

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 1st March 2010 at the Cricket Club.

PRESENT

Mrs. I Randall Chairman
Mrs. M. Grimsdale Councillor
Dr. A. Keable-Elliott Councillor
Mr. S. Cutler Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

PCSO Sarah Turner

No members of the public were present.

10.261 Apologies for absence received and accepted from WD Cllr R. Emmett

10.262 Declarations of interest were made by Cllr Keable-Elliott on planning application 10/05175/FUL, he is a neighbour and Cllr Randall on planning application 09/07046/FUL, she is a school governor.

10.262 The minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

10.263 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- a) 09/07046/FUL land adjacent OS parcel 8685 Ibstone Rd. creation of new access and hard standing to create car park for Ibstone C of E first School. WDC permitted. The permission notice states that the car park is only for the use of parking by the school. The Chairman will find out the length of the lease the school has obtained for this piece of land. Drainage of the car park was raised.
- b) The grit bin on Grays Lane is owned by Transport for Buckinghamshire. If it were moved BCC would not refill it anymore. They are not responsible for replacing it if it were damaged. Therefore the PC does not condone moving the grit bin.

10.264 Casual vacancy.

Christopher Harbord has resigned as councillor. The Chairman had written to him to thank him for all that he has done over the years on the Parish Council and also for all the support he has given both the village and the council. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a piece for the parish magazine and in the newsletter. The vacancy has been advertised on the notice board, once the legal time period has passed the Parish Council is free to co-opt another resident. The meeting was reminded that there will be Parish Council elections in May 2011.

10.265 Severe weather conditions:

The Chairman had attended the LAF on 03/02/10.

- a) The severe weather conditions had been discussed. Hambleden Valley farmers had been happy to help out with their equipment, but there was uncertainty about the insurance cover. It appears that NFU insurance would cover people assisting the community during these types of

conditions. Cllr Grimsdale had e-mailed around during the severe weather conditions to check that all vulnerable residents were being cared for. She had received instant responses. The Chairman commented that Cllr Grimsdale and the Neighbourhood Watch had done very well during those difficult times. The meeting expressed thanks to Cllr Grimsdale for her work with the Neighbourhood Watch.

- b) The need for a Community Resilience plan had also been discussed. The PC debated revisiting the Resilience plan, having decided last year not to progress with a Community Resilience plan. It was decided that Cllr Grimsdale would rework her existing plan and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.
- c) Request from police for a list of vulnerable people. Cllr Grimsdale will pass PCSO S. Turner a short list to be held in confidence. Cllr Keable-Elliott expressed concern that any such list must remain fully confidential. If the content of the list were written or put on computer there was a risk that they might fall into the wrong hands.

10.266 On going matters:

- a. Neighbourhood Watch;
 - The Police are holding a "Have your say" meeting on Tuesday 16/03/10 at 9.30am at Ibstone School. They were asked to arrange the next meeting in the evening or at a weekend.
 - Cllr Grimsdale informed the PC of a Forensic Property marking kit available. She will get more details and inform all the Councillors.
- b. NAG: the clerk had attended this meeting. The 3 ongoing issues are: speed, burglaries and HGV's. The NAG had reviewed the questionnaires that had been returned. The police had asked for the members to attend the meeting and let the Police know what their issues are. The public was also invited. The next NAG meeting will be 06/05/10 venue TBC.

10.267 The Parish Council noted that the Annual Village Clear up organised and managed by Tony Grant will take place 06/03/1. It will begin on the Common at 10.00am. the Parish Council expressed their thanks to Tony grant for organizing the annual litter pick.

10.268 Winter maintenance BCC have asked for residents views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to feed into the review, by emailing their suggestions to scrutiny@buckscc.gov.uk, or write to Scrutiny, Room 27, Old County Offices, Buckinghamshire County Council, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA. Clerk had e-mailed out the BCC live link to PC members. The meeting made the following comments:

- a) A snow plow had been observed driving through the village at speed, but it had not cleared the road.
- b) Even after 3 or 4 days the roads are not gritted, this makes them even more dangerous and impassable. The PC to request that we do get some gritting done, so the road remains passable. The village was cut off and there was no access.
- c) BCC did not have emergency action available.

10.269 Grit bins: the PC considered purchasing a grit bin @ £425 to be placed by the school. The clerk was asked to investigate the legal position of persons using the grit that the bins would hold. The meeting considered donating money to the school for the school to buy a grit bin.

10.270 Future meetings: Cllr Cutler will attend NAG meetings. Cllr Randall will attend LAF meetings and the clerk will attend WDALC meetings occasionally.

10.271 Planning matters:
WDC decisions:

- a) 07/07340/FUL Twigsid Farm. Construction of tractor/machinery & log store to rear of existing stable. Comments made. WDC permitted.

New applications:

- a) 10/05179/FUL and 10/05180/LBC Barn, Manor Farm. Householder application for insertion of 3 windows to rear elevation of barn. PC no objection.
- b) 10/05175/FUL One Acre, Grays Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of 1 x4 bed dwelling and detached garage/carport. PC no objection, however during previous build along this lane the verges were destroyed and it took along time for them to be repaired. The PC requests that were WDC minded to approve the application that a condition is added stating that the road and the verges must be put back in good order after completion. Clerk to contact Highways to have this condition inserted. Action clerk.

Other:

Grays, Grays Lane. Enforcement noticed to be reissued. There had been a minor legal error on the previous notice.

10.272 Financial matters:

- a) The cheques as listed below were approved and signed:

To whom	description	£	£
Buckinghamshire Playing Field Association	Annual subscription 2010/11		£ 20.00
Mrs. D Hansen	Salary 18/01/10 to 5/03/10 7 wks x 4.5hrs/wk= 31.5 hrs @ £11.185/hr Clerks exp. Jan/Feb 10 Annual working from home allowance	£ 352.33 £ 34.71 £ 500.00	£ 887.04
Mike Henson Presentations Limited	Charges		£ 35.25
Total value			£ 942.29

- b) Bank balances: current account £ 6,849.80, Savings account £6,121.65.
c) 24p interest received.

10.273 Any other business:

- The doors have been blown off the notice board. Clerk to get a quote for a new door, hinged from the top.
- The Tree warden had produced a report about the damage caused by deer to the ancient yew tree in the church yard. The meeting decided that the PC would be happy to contribute to the costs of a tree guard.
- The clerk was asked to investigate heating for the meeting in the cricket club as the room was very cold and there appeared to be no heating available.
- Styles still have not been repaired on footpath I4. Action clerk.

10.274 Date of the next meeting is Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council will also be held that evening.

The meeting closed 9.05pm.

The Chairman..... Date.....