



## IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

### VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021

Following the national council elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May Ibstone Parish Council held the Annual Parish Council Meeting and an Extra Ordinary Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May and its first Ordinary Meeting at Ibstone school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The draft minutes for these will be placed on the parish noticeboard and this newsletter is being sent as additional information.

#### Your new Council

You will be aware that no election of councillors was necessary in our parish because the number of candidates standing was the same as the number of seats available. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting **Richard Scott** was elected Chairman and **Melanie Grimsdale** as Vice Chair. Your other councillors are **Simon Hammond**, **Kendra Gittus** and **Holly Hammond** and our individual contact details can be found on our website [www.ibstone.org](http://www.ibstone.org) We are also delighted to be supported by our long serving (and long suffering) Clerk, Deirdre Hansen [clerk@ibstone.org](mailto:clerk@ibstone.org)

#### The Fox

The purpose of the Extra Ordinary Meeting was to confirm that the parish would not be making a bid to purchase The Fox, although following our consultation with you we have relayed strong support from the village for the continuation of its existing use to its new purchaser Charlie Methven.

As of Tuesday 8th June, building alterations have started at the pub. This will be a gradual process and we hope to see the bar open in the next few weeks. Charlie has been in conversation with a number of villagers and looks forward to the time when he opens the doors of the Fox to existing and new customers.

#### Planning

At the Ordinary Meeting we adopted the revised Planning Statement which was overwhelmingly approved by you following our consultation process. This policy will guide our response to Buckinghamshire Council on all planning matters in the parish and you received notification on 2<sup>nd</sup> June from our Clerk of the most important current matter at **Litmore Shaw, Grays Lane**. The application **21/06407/FUL** seeks to regularise development works carried out between 2018 and 2020 which are the subject of appealed enforcement proceedings and a refused application 19/05120/FUL by addressing the three grounds upon which they were refused by Wycombe District Council on 22nd October 2019. These were **a) that it was an unacceptable encroachment of built form into the open countryside b) that it**

was highly visually intrusive into the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and c) that it failed to safeguard trees and other ecological assets associated with the locality.

Anyone can comment upon this application and **we urge you to do so by the deadline of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, whether or not you have commented on previous applications related to the case, as this is arguably the largest development with the greatest visual impact carried out without prior consent in our parish for many years, and could have a lasting influence on future applications to develop in our AONB. If consent is granted you may see a change to the large new electric gate, but little change in the views from footpaths outside the site, and if it is refused the matter will be decided by a Planning Inspector.

### **World Record Attempt**

We are not aware of any **world records** held by members of the parish but we are keenly watching the progress of 18 yr old Travis Ludlow of Chiltern Cottages, Ibstone who is currently attempting to become the **youngest pilot to fly solo around the world in a single engine aeroplane**. You can follow him on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at 'Around The World Solo' and his website is [www.aroundtheworldsolo.co.uk](http://www.aroundtheworldsolo.co.uk) . He is not yet fully funded and you can support him via the website with 10% and any surplus funding going to Unicef. As I write he is well on his way and about to make his first long sea flight over the Okhotsk Sea (look it up!) We wish him every success!!

If you have any queries as a result of this newsletter please contact our Clerk Deirdre Hansen [clerk@ibstone.org](mailto:clerk@ibstone.org) or any councillor.

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