

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ibstone Parish Council on Tuesday 30th May 2023 at The Chilterns Fox, Ibstone commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Richard Scott Chairman
Cllr Melanie Grimsdale Vice-Chairman
Cllr Holly Hammond
Cllr Simon Hammond

Mrs Lorna Coldwell Clerk

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1. The Chairman welcomed all present.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Gittus.
3. Members noted the Chairman's report

Chairman's Report

The year to May 2023 has been another busy one for your Parish Council, at the five Ordinary Meetings held and the time between them covering a diverse range of issues including traffic and speeding management, rights of way and management of the Common, playground and village ponds. All meetings were held in person – three at The Chilterns Fox and two at Ibstone CE School and we thank both for hosting us.

Royal and other Occasions

During the year the country celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II last June and following her death in September, the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May this year. On 5th June 2022 we were pleased to organise a village street party on the Common for the Jubilee attended by about 160 villagers, friends and family and more recently on 7th May a Coronation Big Lunch attended by nearly 140. They were very successful and represented good opportunities to welcome new residents and for the village to meet in relaxed surroundings accompanied by good food and musical entertainment. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Councillor Melanie Grimsdale who organised both events and to her team including David Barber (His Majesty's Swan Marker) and the many villagers who helped with audio visual aspects, preparation and dismantling of the site, food contributions, parking and other matters.

In addition, we were also involved in organising the Village Firework Evening on 5th November 2022 – with thanks to Rob Halhead and his willing team – and the Village Litter Pick on 1st April this year, once again arranged by Rass and Irene Randall to whom we are very grateful together with their many community volunteers. These occasions, combined with the annual Village Horticultural Show and Fete (to be held on 5th August this year) make our community so very special.

Planning Matters

The planning appeals referred to in our last report were dismissed and we commented on a wide variety of applications during the year when consulted by Bucks Council, and on certain applications outside the Parish which we felt would impact our amenities.

Thanks

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to our Clerk Lorna Coldwell for her advice and administrative skills which have ensured the smooth running of the Parish, and to my fellow Councillors for the time and energy they have devoted to fulfilling their roles during the year.

Richard Scott

Chairman – Ibstone Parish Council

4. Finance Report – Clerk had circulated the end of year accounts; no questions were asked.

5. Public questions – None present.

The meeting was closed at 19.34.

The Chairman.....

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