

Parish Council Update

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Village Environment Issues

Have you got an issue, question, idea about our village environment?

The speed of the traffic is something a lot of people have spoken to us about.

A play area for the children in the village, is this important to you?

If so now is your chance to tell us what you think!!

We would like to invite you along to an open meeting to put forward all your ideas, thoughts, and questions. From this we will set up a working party to begin to address them.

So if you want to have your say come along to the meeting on

**Monday 10th January,
In the Village Hall**
(After the Parish Council meeting)
At 8.00pm

If you can't make it you can still put forward your thoughts etc by contacting anyone of us by phone or e-mail.



☺ Speed Indicator Device ☹

As most of you are probably aware, (hopefully by getting a smiley face from SID,) we have been checking the speed of the traffic entering the village at both the Harrow end, coming in from Farnborough and the Chapel end, coming in from East Ilsley.

Our initial results have showed that a high percentage of traffic speeds into the village, with speeds averaging above 35mph. No surprise there we hear you say, maybe not, but what is surprising is that although those coming in from Farnborough in the mornings were obviously not villagers and were mostly male! Those coming in from East Ilsley in the afternoons were mostly villagers and predominantly females – so come on you mums we know you are dashing back from picking the kids up and have got dinner to prepare plus a million and one other things, but if we as villagers don't take heed of the speed limit how can we expect others to!!

As soon as we have the full results from the road safety team we will publish them.

As an initial strategy we have written to the Highways department requesting that they discuss moving the 30mph limit signs further out of the village at their next review panel meeting which is early in the New Year.

We'll keep you posted.

Vacancy for a Clerk

After almost six years as clerk to West Ilsley Parish Council I will be 'retiring' from the position at the end of March 2005.

Is anyone out there interested in filling the vacancy?

No experience is necessary; I took on the job without ever having attended a Parish Council meeting of any description! Obviously some computer skills are useful as minute recording and some correspondence are part of the job. The post carries a small salary and all expenses are reimbursed.

If anyone would like more information, please call me on **200242** for an informal chat. It would be good to have someone in place before March so as to have a 'hand over period'.

Linda Gibson.

Clerk to West Ilsley.

EXTRACTS FROM THE
**Minutes of the Parish Council
Meeting**

Monday 8th November, 2004

Full copies of the minutes can be found on the Village Notice boards

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

West Ilsley News - Running Costs - £37.04

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/02143 4 The Maltings No Objections

MATTERS ARISING

Further to a letter to the Highways Dept, various potholes in the village had now been filled. There was still a problem with surface water lying east of the horse crossing near the substation. Clerk to write to Highways to highlight the problem.

Newbury and Community NHS Trust A.G.M. 16th September. Cllr Hagen attended the meeting at which he was assured that there are to be no changes in the service offered by G.P's and that it would still be possible to call a doctor after hours. The Annual Report and minutes are available from the Clerk.

Annual Risk Assessment. It was agreed that the War Memorial, being the Council's only asset, should be regularly checked for safety. Other risks are covered by insurance.

There had been little response from Cllr Ryan's suggestion to make more use of e-mail within the village. He will again attempt to generate interest via the W.I.N.

Harrow bins on the footpath had been moved to be less of an obstruction but were still unsightly. Situation to be monitored.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Mobile Library, times are now displayed on the village notice board.

Temporary prohibition of driving on the Ridgeway, a ban on driving will commence on 12th November 2004 and will remain in force until 31st March 2005 on various stretches of the Ridgeway. More details if required from the clerk.

Winter Service Plan 2004/2005 Copy with the clerk.

Manor Farm planning application, an appeal to the Secretary of State is in process.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following applications were received for the year 2005/2006. The proposed amounts will be considered further at the January meeting when the full precept is considered.

Downland Surgery Handybus	£175.00
W.I. Church Roof appeal	£200.00
Downland Volunteer Group	£ 75.00
Ilsley's Under 5's	£150.00

An appeal from the Ilsley School is on hold, awaiting more details of the project.