

Ilmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2019

Present: 10 Parishioners, three Members of the Parish Council (Cllrs Osborne, Peachy and Hawkins) and Cllr I Seccombe from Warwickshire County Council.

AGENDA

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2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 31 May 2018. The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2018 were approved as a true record.
3. Reports from community organisations

Community Shop Committee – Karen Dakin reported as follows:

- the shop is a cooperative with 400+ members and there is an intention to issue a further share issue to increase this number;
- Annual turnover is circa £25,000 and achieves a break even position;
- Donations and fundraising support improvements and maintenance which has included: lighting renewal, outside furniture, improvements to car park and are there are plans to purchase a vegetable and fruit chiller this being part of an initiative towards reduction in waste and stock control and replace the office computer;
- Future fundraising include 'Midsummer ?? at the Manor in June;
- The café is continuing to grow and has recently received a 5* Environmental Health review and gets good feedback on Trip Advisor;
- Both the shop and café rely on volunteers and there is a constant need to increase their number;
- Local suppliers are used where possible.

Finally, thanks were given to all those who support the shop whether by donation, volunteering or using the shop and café.

Ilmington Show Committee : Fred Edmonds reported:

- The 2018 show was very successful which enabled donations to be made to Six Parishes Magazine, Ilmington Bowls Club – towards automated watering system, Playing Field Equipment Renewal (?Grace's Fund?) Ilmington Morris Men and Flowers of Ilmington, Warwickshire Air Ambulance, Friends of Ellen Badger Hospital, Ilmington War Memorial and Ilmington Community Shop;
- Planning commenced for the 2019 show in October 2018 and stalls are available at £12 and tables at £3. Volunteers would be welcome.

Wednesday Club Mrs Clifford reported:

- a successful year with a growing bank balance of over £1,000 resulting from fundraising including Bric a Brac stall at Ilmington Show (raising £400), book sales and lunches;
- There are approximately 30 members aged 55 – 97 years and more would be welcomed;
- Fundraising subsidises such things as Christmas lunch, steam train outing and a ride on the Stratford big wheel;
- Visiting speakers have covered such topics as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hearing Dogs, mental health, life as a vicar and antiques restoration;

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Jan Sherwood reported:

- Results from the Regulation 14 consultation held 12 months ago have been reflected in subsequent version of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- Stratford District Council Regulation 16 consultation commences on 16 May and concludes on 28 June at 5.00;
- Copies of the NP are available at both pubs and a full consultation pack is available at the Community Shop – this including a number of other documents such as the Strategic Environmental Assessment report and the results of the Regulation 14 consultation. Comment forms are available at the shop though SDC would prefer to receive comments electronically;
- Once the current consultation is complete the NP will be assessed by an independent examiner who will make recommendations/comment which may result in further changes prior to it being submitted for a referendum. If more than 50% of the electorate who vote vote for it then it will be 'made' and its content must be taken into account by the Planning Authority. Until that point it gains increasing weight with the Planning Authority with each stage in the process.

Finally, Jan thanked parishioners for their support and patience.

Village Hall Committee: Bryan Clifford reported:

- Objectives of the Trusteeship are that the hall should be for the benefit of the community of Ilmington and surrounding areas and to offer opportunity for attendance at social and educational events.
- Regular groups include pilates, children's dance, morris dancing, art, cinema, drama and horticulture. In addition the hall is used for ad hoc and family events.
- Income has fallen by 10% in the last year whilst costs continue to rise.
- Hire income covers day to day running costs but fundraising events (including discos, quizzes etc) are required to cover improvements which have, in the last 12 months included replacing chairs, decorating the hall, essential electrical system upgrades. Planned improvements include landscaping, external decorating and installation of ceiling fans to improve circulation of heat.
- Trustee obligations have been documented and passed to all trustees.

- Upcoming events include a jazz evening as part of Shipston Proms and a stand up comedy evening.

Ilmington Defibrillator Group: Fiona Shanks reported:

- National changes to Ambulance Service processes has led to a reduction in call outs;
- Volunteer numbers are down to 9 and an appeal was made for potential volunteers to come forward;
- A training event on how to use the equipment is being organised (not solely for volunteers but to enable use of the publically available defibrillators sited at the village hall, school and playing field);

A query was raised as to whether general first aid training in addition to defibrillator training might make the volunteer role more appealing and this led to discussion regarding the pros, cons and potential issues.

Playing Field Committee: Rob Hawkins reported:

- Spraying has been completed (it was confirmed that this was done by a suitably qualified operative);
- Contractors are ready to slit and sand playing surfaces and this will be repeated in the autumn – to aid drainage;
- Clubs are suffering from lack of coaches.

Pavilion Association : Gerald Osborne reported

- the Bowls and Cricket Clubs are the main drivers of the association with support from others;
- they are not seeking to compete with village hall for hirings and marketing is low key and aimed at those using the sports facilities;
- There has been a reduction in ????????

Ilmington Tennis Club: Malcolm Lowe had submitted a report:

- Membership is circa 80;
- The replacement of floodlights is still planned but further funds are sought to enable this;
- The coaching programme is still in place run by i2c Coaching.

4. **District Councillor**– Not covered due to Cllr Fitter being unavailable.

5. **County Councillor:** Cllr Seccombe reported:

- There have been fairly major changes in staff including appointment of new Chief Executive, and organisational structure based around clear division between strategy and delivery;
- The Council is driving modernism in a number of ways and this is reflected in a new website which is more user friendly.

- Challenges continue with increased demand and decreasing income but proud that in financial balance in 2017-18.
- Council functions include libraries, museums, records office, Social Services, those schools which are not academies, special educational needs, highways and footpaths;
- Key priorities are to drive the local economy and to look after vulnerable people.

6. **Ilmington Parish Council:** Councillor Osborne reported achievements as:

- Reconstruction of half the playing field parking area to prevent ingress of flood water with plans to reconstruct the other half in the future;
- Working with WCC to widen road on Grump Street (paid for and carried out by WCC) and there are plans in place to protect the bank from being driven on.
- Reinstatement of offset gate at Webbs Lane with generous support of a benefactor;
- Installation of nameplates showing historic names of thoroughfares within the village to preserve their identity. Playground equipment needing repair and replacement.
- Future priorities include replacement of some playground equipment.

A query was raised regarding who was undertaking weed spraying around the village including Ballards Lane and around the Bowling Green and Tennis Courts. In response it was stated that this could be Stratford District Council (on footpaths) but no answer could be given in respect of that at the Playing Fields.

7. **Issues of particular local importance**

- A query was raised regarding Severn Trent services and the invitation to them to attend a public forum to answer queries/hear concerns regarding both water supply and sewage discharge. Cllr Osborne responded that sewage discharge is a long standing problem and remedial actions were taken in 2005 which were considered temporary. The Council has invited them to attend a meeting and response had been that the invitation would be passed to the public relations – nothing further has been heard but there is every intention to follow up on this matter.