

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.30pm at Ibstone Cricket Club.

PRESENT

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

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

No members of the public were present.

9.238 No apologies for absence received.

9.239 Declaration of interest: Cllr Randall declared an interest in planning application 09/07046/FUL by the Governors of Ibstone Co f E school for the creation of new access and hard standing car park. She is a school governor.

9.240 The minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2009 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

9.241 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- a. At the Parish Council's request Cllr Keable-Elliott had discussed the possibility of a new footpath being created on land owned by Mr. Howard-Jones. Mr Howard –Jones looked favourably on the project in the medium term.
- b. The meeting discussed agricultural land for sale to local residents. It was decided that Cllr Randall in the newsletter would endorse the comments made by WDC about the use of agricultural land. She would also make it clear in the newsletter what landowners powers are in respect of agricultural land. The Parish Council as custodians of the parish wish to look after and preserve the historic landscape. Therefore all change of use of land will be monitored in the parish and neighbouring parishes. Stokenchurch PC to be informed of the PC's views. The Chairman to speak to the Stokenchurch Chairman on this matter.
- c. Land at Kites was being perceived as a residential garden. The Chairman to phone the occupants and bring to their attention that part of their land is agricultural land.

9.242. On going matters:

- a. NAG; the Chairman and Cllr Cutler attended the last NAG meeting. The NAG now has to consult with its residents, but no news on this.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch; all is going well and running smoothly.

9.243 The quote received from Monster Play for new play ground equipment was noted. At the last meeting the Parish Council had decided to put any playground plans on hold for the present..

9.244. Correspondence:

A response had been received from Peter Ackland at Jacobs re the recent surface dressing of the roads. He had recently inspected the work and stated that it had been carried out as specified. The contractor is responsible for any failure of works during the first 12 months. It will be inspected again before the 12 months is up. He agreed that reshaping and complete resurfacing may have been more appropriate treatment, but this process is 10 times more expensive. He is going to ask Ian Sharpe to have the gullies and grips cleaned out. This should reduce the drainage problem.

9.245 BT Red Phone box.

BT is offering the Parish Council the opportunity to adopt the red phone box for £1. The box has been used 20 times in the last 12 months. Public liability is covered under our current insurance policy. If we would wish to cover material damage, we need to put a value on the box. Average values are between £800-£2000 per box. There would be a one-off £25 charge to have it added to our current insurance policy. After this year it would be included in our street furniture. If the PC adopts this box BT remove the phone and the line. It would cost £300 p.a. to keep the phone in the box. It would be the PC's responsibility to maintain the box. The meeting discussed the adoption. A resident has expressed an interest in looking after the box. The meeting voted firstly against maintaining the telephone @ £300 p.a. A majority was in favour not to maintain the phone at the Parish Council's expenses. The second vote was to keep the box as an iconic status. The meeting voted in favour of maintaining the phone box once the Chairman had spoken to the resident volunteer about continued maintenance. And subject to agreement from BT that they will hand over in a safe state. Clerk to check.

9.246 Appoint new Tree Warden. Mr. Randall was appointed as tree warden.

9.247 The meeting ratified nationally agreed NALC new pay rates for clerks.

9.248 Planning matters:

WDC decisions:

- a. 09/06329/FUL Twigside Farm. Construction of green house and engineering works to provide level amenity space. PC no objection. WDC permitted
- b. 09/06406/FUL Wake Robin. Construction of part two/part single storey front/side and rear extensions. PC no objection. WDC permitted.
- c. 09/07046/FUL Governors of Ibstone C of E school. for the creation of new access and hard standing car park. Cllr will consider this application before 26/11/09. Clerk to e-mail application to cllrs.

9.249 Financial matters:

- a. Income and expenditure year to date and proposed budget figures were put before the Parish Council for consideration at the next meeting to set the precept.
- b. The meeting agreed a £50 donation for the M40 CEG.
- c. The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed.

To whom	description	£	£
M40CEG	Donation		£ 50.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 14/09/09 to 06/11/09= 8 weeks (36 hrs @ £11.185/hr) Back pay from 01/04/09 to 11/09/09 103.5hr @ £0.451/hr	£ 402.66 £ 46.68	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerk exp. Sept/Oct	£ 50.24	£ 499.58
Total value			£ 549.58

d) Bank balances: current account £ 7709.10, Savings account £6120.62.

9.250 Any other business:

- a. NATS informed the PC that they will inform the PC when they are in a position to provide an update on the second consultation.
- b. The meeting briefly looked at the e-mail from the Wormsley Estate about new footpath gates being installed on the estate. The members were not clear on the detail.
- c. The road surface on Grays Lane by Ibstone Cottage is liable to flooding. The Parish Council was told by BCC at an on site meeting that this was due to blocked drains and the slope of the road. This would be corrected when that section of Grays Lane was resurfaced. The resurfacing is fine, but the flooding problem remains. Clerk to request BCC to rectify the problem.

9.251 Date of the next meeting Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed 8.45pm.

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