

Ibstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at the
Fox Country Inn, conference room, at 7.30pm.

Present:

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| Mrs. I. Randall | Chairman |
| Mr. R. Scott | Vice-Chairman |
| Mrs. M. Grimsdale | Councillor |
| Mrs M. Smith | Councillor |
| Mr. J. Malkinson | Councillor |
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| Mrs. D Hansen | Parish Clerk |

Two members of the public were present; Rob Halhead and Tim Sloane.

12.62 No apologies for absence were received.

12.63 Declaration of interest in any agenda items:

- Cllr Smith and Malkinson declared an interest in planning application 11/07902/FUL Vicarage Fell as neighbours item 12.66 c.
- Cllr Randall declared an interest in planning application 11/07391/FUL item 12.66 d. as a school governor.
- Cllr Grimsdale declared an interest in item 12.70 as the organiser and fund raiser for the defibrillator.

12.64 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 14th November 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

12.65 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- a. Play area: the clerk had contacted the Wormsley estate about expanding the play area on the Common, but as yet no reply. Clerk to chase up.
- b. The 104 bus service in the village has now been discontinued. The parish council will request those bus stops not used by the school bus service to be removed.
- c. Cllr Smith had attended the M40 Chilterns Environmental Group AGM. A quieter road surface is still being sought. Further work is unlikely to progress due to the current economic climate. Cllr Smith will attend the group meetings in future.
- d. The clerk had attended:
 - The BRAG annual conference 25/11/11; the Clerk will provide the chairman with the details about the LEADER fund obtained at the conference.
 - BALC planning training 23/11/11. This had also covered the Localism Act. The meeting decided that it will draw up a brief parish plan later in the year.
 - WDALC 15/12/11 organised training on the new Localism Act.
 - NAG 01/12/11

12.66 Planning:

- a. Unauthorised change of use of land at Grays, Grays Lane. The meeting discussed the WDC reversal of opinion in this case. For the past 2 years WDC has been pursuing enforcement action, but now have decided to take no further action. It was decided that the PC will write to WDC expressing the PC's concern about WDC's inconsistent approach and the precedent this might set.

- b. The Fox; WDC have granted a variation to the premises licence of the Fox Country House Hotel. The opening hours till 01.00 were granted are for 3 days a week, Thursday to Saturday, not 7 days per week as requested. Sunday to Wednesday opening hours till 0.00 were granted.
- c. New Planning application:
 - 11/07902/FUL Vicarage Fell, Householder application for construction of 2 storey side and rear extensions, alterations to roof structure replacing the existing hipped gables with a plain gabled roof structure; resurfacing of existing dwelling in brick and flint; construction of new porch to front elevation. PC no objection.
- d. WDC decisions noted:
 - Planning Application 11/07390/FUL Ibstone Church of England Infant School. Proposed demolition of existing building and construction of new activity centre complete with kitchen and ancillary accommodation (reinstatement of canopy). PC no objection. WDC permitted.
 - 11/07056/FUL 3 Old Dairy Cottages, householder application for construction of 2 storey rear extension. PC no objection as long as elevation to the road remains unchanged. WDC permitted.

12.67 Road matters:

- a. Traffic calming work has now started, but the 30mph repeater sign situated near "Skomer" is considered too close to the narrow section where 30mph is inappropriate. Clerk to ask for it to be moved. Other SLOW signs to be painted and prominent Road Narrows signs to be replaced.
- b. Flooding by "Crown Cottage". The run off from the bank fills the drains very quickly. During recent heavy rainfall the road flooded again. Clerk had reported it with a photograph to BCC. It is a repeat of what happened last year, BCC were asked to stabilise the surface of the bank to avoid future erosion and flooding of the road. The flood water and mud left behind on the road are traffic hazards on a blind bend.

12.68 Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

- a. The meeting agreed to the registration of the Parish as a Beacon Lighter on 04/06/12. Cllr Scott is getting a team together to organise the building of the beacon. He has obtained permission from the Wormsley Estate to light the Beacon on the Common.
- b. Tim Sloane outlined the church/ village celebrations planned to commemorate the Jubilee. Parish Council funding may be requested. Clerk to put funding of jubilee celebrations on the next agenda.

12.69 Phone box renovations: Cllr Malkinson has arranged for the electricity to be disconnected from the phone box. The group planning to carry out the renovation work still needs to do more fund raising. Some discussion took place.

12.70 Defibrillator for the village. Cllr Grimsdale gave a presentation on the use of defibrillators and the funding required. She has raised funds to fund the installation of a defibrillator in the village, but additional funding is still required to cover, housing, software updating and servicing. The funds are held for Ibstone by the Arrhythmia Alliance, the Heart Rhythm Charity. Mrs Grimsdale was complimented on the excellent work she had done. The PC indicated that it would consider covering the funding shortfall or perhaps purchasing the container for the defibrillator. Once figures are known the PC will make a decision. Clerk to put item on the next agenda. Mrs Grimsdale is continuing with her fundraising.

12.71 Improving Broadband reception: Rob Halhead gave a short presentation on possible

solutions to improve the poor broadband available in the village. The poor quality of broadband speed is a hindrance to individual households and businesses. The Turville Heath exchange is used by the village for the phone service but Demand Stimulation is required for BT to upgrade the broadband facilities. It was felt that the PC could not take the lead on this project, but would happily provide support. Clerk to pass contact details of neighbouring parish councils to Rob Halhead as well as the contact details for the Wormsley Estate. The PC asked to be kept updated on progress. The chair thanked Mr Halhead for his work on this.

12.72 Jubilee community tree packs; the meeting decided this would not work for Ibstone because of the lack of appropriate land.

12.73 Community Impact Bucks are launching a community oil buying scheme. The Chair gave the meeting details of the scheme, but the PC is not in a position to take the lead on this. The information will be made available villagers via the newsletter.

12.74 Financial matters:

- a) Vat rebate received from HMRC £136.00
- b) 50p bank interest received,
- c) Bank balances: current account £ 8296.54 Savings account £ 6127.23
- d) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

| To whom | Description | £ | £ |
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| The Fox Country Inn | Hire charge | | 25.00 |
| WDALC | Training fee | | 10.00 |
| Mrs. D. Hansen | Clerk salary – Dec -Jan | £ 225.21 £ 225.21 | |
| Mrs. D Hansen | Clerks exp. Nov/Dec Incl training fees £35 and SLCC membership(1/3) £36.67 | £ 195.36 | £ 645.78 |
| Total value | | | £ 680.78 |

12.75 Any other business:

- The cricket pitch is frequently covered in dog mess. Clerk to find out if the common is covered by dog fouling bye-laws.
- There are many more "lost dogs" posters placed around the village in recent times.

12.76 Date of the next meeting Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.30pm

The Chairman.....

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