

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
West Ilsley Parish Council (“WIPC”)
held at the West Ilsley Village Hall, West Ilsley
on Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.30pm (the “Meeting”)**

Present: Rollo Duckworth (Chair)
Alan Bloor
Justin Pilditch
Alan Beaumont
Inna Fauler (Secretary)
Justin Gilbert

Apologies: Anna Sugden
Graham Woods (available to attend by Skype, but not required)
Clive Hooker (District Councillor)

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 and noted the apologies received.

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 11 September 2017

3.1 The draft minutes of the Meeting of the WIPC held on Monday 11 September 2017 (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 most of the action items had been completed, as noted below:

- RD notified the Meeting that the property next to the Harrow is now for sale. There is still a problem with the entrance onto the property;
- Graham Woods (“GW”) will report regarding the playground at the next meeting in January 2018;
- RD notified the Meeting that he had researched the law regarding the presence of drones and public nuisance and could not find anything specific. There were only “Civil Aviation Authority”, which we would not be able to enforce in any case;

Actions

IF to file the Minutes from the September 2017 Meeting in the WIPC archives.

- The question regarding flooding in the Village and the potential resolution of the problem by remedial action on Mike Channon's property was still open.

Alan Beaumont and IF to write a gentle letter to Mike Channon.

5 Correspondence

5.1 IF noted that there were no items of correspondence received.

6 Community Matters

6.1 Finance: IF confirmed that she written cheques for:

- £654 (+ £125 VAT) for the Village Hall garage door; and
- £144 for maintenance of the Village website.

6.2 WIN, website and communications: Nothing to report.

6.3 Church: RD informed the Meeting that the church café, which had been organized in the Church one Sunday a month, had continued to be a big success.

6.4 Village Hall: Alan Bloor ("ABI") informed the Meeting that he had purchased a new garage door for the Village Hall. There was also a new sign for the Village Hall and the outside decorations are almost finished.

6.5 Fireworks: RD said that the fireworks evening on 5 November had been really good. He praised Tony Elliot for the excellent work.

6.6 West Ilsley Trusts: RD informed the Meeting about the various West Ilsley village trusts which he had found out about online recently. Firstly, the West Ilsley Parish Council Trust: this fund had been created mainly for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator, and had not been used for the last 2-3 years. Secondly, the West Ilsley Recreation and Social Association: the main purpose of this trust was management of the Village Hall, fund raising and organizing village activities. Lastly, the West Ilsley Relief in Need Charity: its main activity was to give Christmas donations to needy people of the Village. The Charity trustees were Mrs. A. M. Butterworth and Mr. Clive Hooker.

7 Environment and Upkeep

7.1 Planning Applications: The previous planning application for the renovation of the Carlisle 's barn into a dwelling house had been approved.

7.2 Footpaths and Bridleways: RD informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from Geoff Wood with a complaint about the footpath behind the Maltings. Mr. Wood considered that some residents had unlawfully appropriated public land when relocating their property fences and had written in this regard with respect to GW's property. ABI said that he thought that the footpath was walkable, and that we should leave matters as they were. It was agreed that RD would write a letter to GW, asking him for background information in relation to the construction of his new fence.

RD to write a letter to Geoff Wand in response.

7.3 In subsequent correspondence, GW explained fully why he had moved his fence, and this confirmed that the relevant land regulations had been observed. The question was now resolved.

7.4 Playground: The Meeting agreed to implement GW's recommendations for the repair of the playground. RD again thanked GW for his work and persistence on

GW to report on further work regarding

this topic.

the playground.

8 Safety and Services

8.1 Speeding: Justin Gilbert (“**JG**”) agreed to prepare a draft letter asking people to voluntarily observe a 20 mph speed limit and circulate it to villagers. A member of the public had complained that the vegetation around the road sign obscured the vision of this sign outside JG’s house. JG agreed to tidy it up.

JG will prepare a draft message regarding a voluntary 20 mph speed limit and circulate to the Village via WIN.

8.2 Refuse and waste: A member of public complained about a skip in front of Match Box House. It has been there for a while. Mel Cook said that it might go soon. It was agreed to wait for a while before discussing further.

8.3 Telephone and broadband: It was discussed that there had been many power cuts in the Village recently. ABI said that the problem would be resolved very soon and each household would receive a letter of apology and explanation about that.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 There was a discussion about a crash into Old Chapel House and how this had happened. No one really knew the circumstances surrounding this.

10 Open Forum

10.1 Mel Cook asked whether the PC had any issue with the PVFF setting themselves up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The PVFF primarily intended to do so as it was seeking funding from various bodies to undertake various projects and would have to be accountable for the monies they spent, etc. There were no objections.

10.2 Also there was a discussion that some parts of the defibrillator needed to be replaced.

10.3 It was noted that the Highways Authority had approved that the slip roads for the A34 should be improved, and that this would hopefully reduce accidents on this road.

11 Date of Next Meeting

11.1 The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 8 January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

All to attend.

11.2 There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chair