

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, at Ibstone Cricket Club at 7.30pm

## PRESENT

Mr. C Harbord Chairman  
Mrs. I. Randall Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. M. Grimsdale Councillor  
Dr. A. Keable-Elliott Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk  
No members of the public were present.

- 9.226 Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Cutler.
- 9.227 No declarations of interest in items on the agenda were made.
- 9.228 The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- 9.229 Matters arising not on the agenda:
- a. Cllr Randall had attended training on Community Resilience Planning. At present Parish Councils are not legally obliged to have a resilience plan, but she had been informed that it may well become law in the next 18 months. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance and for the good impression she had given for Ibstone Parish Council. The PC had decided not to progress at present with a plan, as had been previously agreed.
  - b. Concern was raised about keeping salient parish details to hand and recorded. Planning details are all kept with WDC on line, but there are many other matters that need better access. This to be looked into.
- 9.230 On going matters:
- a. NAG: the Chairman, Cllr Cutler and the clerk had attended the last meeting. Communicating the achievements of the NAG had been discussed as well as its obligation to consult with the public. The main concentration of the NAG had been burglary, speed awareness and HGV's. The speed awareness campaign has been very successful with visits to local school particularly noted. The police are also visiting the communities on a frequent basis. They regularly provide short surgeries in the various parishes. The Chairman had agreed to distribute a questionnaire in Ibstone to get public consultation re the NAG underway. The new PCSO is Sarah Turner.
  - b. Neighbourhood Watch: It is working well. A burglary had occurred, but notice went out about suspicious activities and the village was warned and it seemed to have made people more vigilant. Cllr Grimsdale thanked Ibstone residents for their prompt response to Neighbourhood Watch e-mails and she noted her thanks to residents who were contributing and participating very well with the scheme.
  - c. Motorway Bridge J5: Clerk had requested who the compiled the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey. Reply received from John Gardner, UK Highways. The repair work envisaged was much less than previously planned and they are now preparing the

documents for technical approval by the Highways Agency. They will give more detail once approval has been obtained.

- d. The land in front of Ibstone House is owned by the Wormsley Estate.
- e. The Clerk had requested Wormsley Estate to repair some footpath styles on footpath I 4. This has still not been done. Clerk to request the estate to carry out the work asap, as the styles are very dangerous, especially the bottom style and it now needs 2 new threads. Clerk also to write to BC Cllr Woollard, asking him to investigate why the Rights of Way Department had not acted on the Parish Council's behalf. Action clerk.

9.231 Playground: having reviewed the Rospa play area report again, the PC discussed the matter. It was decided that the clerk would contact Mr. Meeks in Lane End and enquire if he could look at the guard rail to suggest safety improvements. The clerk had sought quote for a new slide and some other play equipment. 1 quote received from Playground Facilities and some pricelists from other companies. Still awaiting a further quote.

9.232 Appoint new Tree Warden. Mrs J Woodman has given up this post. Clerk to get a job description and Cllr Randall to advertise the vacancy in the newsletter. Mr. J. Randall and Dr. Keable –Elliott have expressed an interest in the position.

9.233 Sustainable Communities Act. The members had received an e-mail forwarded by the clerk asking the Parish Council to lobby their MP to have Local Councils included in the Sustainable Communities Act amendment bill. The meeting discussed the matter and decided not to lobby their MP.

9.234 Planning matters:

The following applications were dealt with between meetings:

- a) 09/06329/FUL Twigsid Farm. Construction of green house and engineering works to provide level amenity space. PC no objection.
- b) 09/06406/FUL Wake Robin. Construction of part two/part single storey front/side and rear extensions. PC no objection.

9.235 Financial matters:

- a) Accounts (Annual Return) for 2008/09 returned and signed off. Only comment made was that an asset register is now required for notice boards/slide. Action clerk.
- b) The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	description	£	£
Mazars	External audit		£ 138.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 13/07/09 to 11/09/09= 9 weeks (40.5 hrs @ £10.734/hr)	£ 434.73	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerk exp. July/Aug.	£ 26.00	£ 460.73
Mike Henson Presentations	2 planning applications	£ 34.50	£ 34.50

Limited			
Total value			£ 633.23

c) Bank balances: current account £ 5102.33, Savings account £6120.12. Income and expenditure account year to date attached.

9.236 Any other business:

- a. Road surface dressing: the PC expressed disappointment in the quality of the recent surface dressing of the road. Clerk to write to the contractor, copying Carole Burslem, Area co-ordinator at BCC.
- b. Cllr Randall expressed her concern about the pinch point on the main road by notice board. We have explored various options with BCC, to no avail. It was felt that the PC should do something. This to be reviewed at the next meeting.

9.237 Date of the next meeting Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman..... Date.....