

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

March 2012

Plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the village are well under way. Tim Sloane is leading the team in organising a BBQ and big band concert, Jubilee exhibition and performance of the Messiah. The events will be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of June. Tim would appreciate your support and you can contact him directly or through our Clerk.

The PC has successfully applied to build an official Jubilee beacon on the Common. Councillor Richard Scott is in charge of this project and the beacon will be lit at between 10.00 and 10.30 on the evening of the 4th of June. Well, it will be more precise than that, perhaps 10.24 but we will have more detail from the Queen's Beacon Master nearer the time. It should be a memorable, family evening and if you would like to help, contact Richard.

Fund raising for the defibrillator is now complete and it won't be too long before the equipment will be available to the village. It is hoped to base it near the telephone box and Councillor Grimsdale will have news of training sessions for interested villagers. Mel has run this project outside of her PC responsibilities and is to be congratulated on making it happen.

Thanks too to all the villagers who so generously contributed.

We continue to chase BCC on the road improvement markings on the narrow road section by the phone box. The new white lines are not satisfactory, probably because of the bad weather conditions when the workmen were on site. We are with-holding payment until the PC is satisfied with the work.

We have received permission from the Wormsley Estate to provide additional playground equipment next to the slide. This would obviously have to be visually acceptable in this area and not affect Ibstone Cricket Club however despite having requested feedback in 2 previous newsletters from villagers so that the PC can gauge interest in this project, we have had no response, so we will be shelving this idea unless you tell us otherwise.

Concern was expressed at the meeting over the increasing dog fouling on the cricket pitch and footpaths round the common. We do want to preserve our area of AONB and don't wish to take on the on-going financial responsibility of dog bag bins but we are considering tasteful wooden notices reminding walkers not to allow their dogs to foul these areas.

We have received complaints that the Heyfordian & Carousel school coaches are turning round at the junction with Grays Lane. This is obviously very dangerous and we are contacting the operators to make sure that in future all coaches turn opposite Ibstone School. However, if you see this happening again please let us know.

We will continue to report any potholes that develop but remember that you can do this too on www.bucks.gov.uk/transport.

Tony Grant has been a star once again by organising the annual litter pick. Our thanks also go to the 10 other villagers who turned out on the 3rd of March and helped to tidy our village. If you see any litter when you are walking round the village, please pick it up and take it home. Discarded cans and papers seem to encourage other passers-by to throw their litter out too so we can all help to keep our village clean. No-one else is going to come along to do so.

We would like to hear from you – your comments, suggestions, complaints! Contact Ibstone PC through our Clerk, Deidre Hansen on Clerk@ibstone.org.uk or talk to any of the councillors, Irene Randall, Richard Scott, Melanie Grimsdale, Margy Smith or Jeremy Malkinson in the village.

Our next meeting is on the 30th of April in the cricket pavilion at 7.30. Please do come along.