

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 2nd July 2012 at The Cricket Club 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

And also present Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

- 4 Members of the public were present; Christopher Harbord, Dr Ken Edwards, Chairman M40CEG, Orme Oliver, Dave Anker and PC Claire Marchant.

12.113 No apologies for absence were received.

12.114 Declaration of interest in any agenda items: Cllr Randall made a declaration of personal interest in item 12.123 and item 12.126 planning application 12/05484/FUL as Governor of Ibstone School.

12.115 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 30th April 2012, the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting 30/04/12 and the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting 30/04/12 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a. Jubilee celebrations were a great success. The Chairman had received correspondence from the organising committee thanking the parish council for their generous contribution to the event which had enabled the hire of a substantial marquee.
- b. School busses turning at the Grays Lane junction. The clerk had corresponded with both Heyfordian busses and Carousel busses about the dangers involved at turning at this junction. Response had been received that they would speak to their drivers. It had stopped for a short period. Cllr Grimsdale had again spoken with the drivers concerned. PC Claire Marchant advised the PC to contact BCC Transportation about the problem. Clerk to action.
- c. M40 noise. The chair invited Dr Ken Edwards, Chairman M40 Chiltern environment Group to speak. The group has been campaigning for many years to have motorway noise reduction facilities placed along the stretch of M40 from J3 to J8. They have now obtained funding from the Co-op Community energy Awards to enable the group to take their proposals for noise reduction on the M40 to the next, business plan, stage. Their aim is to present a robust business plan to the concerned County Councils. At Stokenchurch the plan is to erect absorbent 4m high noise barriers on the north side. These barriers would collect solar energy which would then be sold and generate income. The next step is the business plan for the project. The plan will cover:
 - Cost implications and income projections.
 - Come to an agreement with the Highways Agency
 - Find a co-operative local energy supplier.
 - Obtain funding for the project.

A lot of research needs to be undertaken before the business plan can be presented.

The parish council had the opportunity to ask questions. "Quieter" road surfaces were also discussed.

The Chairman asked how the PC could be involved. Ken Edwards suggested that a

representative attended the M40CEG meetings. Dave Anker had volunteered to attend on behalf of the PC. The offer was gratefully accepted by the members. It was confirmed that the PC supported the work of the M40CEG but were mindful that any developments to improve the noise problem for Stokenchurch should not make the situation worse for Ibstone.

The Chairman thanked Ken Edwards for his presentation and attendance at the meeting.

Concern was raised that there was no independent advice about the possible noise reflection of barriers placed on the north side of the M40 at Stokenchurch. The PC considered that Ibstone required independent qualified advice.

12.117 Beacon lighting review: Cllr Scott reported that it had been a successful evening. During the evening 100-200 people had attended and the beacon had been lit at 22.29. The cost of the evening had been £68.93. A £300 float had been provided and £231.07 was returned. Cllr Scott and Dave Anker were thanked for their hard work ensuring a successful evening had been had by the community.

12.118 New code of conduct:

The clerk had distributed the new forms for councillors to declare their interest. The clerk will attend a training session on the New Code of Conduct 11/07/12. Members to return the forms to the clerk asap. after 11/07/12.

12.119 Ponds:

The parish council had been requested to arrange a survey of ponds on the common and also of the pond along Ibstone Road opposite Cherry Tree. The meeting agreed that it would ask the Chilterns Conservation Board to carry out the survey and that it would enquire about costs and the possibility of obtaining a grant. Action clerk.

12.120 It was agreed to move the Police item to the earlier part of the meeting to allow PC Claire Marchant to leave on time.

She reported that:

- 7 crimes had been committed in the village since January, 1 more than last year.
- During the Easter weekend there were several car thefts and attempted car theft committed. As a result of these attempts the Police had commenced an action in the village, which included increased foot patrols, putting up posters and placing crime operation signs. The PC had received complaints about these signs. PC Claire Marchant reminded the meeting that the signs are placed to increase public awareness and they are removed after 2-3 weeks. Thanks were expressed to the police for their quick response to the events.
- The Police will be present at the village Open Day 14/07/12.
- Rural crime is a big issue for the local police.
- A vehicle marking day will be advertised soon.

12.121 A member of the public had asked the PC if signs could be placed on the common to stop people parking across the pedestrian entrance to the Common. Clerk to contact the Wormsley estate to get their views on signs on the Common. Cllr Grimsdale to contact the owner of the van often parked on the vehicle entrance to the common and to request the owner not to park there.

