

# Ilmington Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held in Ilmington Community Shop on 24 February 2022 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Karen Peachey (Chairman), Geoff Davies, and Martin Underwood

**In attendance:** County Councillor Isobel Seccombe, Pauline Rigby (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that Cllr Rob Hawkins had submitted his resignation.

Cllr Rob Heritage sent his apologies.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

### 3. County and District Council Reports

County Councillor Secombe reported:

- Warwickshire County Council (WCC) set a tax rise of 3.75%, of which 2% is for adult social care and 1.75% is council tax. The tax base [the number of properties paying council tax] was higher than expected so they have been able to limit the increase.
- Also, they have set out their new council plan, to create an environment to help people have the best lives and address the long-term challenge of climate change.
- A peer review is underway, where other local authorities review their operations.

Cllr Underwood asked which parts of the County strategic plan were of most relevance to parish councils. Cllr Seccombe said their covid response involved working closely with local councils which really strengthened their bond with communities and they wanted to build on this. Shared objectives include climate change initiatives, including the Green Shoots Fund, support for vulnerable people, and economic support

Cllr Peachey thanked Cllr Seccombe for her help and support over the flooding issue.

There was no report from the District Councillor as he was not in attendance.

### 4. Public Forum

The Chairman of Ilmington Pavilion Association spoke at length about the safety works that have been undertaken by the Association over the past couple of years. The three members of the association are currently the Bowls Club, Cricket Club and Tempo (running) and the membership fee is set to cover the costs of operating the building. Last year the Pavilion Association was fortunate to receive a covid business grant which is funding some further improvements. The main project is to replace the carpet with new flooring that is more suitable for the activities that take place. Water heaters have been installed in the kitchen under the sinks so that hot water is always available. They are also hoping to install new ceilings and humidity controlled extractor fans in the ladies showers and have taken on a project manager for the task.

He wanted to make the Council aware of an issue with the guttering, which the Council agreed to attend to.

A resident spoke about missing waymarkers on the footpath approaching end of Frog Lane and shared some historical maps of the area. Cllr Seccombe suggested that the parish council write to the WCC Locality Officer to confirm the status of the footpath.

## **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 20 January 2022 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **6. Casual Vacancy**

There are were no applications for co-option to the parish council.

## **7. Planning Matters**

To note planning decisions at variance with the views of the parish council:

- 7.1 21/03761/FUL: Brookfield House Back Street Ilmington CV36 4LJ – Erection of detached oak framed car port.

Council had no objection. Stratford District Council refused this application.

To note responses to applications made between meetings by the Clerk in consultation with members under the council's scheme of delegation:

- 7.2 21/03845/FUL: Compton Scorpion Farm, Compton Scorpion Barn Compton Scorpion Road Compton Scorpion Ilmington CV36 4PJ Conversion and extension of an existing agricultural buildings to a new dwelling including associated works and landscaping.

Comment: No objection with the following comments. The power supply should be underground. The materials used for the driveway should match the existing as far as possible. In light of the previous planning application, members would have reservations about commercial use of these premises given the status inside an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the narrow public highways in the area.

- 7.3 /21/02017/FUL: Land At Crimsote, Wimpstone – Erection of a ground mounted solar farm, associated works and ancillary infrastructure, including battery storage containers, access tracks, inverter units, customer cabin, underground cables and grid connection substation. (Additional information from applicant).

Comment: No representation.

- 7.4 21/03970/FUL and 21/03971/LBC: Park Farm Frog Lane Ilmington CV36 4LQ – Create a new dining room extension, internal alterations and replacement of modern front door.

Comment: No objection

To agree comments on planning applications:

- 7.5 22/00206/TREE: Campden Close Campden Hill Ilmington CV36 4JF – T1 - copper beech - Reduce branches from 12metres to 9metres, to clear overhead cables.

Comment: Object, without confirmation from the utility provider that this work is necessary then the council would not approve.

- 7.6 22/00315/TREE: Highcroft Campden Hill Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4JF – T1 - cherry - Lower limb to be removed due to canker.

Comment: No objection.

- 7.7 22/00482/FUL: Cotswold House Campden Hill Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4JF – Construction of detached triple garage in lieu of approved double garage (ref 19/02311/FUL).
- 7.8 22/00406/LBC: Shady Side Middle Street Ilmington Warwickshire CV36 4LS – Replacement windows and creation of bathroom within attic.

