

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 30th April 2012 at The Cricket Club following the Annual Parish meeting and
the Annual Parish Council meeting which start at 7.30pm

Present:

Mrs. I. Randall	Chairman
Mr. R. Scott	Vice-Chairman
Mrs. M. Grimsdale	Councillor
Mrs M. Smith	Councillor
Mr. J. Malkinson	Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

3 Members of the public were present; Joan Woodward, Christopher Harbord, Judith Barber

12.99 No apologies for absence were received.

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

12.101 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 5th March 2012 and the EOM 3 April 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

12.102 Matters arising not on the agenda (for information only).

- Meetings attended-NAG had been attended by Cllr Grimsdale and the clerk.

12.103 Lining and signing work carried out on Ibstone Road by BCC.

The parish council is satisfied with the work carried out and it was agreed to pay the invoice for £3000. A safer space for pedestrians is still required, but there is no easy way of creating a safe footpath.

Members reported potholes on Ibstone Road, clerk to report.

12.104 Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Beacon lighting on the Common on 04/06/12 will be a family affair; spectators will be invited "to bring a picnic". Cllr Scott has a licence to run a bar on the common, the car parking and beacon building is being organised.

12.105 M40 noise.

The Chair had spoken with Ken Edwards, Chairman of the M40CEG. He had confirmed that funding quieter resurfacing would not be available until 2020. The co-operative energy panel had applied for funding for noise barriers, these would be dynamically absorbent, the noise would go upwards and therefore not affect Ibstone. If funding is obtained a noise assessment for Ibstone will have to be carried out.

12.106 Pond.

The clerk had been in touch with the Chilterns Conservation Board and the Wormsley Estate. The ponds on the common are part of the Wormsley Estate's Higher Level stewardship Scheme. The Estate has allowed the parish council to seek advice on pond management, but require any proposed work to be approved by the Estate. The Chilterns Conservation Board is running a course on pond restoration on 09/06/12. Cllr Malkinson will try to attend. Judith Barber will attend the course and report back to the parish council.

12.107 Additional playground equipment:

Following the last newsletter, the Chairman had received 10 requests to install some additional play equipment on the Common and regenerate the playground. The meeting discussed new and or additional equipment. It was decided that any equipment would have to be discreet and only for small children. It may need to be moved slightly to avoid obstruction for the cricket club. The cricket area is not registered common land.

The inspection of the slide is due in May, it was decided that the PC would wait for the Rospa report on the slide before any other decisions were made. Clerk to bring the quotes received in the past to the next meeting.

12.108 Dog-fouling on the Common: request received from the cricket club to take action against the dog fouling on the common.

The PC discussed the matter and considered various options. The Chair had spoken to the Cricket Club Chairman, who felt that they were able to deal with the problem most of the time. The Wormsley Estate has stated that they do not wish signs on the common. It was decided that the parish council would not seek a dog-fouling bye law, but notices would be placed on the notice board and in the various local newsletters asking people to be considerate. Clerk to write to Mr Barrow informing him that the PC will not instigate legislation.

12.109 Planning:

WDC decisions:

- 12/05092/FUL Hawthorn Cottage. Application for single storey rear extension. WDC permitted.

New Applications:

- 12/05484/FUL Catherine Cottage. Application for the construction of a single storey side extension. PC no objection.
- 12/05731/FUL OS parcel 2837. Application for erection of stables/barn incorporating covered parking for trailer/tractor, hardstanding and access track.
The PC objected to this application. The development is very large for stabling of 3 horses. Access to the site is steep and unmade. Heavy vehicles could only use the access track if it was covered in hard surface, which is unacceptable in this rural area of the AONB and the track is over registered common land, which does not allow a permanent surface. The track joins a road which services several houses and there would be a bad line of sight onto Grays Lane, especially considering the acceleration required to move a heavy vehicle up a steep slope.
- 12/05963/FUL. Garsington Opera Wormsley Estate. Application for summer operatic/classical music festival seeking increase in the number of music events from 24 to 45 (between 1st of May and 30th September annually). PC had no objection.

12.110 Financial matters:

- a) The accounts for 2011/12 were approved and adopted.
- b) The statement of accounts and the Annual Governance Statement were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed them on behalf of the council.
- c) The Asset Register was approved and an insurance value of £750 for the red phone box in its current condition was agreed.
- d) The Parish Council's risk assessment was considered and it was agreed that the clerk would bring a risk assessment schedule to the next meeting for members to consider.
- e) Mr Don Timms was appointed as internal auditor.
- f) It was decided not to make a donation to the Octavia Hill Legacy.
- g) 51p bank interest received,
- h) £1500 received from BC Cllr Woollard for traffic calming scheme.
- i) 1st half precept received £2500.
- j) Bank balances: current account £ 7957.47 Savings account £ 6128.26

- k) It was agreed that Cllr Malkinson would investigate if the bank interest rate that the PC receives could be improved.
- l) It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary to SCP27 as from 01/04/12.
- m) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
WDALC	Subs 2012/13		10.00
Buckinghamshire County Council	Traffic management scheme		3000.00
Mh-p internet ltd	Web-site updates x2		36.00
BALC	Subs 2012/13		47.98
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary – April - May	232.67 232.67	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Mrch/April	110.79	576.04
Total value			£ 3670.02

12.111 Any other business:

- a. The Chairman was asked if she could advise villagers how they could apply for Garsington Opera dress rehearsal ticket in the newsletter.
- b. A new gate and access to the highway has appeared between Rectory Cottage and Namas. Clerk to inform WDC.
- c. Phone box. The question was raised when the refurbishment would be completed. The PC would like to see the refurbishment work finished before the end of the summer. Cllr Malkinson to chase.
- d. The wrong date for the meeting is on the web-site. Clerk to change.

12.112 Date of the next meeting Monday 2nd July 2012 at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club.

The Chairman.....

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