

Draft minutes to be agreed at the next meeting
Minutes of the ordinary meeting of IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL on
Monday 9th January 2008, 8.00pm at Ibstone Cricket Club

PRESENT

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

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

And also present PCSO Jon Bateman

8.92 No Apologies for absence were received.

8.93 No declaration of interest in any agenda items was made.

8.94 After addition at the end of 7.81 of "*and would consult the village further on this matter*" the minutes of the meeting of 2nd October 2007 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

8.95 Matters arising not on the agenda.

Re 7.82 a) Lower Studridge Farm; the clerk to write to Jerry Unsworth, Head of Planning and Sustainability at WDC making clear the Parish Council's concerns about the lack of reply to her e-mail dated 26/09/07 in which the PC asked to receive an update on the situation ASAP and also requesting if the comments made by Cllr Roger Emmett regarding the decision by WDC not to pursue the breaches of planning legislation on this site can be confirmed by WDC.

Re 7.88) The placing of a seat on the Common by Mr Pawson. Clerk asked to contact Mr Pawson to progress this request.

Re 7.82 d) BCC Speed review: the PC had asked for the 30 mph speed limit to be extended beyond the proposed distance towards Fingest. It had queried why the request had not been included in the proposal. This had been investigated by Cllr Randall and the proposed limits have been positioned as originally proposed.

Re 7.91 b) The drainage to the footpath to the school has been improved under the guidance of Cllr Randall. The cost was £60 which the council approved.

8.96 On going matters:

- a. M40 Bridge closure. Cllrs Harbord and Grimsdale had attended the Stokenchurch PC meeting which John Gardner from UK Highways had attended. A bailey bridge was suggested to deal with the bridge closure. There is no new news so recent meetings have been cancelled. The Chairman is in frequent contact with the Stokenchurch Vice-Chairman to ensure Ibstone stays "on top" of the situation. He feels this is vital. Cllr Grimsdale will attend meetings if the Chairman is

unavailable. The village survey has been completed by Mr Howard Jones. Clerk to ask for a copy.

- b. M40 Noise. The clerk had attended the M40 CEG AGM, where John Gardner had been the guest speaker. There are no plans to renew the M40 road surface with a quieter one. The question was raised, that if it were the case, that the bridge repair work would damage the road surface, could it then not be replaced by a quieter surface? Even a small length of road would be an improvement.
The meeting resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the expenditure to make a donation of £100 to the M40 CEG which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure
- c. Church Car park. The Parish Council had seen the proposed plans and is not satisfied. Clerk to write to WDC, Planning Dept. It objects in principle to agricultural land being used as a public car park. It understands that a private car park would not need planning permission for change of use, but this one will also have public use. This car park would also mean the loss of a car parking facility for persons attending the church when the private car park may be closed. Secondly Clerk to send a letter to BCC Highways Department concerning the PC's grave concerns regarding the proposed new entrance to this car park and the difficulties that hearses attending the church would have reversing into this car park. The PC is requesting an on-site meeting with BCC Highways to review the proposal.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch was launched 12/11/07. Leaflets were circulated throughout the village and it had been widely advertised. The signs will go up as soon as appropriate ties have been delivered. The Chairman thanked Cllr Grimsdale for all her hard work in getting it up and running. The whole meeting agreed that she had done a very good job.
- e. Emergency Plan. The questionnaire has not been circulated yet. The clerk has offered to help Cllr Grimsdale. The meeting briefly discussed the matter. Clerk and Cllr Grimsdale to meet and start the process.
- f. Web-site. This is underway and in progress. Cllr Randall asked for some photographs, which members offered to provide. The meeting discussed the details to be available on the web-site. It was decided not to place the financial report on the web-site and just e-mail addresses for individual councillors.
- g. Speed limit review. This is out for consultation at present results expected Spring 2008.
- h. Cricket Club fencing on the Common. They have bought wire fencing and are awaiting a working party to put it up to replace the orange netting.

8.97 Planning matters

New applications:

07/08132/FUL

The Fox, Ibstone Rd.

Installation of 2x LPG tanks below ground with associated engineering. PC no objection

Pending:

07/07843/FUL

Wheatwood, 5 Merton Cottages, Ibstone Rd.

Removal of existing garage and erection of new timber framed garage to front. PC no objection.

07/07966/FUL

Catherine Cottage, Ibstone Rd

Erection of 2-storey side extension, single side extension and new entrance porch to main dwelling and extension/alterations to existing detached garage. PC no objection.

0/06704/FUL

Land adjacent Fingest Manor, Chequers Lane, Fingest. Construction of a raised timber board walk.

PC objection. The boardwalk due to its height and length would be absolutely dominating in the area and the surrounding woodland. The already erected hazel fencing is very tall and dominant. Users of the right of way already have a feeling of enclosure. This does not allow for enjoyment of the countryside and has led to fragmentation of the woodland (L6 (1)). The boardwalk would further increase this. It leads to suburbanisation of the countryside in the AONB. Sections of fencing have been put in places that are over 2m permitted development height.

