

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

November 2012

We held our last Parish Council meeting in the new school hall which was very comfortable, being able to sit on adult chairs! Come along to our next meeting and try them out for yourself. We are grateful to the cricket club for hosting our meetings in recent years but the new hall does give us just a little more space for the public to be able to join us.

You may remember the request made to the PC earlier this year to provide more play equipment for small children next to the existing slide. This is progressing with a climbing frame having been selected and submitted to the Wormsley Estate office for approval. We hope to place a small bench next to the frame. This has all been chosen to fit in with our area of AONB and we have avoided primary colours. The existing slide is to have a minor repair and repaint but we will obviously wait for better weather before having this done.

We have also submitted to Wormsley examples of proposed wooden signs to be placed at the vehicle and pedestrian entrances to the Common. This is following a request for action to stop cars parking across these entrances. The signs will be small and in keeping with our area of AONB.

Unfortunately there have been some break-ins in the village involving thefts from sheds so please do everything you can to protect your property. Some locks have been cut so you have to be quite inventive in your measures. You will probably have received advice from WPC Claire Marchant via the NHW about putting netting over items in the shed and locking valuable machinery together etc. She will be happy to help you with any queries you may have.

The local police are also advising that this is a popular time of year for break-ins with piles of Christmas presents acting as an added attraction. The advice is to use lighting, timers and radios to make empty houses appear inhabited. The village needs a new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator so please email mgrimsdale@googlemail.com if you can help and please make sure that you update any changes you have made to your email addresses.

Nick Mival has worked extremely hard to return our phone box, that icon of the 60s, to its former glory. It is no longer a rusty relic but is waiting for a new door to complete the renovation. Loryn

We have also had a request to try to improve the footpath IB4 which runs from the church to Turville. It is very steep and slippery and is used regularly by families taking children to Ibstone school. We obviously want to encourage children walking to school but without spoiling the rural character of the area. If anyone has ideas that could help us to achieve this we would like to hear from you.

At our meeting we agreed that parish councillors will have the right to put in claims for expenses incurred in their PC duties. Councillors often travel to other meetings with appropriate bodies, e.g. WDC or BCC outside the parish. Councillors may choose not to make claims but we felt it was important that in the future no villager felt they couldn't become a councillor because of the financial implications. All claims will be agreed by the council.

Last but by no means least – our thanks to the team who produced such a fantastic fireworks event. The display was indeed memorable and the warming BBQ very welcome. It involved a great deal of work before and after the event and we are very grateful for all that was done.

Don't forget that the school Christmas Fayre is this Saturday (8th) and the village Christmas carol service at 4pm on Sunday December 16th.

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 meetings next year will be held on the following dates at 7.30 in the new school hall. Please do come along. Until then we wish you a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

January 7th
March 4th
May 20th
July 1st
September 2nd
November 4th

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