

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 7.30pm at the Fox, Ibstone

### PRESENT

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| Mr. C Harbord         | Chairman      |
| Mrs. I. Randall       | Vice-Chairman |
| Mr. S. Cutler         | Councillor    |
| Mrs. M. Grimsdale     | Councillor    |
| Dr. A. Keable-Elliott | Councillor    |
| Mrs. D Hansen         | Parish Clerk  |

9.172 No apologies for absence were received.

9.173 No declarations of interest in any agenda items were made.

9.174 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

9.175 Matters arising not on the agenda.

- a. Meeting place. We can not meet in the Fox unless there is absolutely no other location, i.e. school, church and the like. The meeting this evening was held in the Fox due to the frozen lock on the cricket club gate.
- b. Grays Lane Junction. The clerk had asked if mirrors could be placed at this junction. Mirrors are no longer allowed on the Highway. The Highways department will review the safety of this junction and see if it can be improved in the next financial year. They will also look at the possibility of a safe footpath.

9.176 On going matters:

- a. NAG, the Chairman and Cllr Cutler reported that the last meeting had been cancelled. PCSO Bateman has now left the area. No news on a replacement.
- b. Traffic Calming- updates/ HGV signage, resurfacing.
  - I. The clerk had requested from BCC additional, more appropriate signage to stop HGV's entering the village. The traffic management team felt the signage was appropriate, but were willing to make an assessment of the situation in the New Year. The clerk had requested that the PC members wished to be present when they visited the locations. She was asked to re-iterate the request to BCC. It was felt that the signs that had been placed by BCC in Turville on Ashfield Barn Road were clear and indicated that the road was unsuitable for HGV's. Mr Howard-Jones had pointed the clerk in the direction of legislation on Graphic signage, which she had passed on to BCC. Clerk to circulate all members with the e-mail from Mr. Howard-Jones.
  - II. Resurfacing; the clerk had written to BCC reminding them of their promise to consider the Ibstone to Fingest road for resurfacing in the 2009/10 budget. As requested she had also asked for the road from the motorway to the school to be resurfaced in view of the prospective bridge closure. Clerk asked to write to BCC again. Stokenchurch PC agreement had been sought prior to contacting BCC.

9.177 Motorway Bridge update. The clerk summarised the e-mail from John Gardner, UK Highways. The clerk was asked to contact UK Highways to ask them to identify the points in their first report which were sufficiently incorrect to justify its second report which down graded both the urgency and the extent of the work required. Work will probably start at J7 in summer 2009.

9.178 Appoint a Sponsorship Governor for the School. The Parish Council decided to propose Mrs Irene Randall as Sponsorship Governor to Ibstone C of E Infant School. Clerk to inform the school.

9.179 Pond update. The tree has been cut down and cleared away by Ted Howard-Jones,

Roger Martin- Fagg, Kevin Holbrook and Luis Thompson. (After the meeting the Chairman reported that the area had been made safe).

9.180 Parish Council paperwork. The clerk was requested to provide members with copies of all correspondence sent out from the PC. The matter was debated. All correspondence is available to be reviewed by the councillors at any time. It was decided that the clerk would print all correspondence, where possible, and bring it in a separate file to the following meeting for members to peruse. This excludes any correspondence sent to members directly.

9.181 Planning matters see appendix I.

**a. New applications:**

08/07715/FUL Hawthorn Cottage, Ibstone. Construction of 2 storey side extension. There was no major objection, but there was concern about parking, if permitted cars would be forced to park on the highway or the common.

**b. WDC decisions:**

08/06778/FUL:

Mile House, Ibstone Rd. Erection of entrance gates and extension to driveway. The PC had no objection, but made the following comments: the proposed gates are not in keeping with the neighbouring properties. The gates are not appropriate for a rural setting in a village in the Chiltern AONB. A 5-bar wooden gate would be more in keeping with the surroundings. WDC permitted.

9.182 Financial matters:

- a. The meeting discussed the precept and set it at £6,500.00 for 2009/10.
- b. The meeting decided to make a donation of £50 to the M40 CEG group.
- c. The following cheques were approved and signed for payment:

| To whom        | description  | £        | £        |
|----------------|--|----------|----------|
| Mrs. D. Hansen | Clerk salary 10/11/08 to 09/01/09= 9 weeks (40.5 hrs @ £10.70/hr) plus back pay April- Nov. £12.90 | £ 433.43 |          |
|                |  | £ 12.90  |          |
| Mrs. D Hansen  | Clerks exp. Nov/Dec  | £ 59.47  |          |
|                | SLCC membership  | £ 92.00  | £ 597.80 |
| M40CEG         | Donation   |          | £ 50.00  |
| Total value    |  |          | £ 647.80 |

- d. Bank balances: current account £5,800.45; savings account £6,073.63. £27.50 received from Bradenham Parish Council as a contribution to the clerk's training in Wendover.

9.183 Any other business

- a. Speed limits. The meeting discussed the unrestricted speed limit now obvious on Grays Lane. The clerk to remind BCC of this anomaly.
- b. Civil Contingencies Act. The clerk informed the meeting that she had been told that from 2010 it would be compulsory for all Parish Councils to have an emergency plan in place. WDALC is running a training session on this on 28/02/09. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Grimsdale and the clerk would like to attend this. Action clerk.

9.184. Date of the next meeting is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Cricket club.

The Chairman.....  
The meeting closed 20.40.

Date.....