

## West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 10th September, 2001 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs R.Gore (Chairman) T.Allan-Jones, P.Bartaby, P.Carlisle, L.Gibson(Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Morris, Cllr Sheppard.

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 9th July, 2001, having been circulated to members, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising.

War Memorial A second, much higher quote had been received by Cllr. Gore. On the strength of which Cllr Gore took the decision to proceed with the earlier quote from A.G.Wright. A cheque for £200 had been paid as a deposit against the work. Cllr Bartaby made a proposal that the action of the Chairman be confirmed. Cllr Allan-Jones seconded. All in favour. The repairs should take place within a week or two weather permitting.

Litter Bin for Pond Area the Green Topsy bin is now in place. Cllr Carlisle proposed that a cheque for £161.42 be sent to W.B.D.C. Cllr Bartaby seconded. All in favour.

Audit Recommendations have now been carried out where appropriate.

4. Correspondence

W.B.D.C. Flooding the Highways department had sent a another plan of action for the area re-iterating that work would be carried out when funding had been secured. Clerk to write to Mark Edwards of Highways expressing disappointment as the original promise was for the work to be carried out in 2001. District Cllr. Morgan to contact Mark Edwards for any further news.

Funding for Social Services a briefing note from W.B.D.C. highlighting the low level of funding received by the Council. Cllr. Bartaby suggested that W.I.P.C. write to the Secretary of State for Health supporting W.B.C. case for fairer funding. Clerk to do so.

5. Village Parking

There had been no reply to the letter to Greene King. Clerk to write again with a copy to landlady of the Harrow. Cllr Bartaby expressed concern regarding cars and vans parking partially on the footways in the village pointing out that this was both inconvenient and potentially dangerous. After much discussion as to whether to involve the police it was decided that a request for careful parking be placed in the West Ilsley News.

6. Future arrangements for the Village Post Office.

The Post Mistress Audrey Tizzard is to retire at the end of November. Stephanie and Gary Taylor have expressed an interest in taking over the Post Office and renting the P.O. house. The landlord (the Agent for The Privy Purse) has stated that, for the first time, a rent may be

payable for the Post Office area. The Taylor's asked for support from W.I.P.C. The Chairman suggested that the clerk write with some urgency to the Agents, H.W.Dean and Son expressing concern that the Post Office may have to close as it would not be economically viable were a rent to be charged. All in favour.

7. Audit Invoice

An invoice value £333.47 (11 hours work) for the 1999/2000 audit has been received. The Council agreed that this seemed to be rather high. The Clerk agreed to liaise with other local Clerks as Cllr Morgan believed they were withholding payment. It was agreed to hold the invoice for the time being.

8. Planning Applications

01/01265	The Barracks	Opposed due to poor access and an increase in heavy traffic
01/01378	Land by Keepers Barn	Opposed on grounds of over development
01/01379	Land by Keepers Barn	Support with several provisos
01/01791	1, Fir Tree Paddock	Support
01/01800	The Malthouse	Support

Any Other Business

Cllr. Bartaby suggested that the Council request that the Highways Department mark the road to indicate that there is a bus stop on the corner of Bury Lane and Main Street to prevent parking in that area. Clerk to write. There are now six buses in each direction through West Ilsley. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bartaby for his efforts regarding the reinstatement of the bus service.

Cllr Bartaby suggested that 'The Open Forum' should be placed at the beginning of the meeting. After much discussion it was agreed that it should stay as the last item but not at a specified time.

Cllr. Allan-Jones informed the Council that this would be her last meeting as she is moving away from the area. She reported the draft constitutions for the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground were in the final stages. The Chairman thanked her for her efforts in this and also for the service she had given to the Council over the past few years. Clerk to advertise the vacancy in the W.I.News.

9. Open Forum

From the floor, a Parishioner asked if there had been a decision on the planning application on the land by Keepers Barn. There had not. Cllr Morgan stated that should the Council be unhappy with any future planning decisions, they should contact him urgently and he would request that the decision be taken to Committee. He also informed the Council that the Planning Department was now operating much more efficiently and that delays were now minimal.

Date of Next Meeting, Monday 12th November, 2001

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