Notice of the above two applications above had been received after publication of the agenda. It was agreed that Members needed more time to consider these applications and convene the Planning Working Group to discuss their response.

## **8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Council had received a number of enquiries asking about plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Proposals received from the community included an evening of entertainment on Friday 3 June at The Red Lion, and a Jubilee picnic on Upper Green on Sunday 5 June organised by Ilmington Community Shop.

It was RESOLVED that permission be granted for Ilmington Community Shop to hold a Jubilee picnic on Upper Green on Sunday 5 June 2022.

Stratford District Council deals with road closures for events and have waived the fees for Jubilee street parties. The Clerk has forwarded details to the Shop Manager.

The Shop Manager had also asked if the Council could help with entertainment at their event. Councillors said they were open to the idea of providing a grant toward entertainment and invited the Community Shop to provide details and possible options.

Councillors said they are keen to support the Queen's Green Canopy.

It was also agreed that the Council would host a page on its website with information about the Jubilee celebrations in the village and share via Ilmington 20:20 newsletter.

## **9. Ilmington Playing Fields**

*Minute 8 of 20 January 2022 refers.*

Council discussed the scope of works for improvements to the dog exercise area. Cllr Peachey had been for a site visit with a resident and reported that spoil from the car park excavations has been dumped in this area and is now covered in nettles. If the spoil was removed then the grass could be reinstated. Fencing will be required to keep dogs in, along with pedestrian and maintenance gates. Councillors thought that post and rail fencing with deer mesh would be most appropriate. Quotes to be obtained.

Cllr Underwood offered to write grant applications for the project.

## **10. Doms' Planation**

Cllr Underwood presented his report, which had been previously circulated. He had identified two issues: first, managing the trees, in particular identifying the protected trees and second, improving access to the site. Cllr Davies has been speaking with the adjacent landowner, to see if he would allow a permissive footpath. Fencing on the roadside edge of the site would prevent children running out onto the road.

It was noted that there is a fallen tree in Doms' Plantation, another on Upper Green that came down the recent storms, and a dead Elm at the entrance to the playing field.

## **11. Finance**

- 11.1 Council received the bank reconciliation to 31 January 2022 with a balance of £41,700.40 in the current account. There is £375.02 in the playground fund.

11.2 Council received the budget monitoring report to date.

11.3 It was RESOLVED that payments be approved in the sum of £1,066.91, according to the schedule below. [Shipston Home Nursing approved at minute 13.2 below.]

It was noted that the Council is paying the water bill for the benefit of the pavilion.

Date	Payee	In respect of	Amount	Authority
25-Jan	WaterPlus	Water charges*	£ 277.60	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
07-Feb	WALC	Training course	£ 48.00	LGA 1972 s111
24-Feb	Shipston Home Nursing	Donation	£ 300.00	LGA 1972 s137
28-Feb	Staff costs	February salary	£ 441.31	LGA 1972 s112

\* Already paid

TOTAL £ 1,066.91

## 12. Member reports

12.1 Village Hall Committee: Cllr Peachy reported that a quiz night is planned on 9 April.

12.2 Cllr Davies: The tree works tender documents are ready to send. He volunteered to obtain quotations for dealing with dead and dying trees on council land and it was agreed that this could be dealt with between meetings as an urgent issue.

12.3 Cllr Heritage was not in attendance. The playground inspections and replacement of the metal swing were discussed at this point. It was suggested that the Council set up a JustGiving page and invite donations for new equipment.

12.4 Cllr Underwood: his report had been covered at minute 10 above.

## 13. Correspondence

Council received correspondence and agreed the following response:

13.1 Stour Health and Wellbeing Project: Support for seated exercise classes. Information has been passed on to the Village Hall.

13.2 Donation request from Shipston Home Nursing.

It was RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be made to Shipston Home Nursing and payment be instructed with the others this month.

13.3 WALC request for feedback on Government Levelling Up white paper. Members did not have any comments but will keep the matter under review.

## 14. Future Agenda Items

To be added: Council stand at Village Show in August, JustGiving Page.

## 15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 31 March at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:30 pm.

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: \_\_\_\_\_