

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

The Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting on 18th January at Ibstone School, and the following items of interest to the village were included on the agenda and in discussion:

Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday

1. Keep Britain Tidy and Country Life magazine are organising a nationwide weekend of litter clearance, and we have decided to coincide our annual village litter pick (details of which you will have received from Irene Randall) as our contribution to the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend on **Saturday 5th March**. We are very grateful to Irene for organising the event and hope as many of you as possible will be able to spare a couple of hours to help. The more people there are the less time will be required.
2. Orme and Phillida Olliver have very generously offered the village the use of a 100 seat marquee which will be erected in their garden, for a daytime village celebration of the Queen's birthday on **Saturday 23rd April**. We have of course accepted, and are planning a function which will be announced in the near future. In the meantime please **SAVE THE DATE** in your diaries.

Traffic Calming Measures

The PC has received a very generous donation of £1,200 from Ibstone Horticultural Society to be put towards the cost of further traffic calming initiatives. We have been discussing the purchase of a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign for a while and are reviewing quotations. At our next meeting we will agree the purchase of a sign which also collects and records traffic speed data, as this will be helpful in making subsequent decisions. The sign will then be located at various different points on the road during the year.

The Fox

The latest planning application submitted by The Fox was considered by the full WDC planning committee on 20th January, following a site inspection the previous day. Richard Scott and Kendra Gittus made representations at the meeting on behalf of IPC and villagers respectively. However, following about 50 minutes of debate where our objections were strongly and eloquently supported by Chris Whitehead (our WDC Councillor and a member of the planning committee) consent was granted by a majority vote.

Power cuts

We have been told that several houses north of The Fox have suffered power cuts at around 2 a.m. since mid-November. David Davis (638245) is in touch with Southern Electric and is interested to know how many other houses in the village have been affected. Please let him know if you are one of them.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at Ibstone Village School on **Monday 14th March 2016** at 7.30 p.m. and you are welcome to attend. In the meantime please contact any of your Councillors or our Clerk if you have matters you wish to raise. Contact details are on the website.