Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL held Monday 5th December 2022 At The Breakfast Room, The Chilterns Fox, Ibstone

Present:
Cllr Richard Scott – Chairman
Cllr Melanie Grimsdale – Vice-Chair
Cllr Simon Hammond
Cllr Holly Hammond
Cllr Kendra Gittus

Lorna Coldwell, Clerk
Cllr Zahir Mohammed, Buckinghamshire Council

0 members of the public present

42. Apologies:
Apologies received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Turner and Barnes.

43. Declaration of interests:
None declared.

44. Confirm previous minutes:
The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 5th October 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

45. Buckinghamshire Councillors:
- Cllr Mohammed gave several updates:
- At the next elections there will be 99 Councillors overall in Buckinghamshire. This is a change from 3 to 2 in most wards. The Chiltern Villages boundary remains the same.
- Planning applications are still a bit slow due to staff changes and an increase in applications received.
- Waste collection – charges were introduced in the legacy Wycombe area for green waste collections, and there were problems with collections following the new service provider for waste collection. Now there are few concerns but do let the Councillors know if issues occur.
- Public Health – the take up on Covid and flu vaccines has been very good in the borough, although less so with the younger generation. There are reported cases of Strep A in the country, with sadly one death in Bucks. Clerk to forward to the residents email distribution list an email from Buckinghamshire Public Health advising of symptoms. **Action:Clerk**
- There have been 2 cases of TB in Buckinghamshire, the National Health Agency are managing this.
- Buckinghamshire Council budget – central government have said that local authorities this year can make increases of 1% on adult social care and 1% on basic council tax without a referendum that would usually be needed, taking the new thresholds to 2% and 2.99% respectively. The Council faces high demands for adult social care, children services and the high cost of inflation. The budget is set in February where the decision will be made to see if this allowed increase is taken by BC.

46. Update on actions:
a) It was noted that the play area had been checked.
b) It was noted that the AED has been checked.
c) HMRC monthly requirements fulfilled.
d) BC news emails distributed.
e) Chairman: Nothing to add.

47. Meetings/training attended:
13/10/22 – TfB Stakeholder Conference, Clerk
17/10/22 – MVAS meeting with SWARCO, Cllr S Hammond and Clerk
19/10/22 – Buckinghamshire Council Parish Liaison meeting, Clerk
27/10/22 – BMKALC Conference 2022, Clerk
16/11/22 – BMKALC Annual General Meeting, Clerk

Slides or reports were forwarded to all Councillors following the meetings. Clerk will book a space for a Section 106 and CiL training course at a cost of £45. Cllrs will check the list of free courses provided by BMKALC in January for Clerk to book any as necessary. **Action:Clerk**

48. WW I memorial:
Vice-Chair reported that nothing further to update at this time. Chair will contact the local resident who has offered to carry out further works for a timescale.
Action:Chair

49. Planning:
a. Buckinghamshire Council decisions:

- 21/08729/FUL – Twigside Farm Ibstone Road Ibstone – Householder application for construction of replacement front porch, three storey side extension to replace existing East Wing, including remodelling of bays windows to ground floor front with pitched roof over & re-surfacing, widening & re-surfacing of six existing dormer windows, replacement of external cornicing & parapets to building front & both sides – **Application Permitted**
- 22/07532/FUL - Netherwood Ibstone Road Ibstone - Householder application for construction of front porch and infilling of existing porch. Construction of two storey side and rear extensions, single storey side extension with 1 x dormer window to front forming attached garage with room over, fenestration and external alterations **– Application Permitted**
- 22/07437/FUL – Holly Lodge Ibstone Road Ibstone – Householder application for construction of part two/part single storey rear extension and outbuilding to rear – **Application Permitted**
- 22/06711/FUL – Sevenoaks Grays Lane Ibstone – Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extension, two storey side extensions and construction of new lower ground floor. Creation of tennis court – **Application Permitted**
- 22/07349/FUL – Gatehill Cottage Grays Lane Ibstone – Householder application for construction of front porch, single storey front extension, first floor extension over garage, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and timber triple garage with log stores – **Application Permitted**
  The Parish Council were not notified by Buckinghamshire Council of this application, Clerk to speak with Planning to ascertain why.
- 22/07455/FUL – Turville Manor Ibstone Road Ibstone – Householder application for erection of single storey linked extension between existing house and guest suite with alterations – **Awaiting Decision**
- 22/07456/LBC – Turville Manor Ibstone Road Ibstone – Listed Building application or erection of single storey linked extension between existing house and guest suite with alterations – **Awaiting Decision**
- 22/07630/VCDN - Litmore Shaw Grays Lane Ibstone - Variation of condition 3 (plans) attached to 17/06411/FUL (Construction of replacement single storey garage/workshop with the erection of a detached oak framed garage/workshop) to allow for the insertion of a flue – **Awaiting Decision**
- 22/07349/FUL – Gatehill Cottage Grays Lane Ibstone – Householder application for construction of front porch, single storey front extension, first floor extension over garage, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and timber triple garage with log stores – **Application Permitted.** This application was a complete surprise to the Parish Council as

no planning notice appeared on the property and they were not notified of nor consulted upon it, and it appears that other statutory consultees may also not have been contacted. Enquiries are being made as to how this has happened to ensure that it does not happen again.

b. Appeals to the Secretary of State:

- 22/00002/REF – Land To Front Of Merton Cottages Ibstone Road Ibstone – Prior notification application (Part 16, Class A) for proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraproud Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. Appeal has been validated against BC refusal 22/08037/PNP16A, ref: APP/K0425/W/22/3290511 – **Appeal Dismissed by Inspector**
- 21/00093/REF – Sunnings Lodge Ibstone Road Ibstone – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 1 x 3-bed and 1 x 4-bed dwellinghouses with landscaping, access and associated works. Appeal has been validated against the BC refusal 21/05409/FUL, ref: APP/K0425/W/21/3286498 – **Awaiting decision**.

c. New Applications in the parish to be commented on:
22/07877/FUL – The Fox Country Inn Ibstone Road Ibstone – Construction of orangery, reception area and new toilets – comments to be submitted once finalised.

