

Ilmington Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs Karen Peachey (Chairman), Chris Plyming, and Lara Lowe

In attendance: Pauline Rigby (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllrs Malcolm Lowe and Martin Underwood.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. County and District Council Reports

County Cllr David Curtis had sent his apologies.

District Cllr Paul Harrison had also sent apologies.

4. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

A sentence had been inserted by mistake under apologies, so the Chairman had amended the minutes by crossing through this sentence.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 9 April 2026 as amended be confirmed as an accurate record and they were duly signed.

6. Committee Minutes

To receive minutes of the Pavilion Committee meeting on 23 January and Recreation Ground Committee meetings on 6 March and 24 April.

The above minutes were received and noted.

7. Planning Applications: To agree responses to planning applications.

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

None to report.

7.2 26/00677/FUL: Owl Cottage 2 Front Street Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4QP - Replacement rear kitchen extension with new and first floor extension to create a new en-suite. New porch to front elevation.

Comment: NO OBJECTION

7.3 26/00832/FUL: Orchard House Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4JQ - Single-storey extensions to the front and rear, and new canopy over the front door.

Comment: NO OBJECTION

7.4 26/00578/FUL: The Dower House Back Street Ilmington Shipston CV36 4LJ - Demolition of existing, domestic ancillary outbuilding, change of use of paddock land to accommodate a new domestic ancillary outbuilding and associated works.

Comment: NO OBJECTION.

Applications notified since publication of the agenda.

- 7.5 26/00840/FUL and 26/00841/LBC: The Hill Farm Hurdlers Lane Ilmington Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4PT - Replacement of existing modern external doors and windows, installation of stone surround and canopy to front door, new stone piers and hardwood gates to front driveway.

Comment: NO OBJECTION.

8. Mabels Farm Advisory Group

To receive an update from the group following their meeting with WPDG and their development partner on Tues 21 April, and consider the next steps.

Cllr Plyming circulated plans which the developer had shared at their meeting last Thursday. The latest plan had an estate-style layout and appeared to disregard the Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan. They understood that the developer is currently undertaking a pricing exercise and intends to present the proposals to the village.

The Advisory Group feel expert input would be required if the Council wishes to pursue the option of access from Mickleton Road or challenge the apparent lack of compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan and asked the Council to consider obtaining specialist planning advice.

It was RESOLVED that the Advisory Group be given permission to contact the boards of WPDG and Deeleys regarding these concerns, and to investigate the scope of work for a specialist planning advisor.

9. Tree Inspection

To consider a fee proposal from Tree Frontiers to resurvey the condition of trees on parish council land in Oct-Nov 2026.

It was RESOLVED that the proposal be approved at a cost of £780 ex VAT.

Cllr Peachey reported that she had organised clearing of the logs that had been tipped into the pond. Some timber had been collected by residents and the remainder had been chipped and distributed on site by Alex Lewis Tree Care for £180 ex VAT.

10. Grace's Playground

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

- 10.2 To approve a revised quote of £1,450 (no VAT) for the playground sign.

The Clerk had corresponded with the supplier about whether the previous quote included printing on both sides of the sign.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the sign, double sided if possible, providing the price was within 10% of the original quotation.

11. Finance & Admin

- 11.1 To note income received of £351 in credit interest.

This was duly noted.

- 11.2 To agree the amount to be transferred to the savings account.

The Clerk reported that the precept had not yet arrived, but having followed up with the district council, it was expected next week.

It was RESOLVED that £20,000 be moved into savings once the precept had arrived.

11.3 To approve the bank reconciliation to 31 March 2026.

It was RESOLVED that that bank reconciliation be approved.

11.4 To receive the budget monitoring report for the year to date.

No questions were raised.

11.5 To approve subscription to WALC and NALC at cost of £302 ex VAT.

It was RESOLVED that that the subscription be approved

11.6 To approve annual licence for Rialtas Alpha accounting software at £210 ex VAT.

It was RESOLVED that that the licence be approved

11.7 To approve payments as per the schedule.

Cllr Peachey proposed and it was agreed to add payment to Alex Lewis Tree Care of £216 for chipping the wood at the pond (as described at minute 9).

It was RESOLVED that the payments list as amended be approved.

Date	Payee	In respect of	Amount
01-Apr	Rialtas Business Solutions	Accounts software licence	£ 252.00
01-Apr	WALC	Annual subscription	£ 351.00
02-Apr	Octopus Energy *	Electricity charges	£ 73.96
02-Apr	Lloyds Corporate Card ‡	Account fee	£ 3.00
09-Apr	Jane Wileman *	Cleaning January	£ 50.00
10-Apr	SafeClean *	Bench seating clean	£ 390.00
09-Apr	Water Plus	Water charges	£ 165.88
13-Apr	CloudNext	Domain renewal	£ 9.58
13-Apr	Screwfix ‡	Chain and drain keys	£ 33.97
13-Apr	Water Irrigation ‡	Hose trolley and hose	£ 291.61
14-Apr	Asda Mobile ‡	SIM only bundle	£ 5.00
21-Apr	Simon Healey	Mowing, cuts 2 & 3	£ 950.40
27-Apr	Zen Internet	Pavilion broadband	£ 34.80
29-Apr	Alex Lewis Tree Care	Wood chipping	£ 216.00
30-Apr	Staff costs	April payroll	£ 934.41
30-Apr	Unity Trust Bank	Account fee	£ 7.00

* Already paid ‡ Paid by card

TOTAL £ 3,768.61

11.1 To sign the direct debit mandate Octopus for Pavilion electricity.

It was RESOLVED to sign the direct debit mandate for Octopus.

12. **Correspondence:** To consider actions arising:

12.1 SDC request for feedback on Town/Parish Council Training and Forums.

Members had no feedback to provide.

12.2 Ilmington Tennis Club position on public liability insurance of the practice court.

It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the insurance position with the Council's insurance provider and their expectations for inspection of the practice court.

12.3 Request to place a memorial bench on Lower Green.

Some councillors liked the character of the current metal bench and raised concerns that its removal may be unpopular with some residents.

It was RESOLVED to defer this item.

13. Member Reports (for information only):

Cllr Peachey and the Clerk had met with Ilmington Tennis Club Chairman to discuss the draft management agreement. Cllr Peachey had also attended the Ilmington Tennis Club AGM on Weds 22 April 2026. The club accounts and AGM report had been circulated. She reported that the padel court proposal had been discontinued.

Cllr Peachey had also attended the Village Hall AGM. She reported that Bryan Clifford had stepped down as chairman, and Tony Moon has taken on the position.

Several councillors had met with County Cllr David Curtis for a walkabout to review pavements and other highway concerns. Cllr Peachey had written up the findings and it was agreed that Cllr Plyming would insert photos into the report, which would be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission to Cllr Curtis.

14. Future Agenda Items

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

Already noted: Neighbourhood Plan Review.

15. Annual Parish Meeting

To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Suggested date and time of Thurs 21 May 2026, 7:30pm at Ilmington Village Hall.

It was RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be convened on Thursday 21 May 2026 at Ilmington Village Hall. The Clerk to book the Village Hall.

16. Next Meeting

Thurs 28 May 2026, 7:30pm at Ilmington Community Shop Café.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____