

## West Ilsley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00p.m. on Monday 14th May 2001.

Present: Cllrs R.Gore(Chairman) C.Sheppard, A. Morris, P. Carlisle, P.Bartaby. L.Gibson (Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. A) Cllr. Morris proposed that Cllr. Gore be re-elected as Chairman. Cllr Sheppard Seconded. Unanimously carried. B) On the nomination of Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Bartaby, Cllr. Sheppard was re-elected Vice Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Allan-Jones

3. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th March 2001, having been circulated to members, were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Village Playscheme Regarding a joint playscheme, a reply had not yet been received from the clerk to East Ilsley. It was agreed that the clerk should contact The Chairman of East Ilsley Parish Council to take the matter further.

Watermill Theatre would be grateful for publicity to be displayed in West Ilsley.

Litter Bin for Pond Area It was agreed that the clerk should place an order for a green Topsy bin and request that the existing bin be removed.

Planning Application No. 01/00090 McNicholas Construction. The application has been withdrawn and will be re-submitted siting a different location. Communication between the W.B.D.C. Planning Department and the Parish Council has been extremely poor of late. The clerk and Cllr Sheppard to draft a letter to the Planning Department requesting a more efficient service.

War Memorial Several attempts by the clerk to locate a stonemason via. the British Legion have failed. Cllr Gore to obtain a quote from another source.

5. Correspondence.

Post Office Network. For information only, no action to be taken.

Parish Paths Clearance. Following a request from W.B.D.C. for assistance with the expected extra workload in footpath clearance, Cllr. Gore stated that he would take on the contract for routine maintenance of footpath BR9. Clerk to inform Simon Barnett, Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

Land Use Consultants. Following the receipt of a document sent personally to Cllr Gore regarding the future of the countryside and of A.O.N.B, it was agreed that he would contact Land Use Consultants requesting that the Parish Council be kept informed of future plans.

6. Village Parking Cllr Sheppard had written to Tom Ingram of the Highways Department to gain support for a parking lay-by in the Catmore Road to ease some of the parking problems

in the village. Tom Ingram had replied stating that in his opinion this was not a suitable site and suggested the Farnborough Road as a possible alternative. Clerk to write to Mr Ingram to suggest a site meeting.

7. Modernising Decision Making Following an invitation from W.B.D.C. requesting the Parish Council state a preferred option including and comments, regarding the future of Local Government. Cllr Gore, to meet the deadline, had replied stating a preference for Leader and Cabinet style Council but not really happy with any of the choices. He stated that the Parish Council could not see the need for change and expressed concerns of uneven representation. The Parish Council agreed that it will be a government decision and no further action could be taken.

8. Parish Council's Accounts year ended 31st March 2001. After circulation to members Cllr. Bartaby proposed, Cllr. Morris seconded that the accounts be accepted and submitted, when required, for audit. Unanimously carried. The Chairman duly signed the accounts.

9. Cheque Signatories. Cllr Morris proposed and Peter Bartaby seconded that the three cheque signatories remain as Cllrs. Gore, Sheppard and Carlisle.

10. Accounts for Payment. B.A.L.C. £40.00 (Annual Membership)  
Cornhill Insurance £156.51 (Policy Renewal)

Cllr Sheppard proposed, Cllr. Bartaby seconded. Motion carried unanimously. At this point Cllr Morris asked that the Gazebo be added to the insurance policy and Cllr Gore asked that the clerk check the amount of public liability cover.

11. Council Meetings for the Coming Year. The following dates were agreed: 9th July, 10th September, 12th November, 14th January, 11th March, 13th May (Annual Parish Meeting and Assembly).

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50.p.m.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 9th July at 7.00p.m.