

## News from Ibstone Parish Council

**This newsletter is designed to give you an overview of the work being carried out by the Parish Council on your behalf. If you would like to comment on any of these topics please call our Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on 01494 562254 or at [clerk@ibstone.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ibstone.org.uk).**

The proposed closure of the M40 bridge next year for repair work continues to be one of the main issues for the village. Local MP David Liddington wrote to the council following his intervention with the Highways department confirmed that a review is currently being undertaken and alternative solutions are being discussed. We will continue to monitor the developments on this to try to avoid complete closure of the bridge.

You will have seen the new 30MPH signs throughout the village. Hopefully this will encourage drivers to slow down as they travel through. As part of this work, the council contractors have also put up de-restriction signs on the entrance to Grays Lane. This happened after our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and so couldn't be discussed, but the PC is taking this up with BCC to see what can be done to rectify this. Don't forget that the plans to place 2 Speed Indicating Devices will be discussed again at this year's Open Meeting. A vote was taken at the Open meeting in 2007 which decided in favour of these however, recently some villagers have said that they are unhappy with the proposal. The signs have to be solar powered and the first possible position for the SID at the top of the village is at the start of the Common. The other was to be placed on the Mace to warn traffic of the school. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know or come to the Open meeting in May.

The public notice board is to be replaced within the next few months. The current board is now in a poor state of repair and we look forward to an improved version.

We are continuing to lobby Bucks County Council about the state of our local roads. We are working with Stokenchurch PC to try to improve the situation because the road into the village from Stokenchurch is within their parish boundaries. This year BCC has some more money in its transportation budget and has introduced a 2-man team specifically to work on small road repairs as specified by parish and town councils. It's not the long term answer but hopefully will improve the immediate situation.

Our plan to make the village safer for pedestrians continues. We are still waiting for the new school path to be surfaced by BCC but they promise that this will be soon. We are now looking at ways of improving the difficult stretch of road near the telephone box. If you have any innovative solutions we would like to hear from you.

The Parish Council website should be going live in a few weeks time. The web address is [www.ibstone.org.uk](http://www.ibstone.org.uk). Please take a look at it and let us have any thoughts on other information you would like to see there.

The date of our next meeting and the annual open meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the cricket pavilion. We look forward to seeing you there.