

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.

The proposal to close the M40 bridge next year is a source of great concern to the residents of Ibstone and Stokenchurch. The closure is to allow essential repair work to be carried out on the bridge but this will cause disruption, particularly for those trying to get to Ibstone school, for commercial and farm vehicles and will considerably delay access to the emergency fire and medical services based in Stokenchurch. The suggested diversion routes would send heavy traffic down very narrow local lanes such as Chequers Lane. The closure has now been postponed until the summer of 2009 with revised diversionary routes. John Gardner of UK Highways is giving a presentation about the new proposals at the next meeting of Stokenchurch PC, at 7.30 on the 21st of November in Stokenchurch Longburrow Hall. Ibstone Parish Councillors will be there and you will also be welcome.

Hopefully you will have seen the posters and ads in the local press about the proposed change in speed limit from 40 to 30mph through the village. The new speed limit will also be extended well past the school. The enforcement sign is currently within yards of the school gate. The new limit should be implemented in Spring / Summer next year. We are also in the process of applying for planning permission for the solar powered Speed Indicating Device to be erected on the Mace. We have decided to review the local response to the SID on the Mace before proceeding with a second SID at the top of the village. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

Bucks County Council has agreed to provide a surface on the path approaching the school which was re-opened last year. The Parish Council will fund part of the drainage work required and BCC will provide a surface of planings. It's hoped that this work will be completed by mid December, weather permitting.

The Parish Council is meeting with the Parochial Church Council to discuss the proposed new car park behind the church. This car park would provide 20 parking spaces. Eight of the spaces would be reserved for Manor Farm staff parking and the existing 6 spaces in front of the church would be removed.

The PC has also been asked for its view on the Wormsley Estate's plans to erect a post and rail fence along the lane from the Mace to the church. Obviously they can erect this on the boundary of their land, on the bank, but they prefer to place this on the Bucks County Council land between their border and the road. This would mean that cars would no longer be able to park in the lane.

Most of the village has now been provided with Neighbourhood Watch materials, advice leaflets, contact numbers and markers for your possessions. If you need any further information, please contact us.

Our next meeting is January 9th at 8pm in the cricket pavilion.