

Ilmington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held in Ilmington Pavilion on 19 June 2026 at 9:30am

Present: Cllrs Karen Peachey (Chairman), Lara Lowe, and Martin Underwood

In attendance: Pauline Rigby (Clerk) and Steve Routly for Mabels Farm Advisory Group

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllrs Malcolm Lowe, and Chris Plyming.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Public Forum

There were no questions raised.

4. Mabels Farm Advisory Group

To consider a recommendation from the group to appoint a planning consultant to provide professional advice on the proposed Mabels Farm development, consider the proposed scope of work and fee proposal, and whether to proceed.

Steve Routly outlined the groups' request, noting the group had some concerns about the developer's evolving proposals. The planning policy context had become uncertain due to the lack of a five-year housing land supply in the district, the ageing of the Neighbourhood Plan, and delays to the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

As the advisory group were not professional planners, they were looking to engage consultants with the qualifications, experience, and credibility to support the process effectively and ensure the village's interests are properly represented. The group had shortlisted four local firms and recommended Stansgate Planning, whose principals had previously held senior planning roles at Stratford District Council.

Permission was sought for the Mabel's Farm Advisory Group to secure the services of a planning consultant, managing the engagement within an agreed budget.

RESOLVED: that Stansgate Planning Consultants Limited be appointed with a maximum budget of £2,000 ex VAT to provide planning advice to the Mabels Farm Advisory Group, and Steve Routly, Steve Prosser and the Clerk to agree terms of reference before the instruction is issued.

It was agreed that the funds would be released from the Neighbourhood Plan earmarked reserve.

5. Future Agenda Items (for information only):

None.

6. Next Meeting

Thurs 25 June 2026, 7:30pm at Ilmington Community Shop Café.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:50 am.

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____