WDC decisions:

0706993/FUL

Ibstone Cricket Club. Erection of single storey link extension to provide shower room. PC no objection. Permitted by WDC

07/07273/FUL

Mr Hollis, High Meadow, Ibstone Rd.

Construction of rear conservatory and raised patio area. PC no objection.

Permitted by WDC

07/05592/FUL

Wormsley Estate, Ibstone Common, Ibstone.

Construction of 2 storey extension to south elevation, single storey extension to north elevation & refurbishment of existing dwelling to provide 1 4-bedroom dwelling. Permitted by WDC

07/07524/FUL

Mr and Mrs Sworn, Bracken Cottage, Ibstone Rd. PC no objection, but the following comments made: Although the site is large and the size of the extension is not in-appropriate, this house is a semi-detached house and the extension will an unbalanced look to the whole site. 2 storey high windows overlooking a neighbouring property may not be appropriate. It may also mean there will be less balance of large and smaller properties in the village. Access to properties along

the track is already cumbersome and it is felt that due consideration should be paid by all users especially if development were to take place. Access for residents and farmers to be maintained during development work.

WDC permitted.

07/06696/FUL

Greenwood, Ibstone Rd

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement 4 bed dwelling and alteration to existing access. PC objected on the following grounds: plans for proposed property are for a larger one than existing property. Over development of the site. The design is not in keeping with the immediate street scene or that of the village. The proposed design is not in sympathy with the local landscape and local traditional building designs. And there is no provision for a garage. Permitted by WDC.

The Parish Council to write to WDC expressing its concerns that it understands that there is no space for the parking of cars on the site once the proposed plans have been completed. Action clerk.

8.98 Speed matters: SID's/Chicanes/ Speed guns and other parishes

Councillor Grimsdale gave the meeting an update on information she had received from Sergeant Emma Leigh after the Community Speed Watch meeting. Speed is a problem in the village.

- a. There is a view that permanent SID's are not effective in the long term
- b. BCC are intending to hire out SID's @ £200/week.
- c. The Police Force will have available mobile "smiley face", SID's and radar guns.
- d. Community Speed Watch. Cllr Grimsdale explained that it was intended that 4 parishes would jointly purchase a package @ a cost of £2000. She gave the meeting the details of the package, information filed with clerk.
- e. A community can book the Speed Enforcement Team to visit. They will then book offenders and hand out tickets.
- f. More volunteer members are needed for the Nag's. Cllr Grimsdale will be asked to attend the local NAG.

The meeting discussed item d in detail. It was decided not to put money aside to part take in this initiative in the coming year. The meeting would look at rural chicanes, but more discussion in an open meeting was required. At the moment the Parish Council will put a planning application to Wycombe District Council for 2 SID's, one on the Mace and one on the Common. It is the intention to put the one on the Mace up as soon as permission has been granted, but to delay putting up the one on the Common until after the effects of the first one have been reviewed and further consultation has taken place.

- 8.99. The Chairman asked the meeting to consider increasing the frequency of meetings due to the increase in business the Parish Council was required to deal with. It was agreed to have a 1 year pilot of a meeting every second month. It was also agreed to commence the meetings at 7.30pm.

8.100 Date of next meeting was set at Monday 17th March 2008, 7.30 pm. The Open (Annual) meeting was agreed for 19th May 2008.

8.101 Any other business:

a. The left notice board is near collapse. It was decided to investigate the cost of repair vs. replacement. Cllr Grimsdale would ask a local carpenter for quotes.

b. The phone box needs to have the door repaired. Clerk to write to BT. (Cllr A. Keable-Elliott left the meeting)

8.101 Financial matters:

a. The meeting discussed the budget for 2008/09 as supplied by the Clerk and it was unanimously resolved to set the Precept for 2008/09 at £6,500.

b. The cheques as listed were approved and signed.

To whom	description	£	£
Mrs. I. Randall	Reimbursement for footpath drain clearance		£ 60.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 08/10/07 to 13/01/08= 14 weeks (63 hrs @ £8.70/hr)	£ 548.10	
Mrs. D Hansen	½ SLCC subs for 2008	£ 40.00	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Oct-Dec.	£ 55.37	£ 643.47
M40 Chilterns Environmental Group	Donation under S137		£ 100.00
WDC	Planning application fee		£ 67.50
Mrs M Grimsdale	Stationary and photocopying		£ 29.59
Total value			£ 900.56

c. Bank balances: current account £ 5,578.01, savings account £5,954.84 includes receipt of £25.79 in interest. It was decided not to move money to the savings account

d. The meeting discussed making an annual donation to the Cricket club in lieu of rent and decided it would not make an annual donation, but when asked for a donation would consider each request on merit.

e. Clerk's telephone expenses/ allowance were agreed at £3 per month.

f. The meeting approved the "working from home " allowance for clerk at the suggested BALC rate.

The Chairman.....

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