAFT MINUTES

### West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 8th November 1999 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr R.S.Pease (Chairman), Cllrs R.Gore, C.Sheppard, N.Carlisle, A.Morris, T.Allan- Jones. L.Gibson(Clerk) J. Morgan(District Councillor) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 20th September, 1999, having been circulated to members were, after one small amendment, signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising.

Village Pond Maintenance. A request in the West Ilsley News for helpers had generated two volunteers, Mr Sean Ryan and Mr Mel Cook. The Clerk to contact them.

Best Kept Village Competition. the Organiser had replied stating that details of individual scores were not recorded. However this had highlighted a need for reviewing the scoring procedure.

Grain Dryer Noise. West Berks Council, Public Protection Department had informed the clerk that a noise consultant had surveyed the farm on 30th September. The clerk to write for results of the survey.

Street Nameplates. The Highways department had written advising that, as Bury Lane was not an officially recognised road name a poll of the residents should be taken before erecting a road name sign as this could affect the postal address. The Chairman pointed out that Bury Lane is recognised and for example appears in West Berkshire's electoral roll. Bury lane does not appear in any address. Clerk to clarify with W.B.C. The Catmore Road sign to be located on the cricket pitch side of the road. The Clerk to mark on a map the exact location of the name plates to forward to the Highways department.

Housing Needs Survey. The introductory note had missed the November deadline for the W.Ilsley News and would now appear in the December Issue. Clerk to write to the Rural Housing Trust informing them of the delay.

Crime Stoppers. The Clerk had written to the Neighbourhood Watch Area Organiser but as yet had not received a reply.

Village Parking. The Chairman had approached Major Hern with regard to the land adjacent to the Village Hall being made available for parking. Major Hern said that the land was still in use by the tenants and was therefore not available.

Parish Paths Initiative. The Parish Paths Liaison Officer wrote to say that the work on Footpath 16 would begin in early spring. The cartographer had started work on a new parish map, the first draft of which should be ready in the new year. The clerk to write to confirm that W.I. Parish Council would not be liable for any financial cost.

#### 4. Correspondence.

a. School admissions arrangements. W.B.D.C. Education Dept had written outlining plans for School Admissions 2001. The general opinion was that the system was working well and the Parish Council had no further comments.

b. Monitoring of Highway Services. Highways had written with the programme of inspections for 2000. West Ilsley inspection will be 4th week in March and 4th week in September.

c. A letter had been received from the Downland Practice asking for a contribution towards the running costs of the surgery bus. The clerk to write to the Practice for information of how many parishes use the bus and how much would they expect as a donation. The Parish Council asked the clerk to express regret that the Practice had found it necessary to make a charge for using the bus. The Parish Council will consider precepting for a donation in January 2000.

d. Overhanging Vegetation. Babtie had replied informing that they would be willing to write to residents who's trees and hedges were a nuisance or inconvenience on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to request Babtie write to the owners of No. 30 and 31 West Ilsley.

e. The Secretary of West Ilsley Recreation and Social Association had written to the Parish Council requesting a meeting to clarify some points regarding the management of the Village Hall and The Recreation Field. The Chairman requested that the Secretary put the points for clarification in writing so that the Parish Council could act as necessary.

#### 5. Millennium Celebrations

Cllr Morris reported that the recent Wine Tasting event, organised by The Harrow, had been a success. A good response had been registered so far to the New Year Party and ticket applications were going well. An application had been submitted to W.B.D.C. for a grant to fund the Gazebo. The final fund raising figures would be available in the near future. The Chairman thanked the Millennium Committee for their efforts.

At this point the Chairman moved forward to item 10.

10. Open Forum

Nothing was raised.

5. Millennium Celebrations (cont)

Gazebo As a suitable new village parking area had not yet been found, a lengthy discussion ensued as to whether the Gazebo should be relocated. Cllr Sheppard said this would involve a new or amended planning application. Concern was expressed by Cllr Gore and Cllr Allen-Jones regarding the parish councils legal position for safety in the pond area. Dist Cllr. Morgan to investigate the legal position and report back to the clerk. The Chairman expressed regret that this would delay the Gazebo project further but assured the Millennium Committee that the Parish Council were still in support of the project.

6. Planning Applications

Application 154732(Ridgeways)                      Permission granted.

Application 155418(Tythe House)                      Permission granted.

Application 155952(The Old Vicarage)                      No comments from the Parish Council

7. Reports from The Downland Conference and Annual Parish Conference

Cllr Gore apologised for not finding the time to attend the Downland Conference.

The Chairman reported from the Annual Parish Conference:

The Highways Department gave a useful report on the Highways Monitoring Pilot Scheme. The Babbie contract was due for renegotiation in April. Help and advice was available regarding I.T. including the purchase of hardware and software for the Parish Council.

8. Audit of Parish Accounts.

The clerk reported that the accounts for 1998/99 had been delivered to the finance department at West Berks Council for audit. The Clerk to meet with the Auditors on November 19th for there comments and instructions.

9. Consultation on Mobile Library Services.

A good service which was popular with parishioners. The only suggestion for improvement being that telephone requests for books may be useful. Clerk to return the questionnaire, with full support for a continuing service.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.