50. MVAS

a) Update on current situation, including suggestions from SWARCO:
No further information from SWARCO since the previous parish council meeting, they are still investigating solutions. Cllr S Hammond suggested that the taller pole is not a solution as other parishes have had batteries stolen from machines on higher poles – there needs to be a tamper proof solution that SWARCO come up with. Cllr S Hammond proposed offering the MVAS units to Wormsley Estate for use in the interim period, as this is a more protected environment than the highway. Rather than charging a nominal amount for rent, this could be in exchange for assistance with pond maintenance on their land which needs to be carried out. Chair will approach the office at the Estate to discuss.
Action:Chair

b) Consider new locations to erect the hinged poles:
All in agreement not to proceed with hinged poles at this time, but to wait for a better solution from SWARCO.

51. Discuss a street sign on the highway to alert motorists of animals by the Common:
A donation of £200 towards this has been received from Ibstone Horticultural Society which will be ringfenced. There is a huge number of deer in the area. The TfB representative has not responded to any emails, Clerk has asked the LAT to chase and will speak with the Buckinghamshire Councillors for further help.
Action:Clerk

52. Discuss drains and flooding on the highway:
The Maintenance Supervisor from TfB attended the site outside Crown Cottage every day during the bad rain. Soakaways were cleared, and adjoining gullies jetted. An annual soakaway clearance has been submitted for where the water was flooding the road, and he plans to monitor the road himself. He believes the gulley further up the road is causing part of the problem, and a local resident has suggested a working party formed by the PC to keep on top of clearing away the leaves when necessary. The parish council asks all residents to clear any drains near or outside their own properties, removing leaves and debris as necessary, as this will make a big difference to the amount of water gathering at the lowest point on the road. Clerk has asked for the surrounding soakaways to be jetted, not just the ones that flood as only doing them will not fix the problem. The PC continues to liaise with Buckinghamshire Council about the situation. The Supervisor will also look into the possibility of extending the capacity of the soakaways from the current 8 cubic square metres to 16, but this will have to go through a whole host of people to cost let alone be

agreed.

53. Financial matters:

a) Budget for 2023/2024 – Cllrs are asked to consider any items/projects they may wish to include for the January meeting when the 2022/23 budget will be set.

b) Check and approve bank reconciliation – Cllr Gittus completed and signed.

c) Receipts:

- 21p bank interest in September
- 21p Bank interest in October
- 54p Bank Interest November

d) Bank balances:

Bank Balance as of 01/10/22:	
Total:	**£17543.96**
Current account	12497.95
Savings account	5046.01
Less unpresented cheque 618	(20.00)
Less Oct Payments (current A/C)	(904.85)
Income - donation to highway sign	200.00
Interest November	0.21
Balance carried forward	16819.32
Bank Balance as of 01/11/22:	
Total:	**£16839.32**
Current account	11766.28
Savings account	5046.22
Less unpresented cheque 618	(20.00)
Less Nov Payments (current A/C)	(342.37)
Interest November	0.54
Balance as of 30/11/22:	**£16477.49**

e) Clerk's working time:

Contracted hours per week=5.5 hrs (month 23.8)

Jan – end Nov 2022 – total contracted hours 264h, worked 277h 0m.

f) Approve clerk salary for Nov/Dec 2022 @ £315.55 per month by S/O

g) Approve the payments as listed below:

To Whom	Description	£
Mrs L Coldwell	Clerk expenses Oct/Nov	41.42
Total value		**41.42**

h) Review accounts year to date against budget:

Summary of accounts to date: 30/11/22 (Not including December scheduled payments)

Accounts*:*

Expenditure	Year to date £	Budget 2022/2023 £	Income £	Year to date £
Clerk salary	2839.95	4050.00	Precept	10525.00
Admin expenses	114.67	500.00	VAT repayment	
Working from home all.	541.66	500.00	Bank interest	1.30
Donations	0	200.00	Ibstone Horticultural Society	200.00
Web site/email	128.64	1225.00		
Subscriptions	179.64	190		
Audit	50	75.00		
Insurance	488.26	520.00		

Playground inspection	70.00	70.00		
Training	24.00	200.00		
Maintenance	0	750.00		
Planning advice	300.00	500.00		
Sundry	772.65	170.00		
WW1 Memorial costs	389.00	-		
Election	0	0		
Jubilee Celebrations	66.00	2000.00 (inc. National Lottery grant)		
Hinged post for MVAS	0	1400.00		
Vat	307.00	0		
Total EXP.	**6271.47**		**Total INC**	**10726.30**

Accounts and payment approved.

54. Members questions:
None at this time.

55. The date of next meeting:
Confirmed as Tuesday 24th January, commencing 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed in due course.

The meeting was closed at 20.47.

The Chairman …….. Date ……