

***Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ibstone Parish Council at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 16th May 2016 at Ibstone C of E School***

Present:

Mr. Jeremy Malkinson	Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Melanie Grimsdale	Councillor
Mr. Simon Hammond	Councillor
Mr. Michael Wright	Councillor

And also present

Mrs. Deirdre Hansen	Parish Clerk
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1. The Chairman welcomed the members present.
2. Apologies were received and accepted from Richard Scott.
3. The Chairman gave Richard Scott's report on the year gone by.

Chairman's Report 16th May 2016

I apologise for being unable to deliver this report in person at the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council.

The year ending May 2016 has been another busy one for the Parish Council.

Planning Matters

A variety of planning applications within the Parish were referred to us for comment by Wycombe District Council. Most were non-contentious, but a revised application from The Fox consumed much time and effort in making representations on behalf of the community. Consent was granted subject to conditions, after lengthy discussion within the committee.

A proposal from consultants to the Government to erect a large telephone mast within the parish generated a significant number of complaints at a village meeting held in June to discuss the matter. Following unsatisfactory negotiations they were persuaded to seek a site in a more appropriate location in adjoining parishes, who it transpired were the intended beneficiaries in the first place. The whole national project has now in fact been abandoned.

Following repeated contact from the Parish Council and affected members of the village, enforcement action is being taken by WDC against the tenants of the timber yard in the woods behind Blue Hills, to ensure activities on site comply with its permitted use.

Traffic Matters

Community Speedwatch operated periodically by Councillor Grimsdale with the assistance of the police continues to note speeding vehicles in the village.

We also trialed a Vehicle Activated Speed Device in several locations with noticeable success, and our thanks go to our Clerk for her time and effort in operating it for us. As a result we have decided to purchase one for the village, and are about to confirm an order. We are extremely grateful to Ibstone Horticultural Society for a generous donation of £1200 towards the project. This will enable us to consider a device which not only warns drivers of their speed but will also collect data for future analysis and use.

We also purchased and distributed 30mph stickers which now feature as a prominent reminder of the limit on bin collection days.

Car parking is the source of constant discussion, and remains a hot topic following the closure of the informal bays on the Common opposite The Fox. We will continue actively monitoring the situation throughout the village pending any further action which may be required.

Ibstone Volunteer Drivers Scheme was conceived and set up by Penny Martin-Fagg during the year and is successfully up and running.

Village Fireworks Evening

Another well attended village fireworks party was organised last year, on 7th November and our thanks go to Karen Hammond and her expert team of willing helpers. The PC was very pleased to support the event.

High Speed Broadband

For several years the village has been eagerly awaiting high speed broadband, and we are now delighted that principally due to the determined and skilful representations of Rob Halhead, the BT service is available upon application.

M40 Noise

We have kept in contact with the M40CEG throughout the year, and will be advised shortly of the dates and locations for Public Exhibitions which will outline the highway authorities plans to install sound reflective barriers in several test locations. We are concerned that no decisions are taken that disadvantage the parish, and the chairman has now joined David Anker as an attendee at the Group meetings.

H.M. The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

The village owes a large debt of gratitude to Orme and Phillida Olliver, who offered a furnished marquee in their garden for the village to hold a birthday celebration for the Queen on 23rd April. This has been organised principally by Councillors Grimsdale and Hammond, and at the time of writing this report is keenly anticipated. Mervyn Grimsdale was warmly thanked for all the work he had carried out in the preparation of the event and on the day itself.

P.C.Clerk

I would like once again to record my thanks to Deirdre Hansen, our Parish Council Clerk, for all her help and guidance to me personally and to the council as a whole during the year. We look forward to many more!

4. The Responsible Finance Officer gave the Finance Report:

Bank			
Reconciliation		31/03/2015	31/03/2016
		£	£
Opening bank bal.			
	current		
Lloyds	a/c	746.41	1,569.92
Lloyds sav.	a/c	4,031.87	4,033.89
sub total		4,778.28	5,603.81
add income		6,461.01	7,987.52
less expenditure		- 5,635.48	- 6,906.58
Closing balance		<u>5,603.81</u>	<u>6,684.75</u>
Represented by:			
	current		
Lloyds	a/c	1,569.92	2,852.95
less uncleared cheques 480			- 162.00
	481		- 42.13
Lloyds sav.	a/c	4,033.89	4,035.93
Funds available at year end		<u>5,603.81</u>	<u>6,684.75</u>

Summary Receipts and payments for the yr ending 31st March 2016

Receipts	Yr ending 31.03.15 £	Yr ending 31.03.16 £	Payments	Yr ending 31.03.15 £	Yr ending 31.03.16 £
Precept	6,000.00	6,250.00	Staff cost	2,847.56	2,882.16
WDC grant LCTS	126.84	107.31	Donations	200.00	250.00
Bank interest	2.02	2.04	Insurance	322.94	331.80
VAT reclaimed	182.15	178.17	Maintenance	212.00	442.13
Grant Cllr Metcalfe	150.00	-	Clerks exp.	508.41	500.62
BCC bridleway reps		250.00	Clk WfH All.	500.00	500.00
Donation		1,200.00	Subscr.	186.40	206.60
			VAT	178.17	229.51
			Audit	120.00	20.00
			Sundry	110.00	116.69
			Electn costs		52.87
			playgrnd insp		65.00
			Web-site	450.00	523.00
			Queen B'day		282.00
			Traffic data collection		479.20
			Training		25.00
Total	6,461.01	7,987.52		5,635.48	6,906.58

The meeting closed 7.35pm

The Chairman..... date.....