

# **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Ibstone Parish Council on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at The Chilterns Fox, Ibstone commencing at 7.30pm**

## **Present:**

Cllr Kendra Gittus  
Cllr Melanie Grimsdale            Vice-Chairman  
Cllr Holly Hammond  
Cllr Simon Hammond  
Cllr Richard Scott                Chairman  
Mrs Lorna Coldwell               Clerk

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1. The Chairman welcomed all present.
2. No apologies were received.
3. Members noted the Chairman's report

## **Chairman's Report**

The year to May 2022 has again been a busy one for the Parish Council. COVID continued to impact our conduct but we held six Ordinary Meetings, the first two of which were virtual courtesy of Zoom. We are grateful to Ibstone School who continued to permit us to use their premises when we could, and more recently to The Chilterns Fox who from 21<sup>st</sup> March have become our new venue until further notice.

## **New Clerk**

During the year Deirdre Hansen who had been our Clerk for many years decided to take well earned retirement from the position and following publication of the vacancy we were very happy to appoint Lorna Coldwell to succeed her effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The transition has been seamless and we thank them both for their dedication to the role.

## **The Chilterns Fox**

In my last report our pub was under offer to a new purchaser and we have subsequently been delighted to welcome Charlie Methven as the new owner of this important Community Asset. He and more recently his business partner Jaxon Keedwell have restored it as the beating heart of village social life. We welcome them to our parish and thank them for their important contribution to our lives.

## **Planning Matters**

Applications to develop new properties in Ibstone have continued and as they have gradually become more sophisticated the council has acknowledged its own limitations in making adequate professional responses when consulted by the County, particularly at appeal. This has led us to appoint an external consultant to advise upon two appeals which are currently outstanding, and whilst there will still be occasions where this is not necessary we will budget to do so again in the future if circumstances dictate.

**Thanks**

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to our Clerks whose advice is essential in ensuring the smooth running of parish matters, and to my fellow Councillors who give so much of their time and energy to doing likewise.

- 4. Finance Report – Clerk had circulated the end of year accounts, no questions were asked.
- 5. Public questions – None present.

The meeting was closed at 19.31.

The Chairman.....

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