

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – March 2017

The Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting on Monday 13th March and this newsletter highlights points of interest raised during the meeting and matters that have arisen subsequent to it.

Traffic Speed

The MVAS device appears to have been very effective in reducing vehicle speeds at the Stokenchurch end of the village. We have had some software teething troubles but we are now analysing the data it recorded from 23,221 vehicle movements over a period of just under a month. It has now been relocated to the centre of the village where we also understand that it is having a positive effect, and it will be moved again in April.

Village Litter Pick

You will have received a note from Irene Randall who is once again organising the village clean up – this year on 1st April – please try and spare some time and meet at the cricket ground at 10.30 a.m. It should hopefully not take more than an hour or so. It is particularly important this year as we have decided to enter the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition!

Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

We know that you are all proud of our village and so we have decided to enter this competition for the first time this year. Judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July and points are awarded for the whole village incorporating various features and areas such as:

The church graveyard

The Common

Children's play area

Nature Conservation areas (such as the ponds)

Village Hall (in our case the school hall qualifies)

General environment – hedges, verges, ditches, ponds etc

Area around the pub

Notice Boards, Bus Stops

Overall lack of litter

We will issue reminders nearer the judging period and hope everyone will support our entry where they can.

Chilterns Walking Festival 15th to 29th May

You may be interested to view www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html for details of activities being arranged in the county during the month of May.

Proposed Development at Studdridge Farm

Please note that R J and S Styles are currently consulting with the Stokenchurch community over proposals to construct 140 homes, accommodation for the elderly and a convenience store with associated landscaping at Studdridge Farm, prior to making a formal planning application to WDC. Reference is made to it in the 15th February minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stokenchurch Parish Council (www.stokenchurch.org.uk). We will request them to keep us informed as the matter progresses.

Lent Lunch

The last Lent Lunch to be held in the village this year will be on this Saturday 25th March at The Tangle, opposite the cricket pitch, from 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. Funds raised will be shared between Ibstone Church and Carers UK.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Ibstone School at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 15th May 2017. Proceedings will start with the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting, then the Ordinary Meeting will follow. Please contact our Clerk or any Councillor if you have any queries or matters to raise in the interim. Contact details can be found on our website www.ibstone.org