

**Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at Ibstone C of E School Hall, Parish Council meeting which**  
**started at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Mrs. I. Randall	Chairman
Mrs M. Smith	Councillor
Mrs M. Grimsdale	Councillor
Mr. R. Scott	Councillor

Also present: Mrs. D Hansen, Parish Clerk

And 9 members of the public were present: Christopher Harbord, Judith Barber, Peter Goodman, Simon Hammond, Penny and Roger Martin-Fagg, Peter Durant, Penny Wood and Lesley Farr.

13.212 Apologies receive and accepted from Cllr J. Malkinson.

13.213 No declarations of interest in any agenda items were made.

13.214 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Ordinary meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13.215 There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

13.216 Meetings attended:

- Community conversation 04/06/13 attended by Cllr Scott and the clerk.
- BCC/WDC Clerk's meeting attended by clerk 20/06/13.

13.217 The Chairman brought to everyone's attention the sudden passing away of our District Councillor, Roger Emmett. The PC has sent a letter of condolence to Mrs Emmett.

13.218 County Councillor Jean Teesdale.

Jean Teesdale has been elected as the new County Councillor for the "Chiltern villages" in the May election. She introduced herself and invited people to contact her if there were any problems concerning County Council issues. She informed the meeting that she was aware that road improvements were a top priority for residents; unfortunately the pot of money was not large enough to deal with all the pot holes and bad state of the county's roads. She encouraged residents to lobby their MP, Steve Baker.

13.219 The Fox.

- a. The PC had had an informal meeting earlier this year with the architects and consultants for the Fox to hear their latest suggestions concerning the next proposed planning application. The Fox is suggesting improving the existing informal parking bays on eroded land opposite the Fox on the verge of the common. It was proposed to install geo matting just below the surface. This would allow parked cars to be parked completely off the surface of the road, whilst not damaging the verges any further. The land is owned by the Wormsley estate who had suggested double yellow lines all around the common as one option to make visitors use the formalised parking bays.

*It was noted the BC Cllr Teesdale is a member of the WDC Development Control Committee and as such would not be able to comment.*

*It was agreed to close the meeting to allow public views to the proposal to be heard.*

*The meeting was reopened.*

It was then decided that the status quo on the informal parking positions along the common

should be maintained. The Chairman and clerk to inform Terry Platt of TRArchitects of this decision.

- b. Listing of the Fox with WDC as an asset of Community Value.  
The meeting discussed the matter and it was decided that the clerk would obtain more information. She would send CAMRA contact details to BC Cllr Teesdale. Action Clerk. The item to be placed on next agenda.

#### 13.220 Web site suggestions.

- Cllr Malkinson was not present, an update to be presented at the next meeting. Item to be placed on next agenda.
- Annual renewal of the existing web site due. It was decided to renew our annual web site subscription whilst we are looking at updating and renewing the web site. Action clerk.

#### 13.221 Electric fence across footpath I1.

- a. A removable electric stock fence had been placed across footpath I1. Although the fence met the legal requirements, it was felt to be dangerous to operate and the clerk had written to BCC Rights of Way. The meeting was informed by a member of the public that the fence had now been removed.
- b. The PC was asked if stock kept in a field needed to be enclosed by additional electric fencing to ensure animal could not lean over domestic garden fences. Clerk to investigate.

#### 13.222 Sharing Parish Council roles, tasks and responsibilities.

The Chairman circulated proposed division of tasks. The following division was agreed between members:

- a. Highways:  
Speed limits, road maintenance, M40 and motorway noise, bus services and verges. Cllr Malkinson.
- b. Countryside:  
Ibstone Common and the Mace, footpaths and bridleways, Rights of Way and open access, AONB, Agencies. Cllr Scott
- c. Policy and Enforcement:  
Liaison with WDC and BCC and village (newsletters), Planning, environment, waste disposal, litter and fly tipping, dogs. Cllr Randall
- d. Security and Village institutions:  
Neighbourhood Watch, police liaison, cricket club and the Fox. Cllr Grimsdale
- e. School Governor: Cllr Smith
- f. Communications:  
IPC web site. Cllr Malkinson.

#### 13.223 Illegal tipping behind Blue Hills, update.

BCC and WDC have been approached by the PC. The site is tidier, but there are still white goods behind Blue Hills. It appears to be used as a temporary dumping site. Jenny Davies has been contacted and asked for new evidence of tipping. BC Cllr Teesdale will ask a WDC officer to come and look at the site (Ian McDonald)

13.224 Councillor Margy Smith was appointed as Foundation School Governor to Ibstone Church of England School.

#### 13.225 Planning:

- 1. WDC decisions:
  - 13/05763/FUL Sonningfield. Householder application for conversion of existing garage

to granny annexe with associated internal and external alterations. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

- 13/05863/FUL Hell Corner Cottage, Grays Lane. Householder application for demolition of existing garage structure and replacement with oak frame garage structure with ancillary studio over, extension of existing driveway, extension of 1.8m perimeter fence abutting Grays lane to incorporate garage area ( amendment to Scheme 12/06108/FUL). PC no objection, but concerns raised re fencing. WDC permitted
- 13/05898/FUL Kites. Householder application for construction of timber balcony to rear elevation. PC no objection. WDC permitted

2. New Applications:

- 13/06059/FUL Stables, hard standing and access track OS parcel 2837, Grays Lane. The PC objected to this application on the grounds of size and safe access. The development appears to be large to be only for the use of two horses. The ridge height is excessive and the building will not enhance the existing character of the Chilterns AONB. The track proposed for access is difficult and dangerous. Although the design statement stated that the PC had been consulted, this was not the case and we asked for this apparent endorsement to be removed.

13.226 Financial matters:

- Bank balances 11/06/13: current account £ 7,485.64 Savings account £ 30.80
- The annual direct debit for Chiltern Society subscription 2013/14 - £25.00 was approved.
- The insurance renewal was approved.
- The Rospa playground report 2013 was circulated.
- The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
Open Spaces Society	Subs 2013/14		45.00
Mh-p internet ltd	Web-site updates x3 Website update x1 Annual renewal	54.00 18.00 379.18	451.18
Broker network	Insurance renewal 2013-14( incl. new playground equipment)		313.53
Playsafe Ltd	Annual playground inspection		78.00
CPRE	Membership renewal 2013/14		29.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary – May/June	234.98 234.98	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. May/June	72.73	542.69
Total value			£1,459.40

13.227 Any other business:

- The repainting of the white lines on the road from the phone box towards Skomer needs chasing up. BC Cllr Teesdale will chase.
- Clerk to chase the pond survey
- The meeting supported the invitation to support the Community Covenant between the Community and the local armed forces.

13.228 Date of the next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm at the School Hall.

The Chairman.....

date.....

**Summary of accounts to date: 01/07/13**

Expenditure	Year to date £	Budget £ 2013/14
Clerks salary	704.94	2800.00
Admin expenses	156.96	480.00
Working from home all.	0	500.00
Insurance	313.53	310.00
Subscriptions	157.16	220.00
Donations	0	175.00
Audit	20.00	80.00
Playgrnd inspection	65.00	100.00
Web site	390.98	600.00
Training	0	135.00
Maintenance	0	200.00
Sundry	0	400.00
Vat	110.94	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1919.51</b>	<b>6000.00</b>