

# East Ilsley Parish Council

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL Meeting

Minute reference: 001/140519

Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:30pm

In The Ilsleys Primary School, Church Hill, East Ilsley

Those present: B McGrath (Acting Chair), S Meadows, C Culver, F Woods (Clerk)

Members of the public: One

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from A Sharp (Vice Chairman)

**2 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

C Culver completed a new declaration of interest form due to her new position as District Councillor. This will be sent to WBC.

**3 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

**Questions from members of the Public:**

Neil Hatton informed the Council about the new questionnaire that is currently open asking the residents of East Ilsley their thoughts on the future use of St Mary's Church. The survey was printed on the back of the EIC edition 94 and a team are collecting responses from next week. A copy of the questionnaire was handed to the chair of the meeting for reference. It was agreed that we could pool the responses with the other village survey for an overall view of what the village needs / wants. The response from the other survey will be sent to Neil Hatton to use with his results. The church itself is working alongside match funding and there are several grants available that can be looked at. The Parish Council should have representation on the steering group for the renovation of the church.

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**4 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held 19<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The Minutes were approved and signed by B McGrath.

**5 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting.**

It was noted that the planning application for See More Cottage had been approved by West Berkshire Council.

**6 To elect a Chairman for the Parish Council**

It was recorded that no one present at the meeting was willing to be Chairman. A discussion was had on how we can increase awareness of these positions. Ideas include social media / websites / advert / village publications which the clerk will look at. It was decided that as we have a meeting at the end of May, we will commit to elect a Chairman at that meeting. This is acceptable as a Chairman must be elected in the month of May. If no one is found there may

be an option to share the duty amongst the four councillors in 3-month terms until a replacement is found.

**7 To confirm the election of councillors**

B McGrath, S Meadows and C Culver signed new councillor forms in the presence of the clerk, and these will be kept on file.

**8 To confirm the duties of the councillors**

It was agreed the following:

Chairman	To be appointed
Vice Chairman	Councillor Sharp
Allotments Officer	Councillor Meadows
Churchyard and Recreation Ground Officer	Councillor McGrath
Common Land Officer	Councillor Meadows
Digital Officer	Councillor Sharp
Footpaths Officer	Councillor McGrath
Pond Officer	Councillor Sharp
Traffic Officer	Councillor Sharp
Village Design Statement Working Group	Councillor McGrath

It was discussed that C Culver could work alongside B McGrath on the Village Design Statement Working Group. Working Parties could be introduced to assist the councillors with their duties, particularly looking at the Pond, the Footpaths and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Further discussions are needed on this at the next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**9 To approve the Annual Governance Statement**

This has been postponed to the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as the audited accounts had not yet been received.

**10 To approve the Accounting Statement – Receipts and Payments Summary 2018/19**

This has been postponed to the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as the audited accounts had not yet been received.

**11 Report from the District Councillor – C Culver**

In the recent elections C Culver received 62% of the votes and it was recorded as the highest turn out of all the wards. Her new work started last week with lots of induction meetings and it has been a very busy and exciting time. The Green Party Group is pushing for a strategy to tackle climate change. There will be a debate at the end of May at West Berkshire Council about a public petition calling for a climate emergency submitted in January by Steve Masters (now Green Party councillor for Speen). It is unclear if there will be a vote, but if there isn't the Group will propose a motion instead at a subsequent meeting. Involvement with the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan is ongoing, and she is helping organise the Hampstead Norreys 'Greenfest' in September and there is a planning meeting on 16th May. She will commit to producing a newsletter over the summer and this will be done three times per year. She is now attending all the other Parish council meetings where she can and will

push for improved plastic recycling in West Berkshire. The Council are due to update the waste management strategy contract during this term of office. It is a twenty-year strategy lasting from 2002 to 2022 so needs renewing in 2022.

**12 To receive an update on the quotations for the Recreational Ground**

This has been moved to the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**13 Planning Applications**

No new planning applications have been received. Please see above in point 5 re latest decision.

**14 Matters for future consideration and discussion**

There were none.

**15 Reports of Meetings Attended**

There were none.

**16 Further questions or comments from members of the public**

There were none.

**Date and time of next scheduled meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:30pm at The Ilsleys Primary School. It was agreed that this meeting would include food and drink, and this would be looked at by the clerk. External presentations from the Church, Survey Feedback, Playground Team and Neighbourhood Watch would be invited to speak.

The meeting closed at 20:50pm.