



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Meeting at Liverton Village Hall Tuesday the 28th March 2017

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Cllrs, R Winsor, M Wills, R Dale, L Dunkley, A Patch, Mrs J Prior, M Retallick, Mrs K Bainbridge, R Bainbridge and R Steemson
Also in attendance: Cllr J Christophers, Teignbridge District Councillor, Cllr S Barker Devon County Councillor, 10 members of the Public and Mrs C Retallick Clerk.

1. To accept apologies for absence

None received

2. To confirm the minutes of the last Parish Meeting 22nd March 2016

These were signed as a true record of the last meeting.

3. Councillors attendance record

Mrs K Bainbridge	8/10
Mr R Bainbridge	9/10
Mr R Dale	6/10
Mr L Dunkley	9/10
Mr A Fairs	7/10
Mr A Patch	8/10
Mrs J Prior	10/10
Mr M Retallick	9/10
Mr R Steemson	6/10
Mr M Wills	10/10
Mr R Winsor	9/10

4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Taking the seat as chairman almost twelve months ago has flown by not only a position to be proud of but it has been interesting and busy not in order of events a memorable event has to be the Flower Show at Ilsington when I was told I was expected to present the trophies and medals I had a really good day along with many other residents this was a successful event for Ilsington. I attended flag raising events on several occasions and the laying of the wreath for Remembrance Day. A day to remember was the erecting of the new named board at the football ground after the co-founder of the field. At Christmas I attended the switching on of the lights we donated it was pleasure to see the children sing Christmas carols. Well I could go on all night telling you how good I am but remember you elected me so if I have done a fair job thanks it's down to you all if I haven't then it's your fault. Anyway I am only as good as the team I work with so thanks for your help and support.

5. Reports from local clubs or organisations followed by presentation of grants

Flower Show Committee - Helen Hughes gave a report from the flower show committee.

Ilsington United Charities - Rob Wills (chairman) reported that the charities funds are good and the trustees are keen to see the charity work to benefit the parishioners, still keeping the aims of the original trustees. Mr Retallick (trustee) added that the properties owned by the charity received regular improvements with the income going back into the parish.

IPFARA – Phil Smith thank Cllr Katherine Bainbridge for representing the parish council at their meetings, and for the support from the council for work undertaken at the playing fields of clearing the banks around the tennis courts and the encouragement to get new members for the clubs. He gave an update on the tennis court improvements, thanked the bowling club for cleaning the carpet and gaining grants to repair it. The bowling club has had the roof of their club house repaired and improvements to the drainage of the field. The net ball club also uses the tennis courts and their membership has grown. Ilsington primary school is using the courts. Recently a race night was held and it raised approx. £500. The next event planned will be the public opening of the tennis courts. The association plans to use an online booking facility soon. Finally IPFARA have had changes to the Constitution that are the AGM has moved to April, the changed have been made with Charity Commissions consent.

Ilsington Village Hall Committee - Rob Parkinson (chairman) asked the meeting if there were any questions from the presented accounts. A Christmas tree was erected outside the hall this year for the first time. A defibrillator has been fitted to the outside of the hall and training days were run in the autumn. Air band has now been installed giving good quality broad band for hall users. Mr Parkinson thanked the council for the support for the tree works surrounding the hall. The pre-school no longer use the hall and have moved to the school, although the toddler group still meets in the hall once a week. A new table tennis club has stated and is being well supported. The new storage cupboards have arrived for the parish records.

Ilsington Bowling club – Mrs Kate Hobbs thanked the parish council and TDC for the grants to help pay for the bowls carpet to be repaired, the pre-season tidy up is planned with the regular fixtures to follow. New members are welcome and recently new equipment has been obtained, the club meets regularly on Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings. She thanked the ground maintenance team for reclaiming the view since the trees have been cut down. An open day is planned the same time as the IPFARA open day.

Table Tennis Club - David Underwood reported the new table tennis club has been made possible through a grant, the members cover a wide age range and new members are welcome. At the moment the club has four tables.

Liverton Village Hall - Adrian Patch (Chairman) reports. Hall Maintenance & Grounds Works, this last year we have undertaken a number of maintenance and works projects, notably:

- Sanding, repair and varnishing of the floor;
- Enlargement of the main kitchen serving hatch (together with purchase of crockery and cutlery, this 'Kitchen Improvement Project' was part-funded by a grant from Dartmoor National Park);
- Repairs to the external rendering;
- Replacement of fluorescent tubes with energy-saving LED lights;
- Fence erected to secure the boundary with neighbouring property.

Hall Activities & Events, this year has seen a number of new regular activities at the Hall:

- Slimming World;
- Zumba;
- Fitness Circuits;

- Yoga.

Haytor Vale WI has now moved to the Hall for their monthly meetings, and have also started an informal art group at the hall (**Liverton WI** became dormant due to their members not wishing to take on Committee roles).

Over the last 12 months we have continued to see an increase in the number of **private bookings** at the Hall, e.g., for children's birthday parties and family events. In November we organised a very successful community event through the *Villages in Action* (ViA) organization: the **Cuban Salsa band *Son Yambu*** was a sell-out, and we held Salsa dance lessons in the run-up to the event. ViA is ceasing operating due to losing its funding – in light of our experience with last year's event we are confident that we can arrange similar events in our own right and will be discussing ideas for this year's events at our forthcoming Hall Management Committee meeting. Receipts for the *Son Yambu* event provided funding for some hall and **stage lighting** – and we would be keen to attract any local or touring amateur dramatic clubs to use the hall. We recently held a **Flag-Making Workshop**, financed by an award from the Ilington Village Shop Association – the flags have now been mounted outside the Hall and have drawn many positive comments.

We have continued to develop the Hall's **website** (www.livertonvillagehall.co.uk), and have also set up a **Facebook Page** that allows us to keep in touch with hall users and the general public. We will continue to promote the Hall and look to widen the range of community activities on offer at the Hall.

Finances- A report of accounts for the *previous* financial year (to 31st March 2016) was submitted to Council last year. We work to the end of March financial year and so a report for the year 2016-17 is not yet available; I can report the interim summary figures (as of last Friday, 24th March 2017):

Income financial year to 24th March 2017 **£13,946.31**

Expenditure financial year to 24th March 2017 **£12,043.59**

Bank Balance at as 24/3/2017 **£10,876.18**

A fuller financial report will be sent to the Council following the presentation of accounts for this financial year to the Hall **Annual General Meeting** on April 10th. To conclude the on-going development of the Hall as a valuable resource for the community has been achieved due to us having an active and committed management committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the significant voluntary work that they undertake throughout the year to maintain and promote the Village Hall. We would also like to thank the Hall users and the local community for their continued support of the Hall.

Ilington Village Shop – Alan Hobbs informed the meeting that on the 18th of July will be the start of the 5th year of trading and the loan will be paid off. The turn over during the last year has been less and the need for local people to use the shop should be encouraged. There has been a change of management, Helen Tate has taken on the management and is supported by Anne Parkinson. Mr R Wills noted that the IUC support the local shops at Christmas time with the food vouchers.

Jane Ford foundation – Mr Wills (trustee) informed the meeting that this charity give book tokens to primary school children who are resident within this parish and have attended one of the parish primary schools, latterly grants have been given to the pre-schools and toddler group to purchase literacy resources.

Cllr Winsor thanked the groups for their reports and presented the grant cheques.

6. **Reports and presentation of accounts from :-**

Liverton Village Hall Management Committee, Ilington Village Hall Management Committee, Ilington Playing Fields and Recreation Association, Ilington United Charities and Jane Ford Foundation.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm