

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2017

The Parish Council held an Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 14th November at Ibstone School and items discussed included the following, of which **the first two have important early deadlines** if you wish to comment:

Lower Studdridge Farm, Ibstone Road, HP14 3XS. Application to install and operate two large incinerators (capacity 650kg/hr each) under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010.

This application has been made by SPH Groundworks who state that the incinerators are required to burn clean wood from their demolition sites in and around High Wycombe, to avoid journeys to the nearest ‘feasible’ permitted site some 90 miles away near Birmingham. A notice in the Bucks Free Press was spotted by Councillor Wright and although its validity is being challenged on technical grounds we understand that there is a **deadline of 5th December** for comments to be submitted by any interested party.

It is important to note that *this is NOT a planning application*, (although one is also very likely to be required in due course) and objections to this Environmental Permitting Regulations application will only be considered on valid air quality grounds. Traffic, noise and unsuitable AONB uses points will therefore not be relevant at this stage. The site is outside any Air Quality Management Areas declared by the District and County Councils and it seems that they have no declared policy in their Draft Local Plans to which we can refer. It has therefore been suggested by the officer handling the case that we look for national policies on the Defra website, but at the time of writing this note we have not located helpful specific regulations or law. He is concerned because the site is in the Chilterns AONB and he says that this is the first application of its type in Buckinghamshire and will be quoted as precedent in other applications if it is successful. We are researching the matter and intend to comment by the deadline as a local Parish Council although we and Stokenchurch P C are not official consultees.

Whilst the site is some distance from the edge of the village, and downwind from the prevailing South Westerlies, we are concerned at this potential use of our AONB as no doubt will be many of you. **Please therefore consider this matter urgently if you wish to comment.** Surprisingly, the application is not available to view on line or at WDC or at Chiltern & S Bucks DC offices, so I will send you a copy in an email which will follow this newsletter. The email will also contain contact details for Mr Olu Sokoya who is handling the case. He is very approachable and is prepared to speak to anyone who has queries.

Please call or email him and not me. However, if anyone finds any useful references to policy or legislation which can be quoted in a letter of comment please feel free to tell me and I will share it with other recipients of this newsletter.

Ibstone Church of England Primary School. Planning Application for 'Early Years' Classroom Building.

The school have applied to WDC for consent to construct a new detached building on site, to house two new classrooms, as part of their expansion plans. If you wish to comment you should do so **before 24th November**. The application which includes a Travel Plan referring to how they hope to handle increased traffic and parking issues can be found on the WDC website and is number **17/07816/FUL**

Traffic Speed

Our MVAS unit has been located in a number of different positions in the village and is gathering useful data as well as being a very obvious and successful speeding deterrent. We will continue trying other permitted locations before concluding where it is most effective and consider purchasing a second unit subject to funding in due course.

The police officer who used to operate the Community Speedwatch cameras with us has been deployed to other duties and at present it appears that he will not be replaced due to spending cuts.

However, please note that if you see anyone driving through the village at a dangerously excessive speed and **report the number plate to the Police on 101**, they will take immediate action, as they recently did following a report from one of our Councillors.

WW1 Memorial

We have located a suitable Sarcen stone which will be donated to the village free of charge and are currently looking at costings to engrave and erect it on Ibstone Common next year in a position to be confirmed by agreement with the Wormsley Estate.

Fire Brigade Informative

Please inform the Fire Brigade if you have an Oxygen cylinder on your premises. They wish to know so that they can prioritise you in the scheduling of responses to calls for assistance.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Ibstone School at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 15th January 2018. Please contact our Clerk or any Councillor if you have any queries or matters to raise in the interim. Contact details are available on our website www.ibstone.org