

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 09 NEWSLETTER

The problem of parking in the village was the first item to be discussed at our last meeting. Our village school has been very successful with its Walk To School policy which has done a great deal to introduce the children to the idea that they are not dropped off at the school gates. The distance walked to school takes into account the age of the pupils and with under 7s, this means that parents have to park nearby. This has caused some problems with cars parking close to the bend. These cars will now be parking slightly closer to the school, on the straight section which will be safer. This should only be for about 20 minutes, twice a day.

We have received many comments about the state of the verges throughout the village which have been damaged by heavy construction vehicles. We have had conversations with the planning consultants in charge of the Twigsid building work who have assured us that any damage will be repaired when the construction work has been completed. We are also writing to the owner of Twigsid to ensure that this repair work is carried out.

We are still waiting to hear back from Bucks County Council about their proposals to improve the signage into Ibstone from the motorway, which will hopefully prevent HGVs trying to cut through the village. In the meantime, we will be reporting any problems of wrong routing by logging onto the websites of the 2 Sat/Nav companies responsible for suggesting the routes, www.teleatlas.com and www.mapreported.navteq.com. Please log on to these if you see any lost lorries.

There is a national programme to increase the number of defibrillators available in the community. We discussed this in detail but it was felt that this is not a programme with which the PC should be involved. One of the Parish Council's concerns was that it would not be possible to find enough 'Community Responders' to man the service. Melanie Grimsdale has volunteered to assess the interest in the village to form a 'defibrillators group' and she would welcome your thoughts on this. Contact her through our website www.ibstone.org.uk

The BCC Drains team has been and all our drains should now be clear. We are trying to get BCC to put in better drains on the school path to keep it clear. The current drains were swamped by mud brought down by rain water unabsorbed by blocked drains further up the village. You might have noticed that trees along the school path have been cut back. This was done by the Twigsid contractors.

Many thanks to all who took part in the Village Litter Pick, once again ably organised by Tony Grant.

If you have any comments, queries or ideas, please contact our Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on clerk@ibstone.org.uk. Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Monday the 18th of May at the cricket pavilion. We hope to see you there.