

# WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
West Ilsley Parish Council (“WIPC”)  
held at the West Ilsley Village Hall, West Ilsley  
on Monday 9 July 2018 at 7.30pm (the “Meeting”)**

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**Present:** Rollo Duckworth (Chair)  
Alan Beaumont  
Inna Fauler (Secretary)  
Justin Gilbert  
Graham Woods

**Apologies:** Anna Sugden  
Alan Bloor  
Justin Pilditch (being late)

**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 14 May 2018**

3.1 The draft minutes of the Meeting of the WIPC held on Monday 14 May 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. IF confirmed that the action items had been completed.

## **5 Correspondence**

5.1 RD informed the Meeting that he had received a draft of a map from West Berkshire Council (“WBC”) showing the area’s public footpaths. RD had previously sent a request to WBC asking them to replace the existing displays of the village’s maps located next to the Church and the pond. He did not think that they were correct and up to date. He said that he would keep discussing this matter with WBC.

5.2 RD also told the Meeting that he wanted to discuss the circulation of planning applications later in the Meeting, as all applications were now in electronic format due to WBC’s cost-saving proposals.

## **Actions**

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

**RD to continue discussing the Village maps with WBC.**

## 6 Community Matters

- 6.1 Finance: Alan Beaumont (“**ABe**”) informed the Meeting that he had purchased a new lawn mower for the Parish Council.
- 6.2 WIN, website and communications: There was a discussion that the Parish Council should circulate an email (via WIN) regarding how it proposed to spend the funds granted in connection with the Transparency Code.
- 6.3 Tennis Club: The Tennis Club asked the Parish Council whether it could use the Parish Council’s lawn mower to mow the bank next to the tennis court. The Cricket Club was responsible for the slope. There were no objections.
- 6.4 Fete: The fete was a success. Unfortunately not many people attended because of the hot weather, however it was still a great village event.
- 6.5 Downland Volunteer Group: RD informed the Meeting that he had attended one of the Downland Volunteer Group’s meetings. He said that the group was in need of volunteer bus drivers as its funding from WBC had been reduced.
- 6.6 Village Hall: There was a discussion that the Village Hall Committee wanted to replace the floor in the Village Hall and complete the insulation work. This would require a substantial sum of money.

**ABe to give the invoice for the new lawn mower to IF for payment.**

## 7 Environment and Upkeep

- 7.1 Planning Applications: There was discussion regarding the new electronic planning application system. As part of its cost-saving measures, from 1 April 2018 WBC would no longer be printing and sending hard copies of planning applications to local parish councils (including West Ilsley). The Planning Service would continue to send the weekly list of new planning applications and WIPC would also receive email notifications of consultation that would include a link to the application details on the Council’s web site.
- 7.2 Footpaths and Bridleways: Graham Wood (“**GW**”) informed the meeting that he had received permission from WBC to remove the tree from the playground. We now needed to find a contractor to perform the work. GW said that he would contact Ed Ryder who might be able to help, although he would need to inspect the proposed work first.
- 7.3 Playground: GW also informed the Meeting that, unfortunately, the remedial work on the playground had been delayed. The new proposed date commencement of the work was at the beginning of the school holidays. Everyone agreed with that timeframe. GW will notify the village through WIN about this matter.

**IF to write a letter to WBC regarding this matter.**

**GW to contact Ed Ryder re cutting the playground tree.**

**GW to inform the Village (via WIN) about the playground works.**

## 8 Safety and Services

- 8.1 Refuse and waste: There was a discussion about whether villagers would need pay extra for garden recycling. The decision of the WBC in this regard had not yet been released.
- 8.2 Flooding: The matter with the letter regarding the flooding from Mick Channon’s property had been resolved.

**9 Open Forum**

9.1 There were some complaints from members of the public. One of them concerned the road sign on the way to the village from Catmore Rd, apparently the sign is in poor condition. The second complaint concerned the skip in front of "Match House".

**GW to contact the owner of the house re this matter.**

**10 Date of Next Meeting**

10.1 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**All to attend.**

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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**Chair**