

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

The Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting on Monday 17th September at Ibstone School. Some items discussed are included in this newsletter, together with other topics of village interest.

Traffic matters

Speeding remains a problem in the village but we have noted that the MVAS indicator sign is having a positive effect. We have therefore decided to purchase a second one to reinforce the message to traffic travelling in both directions at the various positions in the village where we are permitted to erect them. Statistics will soon be available on our website.

WW1 Centenary

You will have noticed the memorial stone now in position on the Common. It will have a plaque attached before 11th November, and we will erect a Silent Soldier nearby. We will arrange an appropriate Dedication Ceremony involving our shortly to be appointed new vicar and hopefully children from Ibstone School. This is likely to be during **the afternoon of 11th November, so please mark your diaries**. Further details will follow in due course.

Lower Studdridge Farm

We are pleased to report that the appeal period for the application to operate two incinerators has now expired, so it has been refused and WDC have closed their file.

Thames Water

Bucks CC have issued a road closure order (save for access) for part of **Chequers Lane, Fingest**. It will expire 18 months from 10th September 2018 or when work is complete, whichever is the earlier. The work will require the road to be closed for 3 days – whenever Thames Water choose to do it!

Our complaint concerning the recent unannounced road closure due to ‘emergency’ works received an unsatisfactory response. We urge you to make individual complaints each time this sort of thing happens (obviously excluding

genuine emergencies) as weight of numbers seems to be more effective, and will emphasise any complaint we register on behalf of the village.

Planning Matters

The recent relative upsurge in planning applications for new houses in the village has prompted us to seek your views and you will receive a statement from us in the next week or so setting out current procedure and our approach to new applications. Your response and comments are important and will help us in our future considerations, so please respond by **5th November**.

We are trying to establish a direct link from our website to specific Ibstone applications. We have not yet succeeded, but there is a link to the WDC planning department. If you enter the name of a specific property in the search box on the 'Find a Planning Application' page it will take you to the application you are seeking.

Next Meeting

Our next Ordinary Meeting will be held at Ibstone School at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 12th November 2018**. Please feel free to 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