

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2018

Ibstone Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting on Monday 12th November at Ibstone School. Some of the items discussed are included in this newsletter, together with other topics of village interest.

Traffic Matters

Statistics for 1st – 31st October will shortly be available on our website (www.ibstone.org). During that period the MVAS recorded southbound traffic approaching the Grays Lane crossroads – 43% of all vehicles (approx. 10,400!) exceeded the 30 mph limit. It is currently recording traffic as it enters the village from Stokenchurch. We have a specific list of authorised positions for the device in the village, and if at any time you would like it placed near your house we will let you know if this is possible.

WW1 Centenary

The memorial stone on Ibstone Common was dedicated by our new rector Rev. Mark Ackford on Sunday afternoon 11th November, at a very well attended service, following which tea and cakes were served at The Fox. Our thanks go to Natural England, Mick York and Mervyn Grimsdale who supplied, moved and positioned the stone, and to all involved in the service including Mark, Ibstone Church, Ibstone School (whose children sang beautifully) and Bobby Howard-Jones who played The Last Post and Reveille – and particularly to Councillor Melanie Grimsdale who has led the project from start to finish. We also thank The Wormsley Estate for their permission and support for the project.

Planning Matters

We distributed a Parish Council Planning Statement to every household in early October and we thank all those who responded with their comments. Whilst we received fewer than we hoped, the points made were all helpful, and we will publish the Statement on our website following our next meeting in January. Since our last meeting we have started alerting all on the village email list to new applications as they arise. The current spate of applications are all particularly worthy of your consideration, as some may establish precedents with long term ramifications for the community. A direct link from our website

to new applications on the WDC planning portal remains a goal, but is still 'work in progress'.

Village Fireworks

Another very successful fireworks night was held on the Common on 3rd November, and we owe a debt of thanks to Rob Halhead and the whole Fireworks Committee once again for all the time and effort they put into making it a safe and hugely enjoyable event for villagers and visitors alike.

Next Meeting

Our next Ordinary Meeting will be held at Ibstone School at 7.30 pm on Monday 21st January 2019. Please contact any Councillor or our Clerk if you have any queries or matters you wish to raise in the interim. Contact details can be found at www.ibstone.org