

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

March 2013

We had a very good turnout for this week's PC meeting and thanks to all who attended. Many were there to hear the presentation made by John Richardson and Michael Wood representing Twigsid about the suggested diversions of the footpath and bridleway which currently run past the house. They were consulting the PC and the village before making any formal application which will probably be lodged in the forthcoming weeks.

Our local police re, WPC Claire Marchant attended our meeting this week to report on local crime figures. Fortunately they are low in this village but Claire is concerned that some people don't report car break ins etc. because they feel partly responsible if they left the vehicle unlocked. Claire makes the point it is still helpful to know so that other villagers can be tipped off by NHW to be extra vigilant. You might also want to consider signing up to www.dogwatchalert.com to be made aware when dog snatchers are operating in this area.

The weather was kind and the village cleared up in just over an hour. Tony Grant once again masterminded the effort and we are grateful to him for doing this every year. A thank you to all 15 villagers, who took part in the Litterpick last Saturday.

The date for your diary next year is the first Saturday in March.

We have had a request for a grit bin at the top of Grays Lane. If you feel that there is a need in any other part of the village please let us know now so that we can plan for next winter. You should also make a suggestion as to where it could be placed without offending neighbours.

The playground equipment is now up and running. We just have to wait for the grass to grow through the matting. The ground is fairly churned up between the equipment and the track. Some of this was due to the contractors working on site but a number of people also use this area for parking. One person now backs his vehicle up to the matting so his dogs can jump out on to that! Please try to discourage anyone you see doing this.

We are still having a problem with school buses using Grays Lane to do a 3 point turn instead of going up to Ibstone school and turning there. If you do see this happening, please let us know when so that we can try to track down offending drivers. This is already a potentially dangerous section of the main road without the added difficulty of reversing buses.

Our county local area technician made a visit to the village recently checking out road surfaces etc. We've had a few potholes appearing after the bad weather conditions and the number to ring if you would like to report any urgent problem

is 0845 230 2882. Otherwise it can be reported to Transport for Buckinghamshire online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/telltfb.

The Cricket Club has been experiencing problems with dog fouling on their field and the surrounding grass being churned up by riders. Please pass on the word that both activities are anti-social.

There have been 2 planning applications for Ibstone House projects passed by WDC and another lodged by Twigsidde for the construction of a single story side and rear extension. Full details can be viewed on the Public Access section of WDC website, www.wycombe.gov.uk.

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. Our next meeting is at 7.30 on the 20th of May in the new school hall. Please do come along.

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