

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.

Several topics came up for discussion at the latest Parish Council meeting that would benefit from your input. The Chilterns Conservation Society is a very active organisation and has already improved life in Ibstone by carrying out the work to clear the school path. Each year the CCS awards some grants to villages for local projects which will benefit the AONB. Examples of eligible projects include wildlife conservation, creations of walks, maps showing rights of way and archaeological projects, but many other ideas could be funded. Grants of up to £500 are available. Do you have any suggestions for Ibstone that could be submitted? Please let us know.

Local bus services are up for review again, one year after the new services were introduced. The school services will be retained but there will be discussion about whether any other buses will continue to be provided. A recent survey showed that only 1 person had used the Ibstone service in the week. The PC is anxious to retain as many public services as possible for the village but county council budgets are being more and more stretched. What do you think about the bus service?

We have had an application to place a seat on the Common in memory of Gay Turner. It is obviously fitting that such a popular Ibstonian be remembered by the village but recently some concern has been raised about the increasing number of memorial benches placed round the Common. There are now 4. One option is to place the memorial bench in another part of the village such as near the school, next to the Mace. Do you have any comments to make on the seats around the Common or suggestions as to where future memorial benches could be placed?

Most of the local potholes have been filled in by our emergency road gang but we are lobbying Bucks County Council to have our roads properly resurfaced. As you won't be surprised to hear there is very little money for such projects but we are working hard to make sure that Ibstone's roads are high on the county's work list in the next financial year.

Please address your ideas to any of the parish councillors or to the PC Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on 01494 562254 or at clerk@ibstone.org.uk.

Don't forget that local information is available on the Ibstone Parish Council website www.ibstone.org.uk. The date of our next meeting is November 3rd at 7.30pm in the cricket pavilion. We look forward to seeing you there.