

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 5th July 2010 at the Cricket Club.

PRESENT

Mrs. I Randall	Chairman
Mrs. M. Grimsdale	Councillor
Dr. A. Keable-Elliott	Councillor
Cllr. M. Smith	Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

No members of the public were present.

10.293 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Cutler.

10.294 No declarations of interest were made.

10.295 The minutes of the meetings of 10th May were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

10.296 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- a. Parking on the Mace: under various Commons Acts and the Enclosure Act 1857 no-one is allowed to drive on Common land, you can't fence it nor disturb the soil. The clerk has referred the complainant to the owners of the Mace, the Wormsley Estate.
- b. The clearing of ice and snow from the highway by residents using council grit bins: the Highways Act 1980 gives the County Council the authority to grit roads. Any volunteers spreading this grit are covered by the BCC insurance as long as they "spread the grit competently". The Clerk obtained this information from the PC insurers and the SLCC. The meeting discussed the matter and decided that it would purchase 1 grit bin at a cost of £450 from BCC to be placed by the school, for use by the school.
- c. Footpath drainage: James Mason at BCC Rights of Way has suggested some improvements the Parish Council could make to the foot path, but BCC has no funds available to assist. Once the PC has decided how it wants to improve the drainage the Right of Way team will be able to offer further advice. BCC are going to dig a ditch between the road and the footpath to deal with road water run off which is currently draining into Twigsley land. This work might also improve the drainage of the footpath therefore it was decided to wait until the ditch has been completed before deciding on any further action.

10.297 Garsington Opera:

- a. The Chairman had a meeting with the Director and the Administration Manager of Garsington Opera. In 2011 "GO" will transfer to the Wormsley Estate. They will start setting up in May for approximately 21 performances, the first of which will be in early June. The final performance will be in early July. The event will be positioned near the lake and will use the same car park as the cricket matches. There will be approx 300 cars per event. It is intended that "GO" traffic uses the Stokenchurch entrance to the estate and approach it via the M40 and A40. Cllr Randall emphasised that travel advice to "GO" guests should say to ignore Satnavs and to stick to the main roads to avoid additional traffic through Ibstone and along narrow and potentially dangerous local roads.

"GO" will be looking locally for 'paying rooms' for their staff and performers. They will also need young people to sell programmes and more mature people to act as ushers. The General Director of "GO" stated that they are keen to establish good links with the local community and will explore possible joint projects with the local schools. Villagers will be invited to attend the full dress rehearsals, free of charge, and to bring picnics. The meeting

discussed the plans. It was decided that the Chairman should write to GO emphasizing that all traffic should use the M40 and use the Stokenchurch entrance to enter the estate. There are a number of positive points to this development and the Chairman was asked to highlight those in her letter to GO.

10.298 Bridleway / footpath notice on Grays Lane:

- a. Cllr Keable-Elliott reported that he had met with Mr. Hamimzadeh on site to discuss making the bridleway notice more visible from the lane. They discussed several options. Mr. Hamimzadeh has written to BCC offering to paint a white arrow on the telegraph pole to improve signposting. It may be possible for BCC to move the existing signs. We await the outcome.
- b. Dangerous and inappropriate style on footpath 14: The Wormsley Estate had assured the clerk that the work to repair this dangerous style had been carried. The Clerk has not had the opportunity to check this recently and Cllr Keable-Elliott will inspect the foot path and report back to the clerk.

10.299 Cllr Grimsdale asked the meeting to clarify the position on pre planning application consultation by residents. The matter was discussed and it was proposed to leave the status quo in place and the matter would be reviewed when the need arose again in the future.

10.300 On going matters:

- a. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Grimsdale has distributed notices inviting residents to join the DNA property marking scheme. TVP NHW e-mails will be edited or filtered as Cllr Grimsdale considers appropriate.

10.301 Planning Matters

- WDC decision noted:

- a) 10/05805/FUL The Fox, Ibstone. Erection of detached wooden shed (retrospective). PC no objection. WDC permitted

10.302 Financial Matters

- a) New quote from Langstaff- Ellis Ltd for repair of notice board door £211.60 plus vat was approved and accepted.
- b) 51p interest received
- c) The 2010 playground inspection report was briefly discussed, there is no requirement for immediate action to be taken.
- d) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed.

Between meetings cheque 306 was signed for £40 to Mr. K. Lee for the strimming of the footpath to the school

To whom	Description	£	£
Broker Network Ltd	Annual Parish Council insurance		£ 282.64
Langstaff_Ellis Ltd	Notice board repairs		£ 248.63
CPRE	Subs 2010/11		£ 29.00
Chiltern Society	Subs 2010/11		£ 25.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual subs 2010/11		£ 40.00
Mr. D. Timms	Internal audit 2009/10		£ 25.00
Play safety Ltd	Playground annual inspection 2010		£ 74.03

Mrs.D.Hansen	Clerk salary 17/05/10 to 09/07/10= 9 weeks (40.5 hrs @ £11.549/hr) Plus back pay from 01/04/10 to 14/05/10; 5wks @ 4.5hrs/wk=22.5@ 36.4p/hr	£ 467.73 £ 8.19	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. May-June	£ 87.18	£ 563.10
Mike Henson Presentations Limited	Planning and other amendments		£ 52.88
Total value			£ 1,340.28

Bank balances: current account £ 8,369.51, Savings account £6,122.65

10.303 Any other business:

- a. The meeting noted that the internal auditor had no comments to make on the accounts for 2009/10 and had signed the annual return.

10.304 The date of the next meeting Monday 13th September 2010 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman.....

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