

West Ilsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 8th July 2013

Present: Sean Ryan, Alan Bloor, Rollo Duckworth, Anna Sugden, John Mountford and Alison Banks. 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Dries Hagen and Jo Scriven
2. To receive any changes to Declarations
None received.
3. To receive and if approved confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 13th May 2013.
Signed as a true record.
4. Co option of Alan Beaumont as Parish Councillor. Proposed by Sean Ryan and Seconded by John Mountford.
5. GUEST SPEAKER – Tessa Hall Community Council for Berkshire

Tessa Hall introduced the Community Led Plan, which follows on from the Parish Plan, which many villages have completed. In West Ilsley we are part way to completing our Parish Plan (now to be known as Community Led Plan).

In short West Ilsley have a completed questionnaire and have conducted consultation with the village. Tessa urged us to progress and draw up an action plan containing several SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time appropriate) objectives. This, together with the questionnaire results and some village detail could be submitted to West Berks Council as our Community Led Plan. In addition we would need an active Plan team to progress our objectives. Tessa confirmed that up to £5K was available each year for objectives acceptable to them.

All agreed that this was an excellent target and a small Plan Team was formed as follows: (Ideally 2-3 Parish Councillors and 3 villagers)
Rollo Duckworth, Anna Sugden, Tony Elliott, Ian Fewtrell-Smith and Steve Cobrin.

Projects being considered for the Action Plan : Village Hall modernisation, A Church project, Play Area – additional equipment, tennis court tree removal/new hedging/wind break plus others as detailed in the questionnaire.

6. Matters Arising – to be taken in the meeting

7. Correspondence received - None

8. Village Hall

The Clerk provided an update. A first meeting took place on 11th June and a second is scheduled for 16th July. A small group have formed and have invited Wendy Dacey, the Village Hall's advisor from CCB to attend. Cllr Duckworth will attend as the Parish Councillor (plus The Clerk and Cllr Hagen).

9. Broadband Improvements

Steve Cobrin reported that the budget for the whole Superfast Broadband project has risen to £4m. It will now need to be re-tendered which will set back the project deadline by 2 months. Still hoping for some results by 2015.

10. Transport and Safety

PC Matt Allen had been out in the village with his speed camera and caught a few offenders speeding. The SID data was useful and will be repeated. Pressure was still being put on the Highways committee to consider moving the 30mph up the hill and moving the 30 illuminated sign to the bottom of the hill. Cllr Mountford and Tony Elliott were progressing.

11. Environmental matters

None raised.

12. Cricket/Play Area/Tennis Club

None raised.

13. Accounts for payment/receipts received

None raised

14. West Ilsley Trust – requests for donations

None raised

15. Planning Applications

None

16. AOB

The new Churchway Road surface (gravel) was discussed and The Chairman mentioned that he had received 2 complaints following the recent purchase and laying of gravel by several residents. The waste lorries were struggling to get through and Elaine Cox from West Berks was concerned that as a Byway, pedestrians and those with pushchairs might struggle too. The gravel has since been thinned.

17. Open Forum

Fireworks – a location for these was still being discussed with the local farmers.

The next meeting is on Monday September 9th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.