

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
VILLAGE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018

The Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting at Ibstone School on Monday 15th January and items discussed included the following:

Budget and Precept 2018/19

Despite an increase in our anticipated costs for the next financial year, you will be pleased to note that we have decided to hold the precept at £7,000 for the third consecutive year.

Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018

We are proposing to participate in the government's planned events on 11th November to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. This whole village function will probably involve lighting a beacon, similar to the one for the Royal Jubilee a few years ago, whilst also unveiling a memorial stone on the Common. Further details will follow once confirmed.

M40 Noise Barriers

Work has now been started by Highways England on new noise barriers between Stokenchurch and High Wycombe. Completion of the whole project is anticipated between April and July. Although the new barriers on the Stokenchurch side will be higher than the existing fence they will be constructed of sound absorptive recycled plastic which should reduce the effect of any reflected sound. Details of the project can be found on the internet by typing into your search engine 'New M40 noise barriers: opportunity to find out more - GOV.UK' and then clicking on the link 'visit the scheme website at the bottom of the page, and, on the 'Progress Report' section of that website, click on the link 'view our online exhibition. The M40CEG have represented Ibstone's interests throughout the consultation process and we hope that the new works will not have any noticeable negative impact on motorway sound heard in the village. The current position on quiet resurfacing of the motorway is that it is unlikely to occur before 2026.

Horses on Ibstone Common

This is the time of year when the damage caused by horses ridden across the Common is most evident on the soft ground. The only legal route for horses is on the Bridleway which runs along the back perimeter of the Common leading from the woods around the village ponds to Grays Lane. We are investigating the possibility of placing some reminder notices at appropriate pedestrian access points which are being abused.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Ibstone School at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 12th March 2018. Please contact our Clerk or any Councillor if you have any queries or matters to raise in the interim. Contact details are available on our website www.ibstone.org

P.S. We have just been notified of temporary road closures at Mudds Bank, Stokenchurch and details are available at <https://apps.roadworks.org/downloads/tm/ttro-application-form-mk-new-104082366-3079351.pdf>