

# Ilmington Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held in Ilmington Community Shop on 26 February 2026 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Chris Plyming (Vice Chair, in the chair), Lara Lowe, Malcolm Lowe, and Martin Underwood

**In attendance:** Pauline Rigby (Clerk)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllr Karen Peachey.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Underwood declared an interest in item 7.4, his expenses claim for the survey.

### 3. County and District Council Reports

County Cllr David Curtis had sent his apologies and a written report.

Cllr Paul Harrison had also sent apologies and a written report. The report highlighted consultations on the Local Enforcement Plan, deadline of 4 March, and the Interim Policy Position Statement on the five-year Housing Land Supply, deadline of 9 March. Cllr Plyming encouraged councillors to review and consider responding to the consultations.

### 4. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 22 January 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and they were duly signed.

### 6. Planning Applications: To agree responses to planning applications.

#### 6.1 To report planning decisions at variance with the views of the Council.

Permission refused. 25/02885/FUL: Structural repairs and partial re-building of a Grade II listed barn at Compton Scorpion Farm.

Application withdrawn. 26/00005/TREE: Quaint End Front Street Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4LN -T1 ash - Fell.

#### 6.2 26/00341/TREE: St Marys Church Ilmington - T23 scots pine - Fell - T25 yew - Prune heavily [...] - T26 Irish yew - Prune heavily [...] - T27 Irish yew - Prune [...]

Comment: NO OBJECTION.

#### 6.3 Any applications notified since publication of the agenda.

There were none.

### 7. Mabels Farm Working Group

#### 7.1 To discuss and approve Terms of Reference for the Mabels Farm Working Group.

A draft had been circulated. The following amendments were discussed and agreed:

- Clause 2: replace “oversee” with “scrutinise”.
- Clause 4: delete “of” and include “up to 10 members”.

- Clause 5.3: half of members must be present or three, whichever is greater.
- Delete clause 5.5.
- Refer to Chair rather than Chairman throughout.

It was RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference as amended be approved.

7.2 To appoint members to the Working Group.

A report listing the group membership had been circulated. The group comprises 10 residents with relevant experience and qualifications and is considered a strong team. Cllrs Plyming and Underwood will serve as the councillor members of the group, with Cllr Lara Lowe attending as an observer.

7.3 To receive a report on the Public Meeting in the Village Hall on 9th February.

Cllr Plyming reported that the meeting had been well attended, with an estimated 120 people. Cllr Underwood had given a presentation on the two access options, followed by a public Q&A and feedback. Attendees had been invited to join the Mabels Farm Advisory Group and the parish council. Slides and a meeting summary have been published on the council website.

7.4 To retrospectively approve the village survey on the proposed access and consider the associated printing expenses claim.

Cllr Underwood had declared an interest and recused himself.

It was RESOLVED that the village survey on the proposed access and associated printing expenses of £21.95 be approved.

Cllr Underwood returned to the room

7.5 To receive preliminary results from the survey.

Cllr Plyming explained that the results were still being analysed, but should be ready for discussion at the Mabels Farm Advisory Group meeting on Thurs 5 March. All written comments would be read and analysed.

The Clerk was asked to write to WPDG and Warwickshire County Council to facilitate an introduction to the advisory group.

## 8. Ilmington Playing Fields

8.1 To consider an event application for the Tempo Trail Races in May 2026.

Further information had been received, and it had been clarified that camping is only for the organiser's campervan for one night in case racers arrive late.

It was RESOLVED that the event application be approved with permission for one campervan.

8.2 To consider request for approval in principle of Tempo Winter Series 2026-27.

It was RESOLVED that approval in principle was given.

Council would require a fully completed Event Application form in due course.

8.3 To resolve to retire the Playing Fields Committee (constitution dated 15 January 2006) and confirm that responsibility for the playing fields rests with the Council.

It was RESOLVED that Playing Fields Committee be formally retired.

- 8.4 To consider a request from Wellesbourne Cricket Club for a season fee reduction owing to additional pitch care costs.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to negotiate an appropriate pro-rata reduction for both clubs.

## 9. Grace's Playground

- 9.1 To receive the routine playground inspection reports and agree actions arising.

The Clerk reported that she conducted the last inspection on 23 January 2026, when caps were fitted to the parallel bars, and that a suitable person is still required to undertake more frequent checks. Any contractor must have appropriate training and insurance, although volunteers may be covered under the council's insurance.

## 10. Finance & Admin

- 10.1 To note income received of £2,800 from BBC Film Production Studios.

The considerate conduct of the production team was welcomed.

- 10.2 To approve the bank reconciliation to 31 January 2026.

It was RESOLVED that that bank reconciliation be approved.

- 10.3 To receive the budget monitoring report for the year to date.

It was RESOLVED that that budget monitoring report be approved.

It was noted that there are still several project funds to spend. The damaged nudge bar was discussed and the Clerk was asked to include this on the next agenda.

- 10.4 To approve payments as per the schedule.

It was RESOLVED that the payments list be approved.

Date	Payee	In respect of	Amount
23-Jan	Ilmington Village Hall *	Room hire	£ 56.00
27-Jan	InstantPrint ‡	Flyers	£ 59.59
27-Jan	PosterMyWall ‡	Template download	£ 3.99
02-Feb	Lloyds Corporate Card *	Monthly fee	£ 3.00
10-Feb	Jane Wileman *	Cleaning January	£ 83.59
10-Feb	Centurian HI *	Balance on Pavilion windows	£ 2,308.82
10-Feb	Waterplus *	Water charges	£ 166.57
12-Feb	Ilmington PCC	Grant drawdown	£ 550.00
15-Feb	M Underwood	Expenses (copier paper)	£ 21.95
16-Feb	Asda Mobile ‡	SIM only bundle	£ 5.00
17-Feb	BBC Film Productions *	Return of deposit	£ 1,000.00
19-Feb	Flashback Tape ‡	Reflective tape	£ 27.22
28-Feb	Staff costs	February payroll	£ 934.41
28-Feb	Unity Trust Bank	Account fee	£ 6.00

\* Already paid ‡ Paid with card

TOTAL £ **5,226.14**

## 11. Correspondence:

- 11.1 Letter to WCC about issues relating to Back Street.

The resident's comments would be shared with the Mabels Farm Advisory Group.

11.2 South Warwickshire Local Climate Engagement Programme - Call for resources.

The Clerk was asked to pass on the information to Ilmington 20:20.

11.3 Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire.

It was RESOLVED to respond that the council feels strongly that a single unitary authority for Warwickshire would be inappropriate due to the distinctly different needs of the north and south of the county.

**12. Member Reports** (for information only):

Cllr Underwood had been contacted about new silhouettes by the war memorial.

Cllr Lara Lowe had been notified of concerns about management of a local green space.

Cllr Plyming reported that the Road Safety Group has met with the WCC Highways Officer to finalise the details of the village gateways and anticipates presenting the plans for approval at the next parish council meeting.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

To receive information about future items of business (for information only).

Already noted: Tennis Club agreement, bench repairs, tree inspection.

To be added: Village gateways, potholes, silhouettes by war memorial, free trees grant.

**14. Next Meeting**

Thurs 26 March 2026, 7:30pm at Ilmington Community Shop Café.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.

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