12.122 Rospa Playground inspection report received. The meeting discussed the report. Noting the comments about the slide in the report it was agreed that a replacement program for the slide

would be put in place. All members to research a replacement slide and bring suggestions to the next meeting. A new playground equipment quote had been received, but equipment quoted was not deemed suitable. Cllr Grimsdale to request the cricket club to trim the nettles around the bench.

12.123 The school is fundraising for a new hall, which will be available for use by the community. The meeting discussed a financial contribution to this fund as a new hall would have a community use. The village has no village hall. It was agreed to make a £2,000 donation to the school towards funding for the new hall.

12.124 Phone box refurbishment update. The phone box will not be removed for shot blasting. It will be done in situ. Once shot blasted, it will receive a coat of primer and a new door. It is intended that the box will also be under-pinned. The project is under way. The request to house the defibrillator in the phone box once restored still stands.

12.125 Parish Council's risk assessment schedule had been circulated. The meeting approved and agreed the schedule and authorised the Chairman to sign the schedule on behalf of the council.

12.126 Planning:

WDC decisions:

- 12/05484/FUL Catherine Cottage. Application for the construction of a single storey side extension. PC no objection. WDC permitted
- 12/05731/FUL OS parcel 2837. Application for erection of stables/barn incorporating covered parking for trailer/tractor, hard standing and access track. PC objected. WDC refused.

12.126 New Applications:

- 12/06008/FUL Ibstone School. Variation of 2 (application 11/07390/FUL) proposed demolition of existing building and construction of a new activity centre complete with kitchen and ancillary accommodation to allow alternative materials to be used. PC no objection.
- 12/06127/FUL land adjacent OS parcel 5122, Ibstone Rd. application of a new galvanised gate into existing gateway to complete stock proofing of field (retrospective). PC no objection, but the authority to consider the sight line on to the road.
- 12/06108/FUL Hell Corner Cottage, Grays Lane. Householder application for demolition of existing garage structure and replacement with oak frame garage structure with ancillary studio over, extension of existing driveway, extension of 1.8m perimeter fence abutting Grays Lane to incorporate garage area. PC no objection, but requests that the garage/studio is not used as a separate dwelling from the main house. The PC expressed concerns that the 1.8m fence will adversely impact on the surrounding environment and the rural aspect of the area.
- 12/06311/FUL Bucks Wigwams. Demolition of existing barn and erection of replacement barn for use in connection with land storage, maintenance and hire of marquees and ancillary equipment together with associate vehicles (a use falling within class B8 of Town and Country Planning (use classes) Order 2005. PC no objection.
- 12/06313/FUL. Crown Cottage, Ibstone Rd. application for proposed replacement of existing ancillary building with construction of detached garage and store with fruit pressing equipment and general storage above to serve dwelling house. PC no objection, but requests that the building is not used as a separate dwelling from the main house

- 12/06435/FUL. Twigsid Farm, Ibstone Rd. Application for erection of part single/part two storey side extension to main house. PC no objection.

12.127 Financial matters:

- The new insurance quote for 2012/13 @ £307.05 and the offer to enter into a 3 year arrangement @ £291.70 were discussed. It was agreed that a 3 year agreement would be acceptable if there would be no increase in costs other than taxes in those 3 years. Clerk to enquire. It was agreed to sign a cheque for £291.70 to ensure the continuation of the insurance cover.
- It was agreed to pay the Chiltern Society subscription by DD. They offer a 25% discount for the 1st year if paid this way. The payment of £18.75 by DD was approved.
- 52p bank interest received,
- The meeting approved the payments of £782 plus Vat to Bucks Wigwams for the hire of a marquee for the jubilee celebrations.
- Bank balances: current account £ 6487.36 Savings account £ 6128.78
- Between meetings a cheque for £300.00 was signed to cover a float for the Beacon lighting evening.
- The cheques as listed below were approved and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
Open spaces Society	Subs 12/13		40.00
Mh-p internet ltd	Inv.2254 &2271 planning applications (5)	90.00	
	Inv 2278 hosting of our domain and annual fee for plan B	360.00	450.00
CPRE	Subs 12/13		29.00
Don Timms	Annual internal audit fee		30.00
Playsafety Limited	Annual play area inspection		75.60
Bucks Wigwams	Hire charges jubilee celebrations		938.40
Broker Network Ltd	Annual Parish Council insurance		291.70
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary – June	232.67	
	- July	232.67	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. May/June	48.58	513.92
Total value			£ 2368.62

12.128 Any other business:

- The new road linage by Skomer is already fading. Clerk to request that BCC repair the damage.
- There are many signs up around the village. Where appropriate Cllrs to speak to properties with signage placed outside their boundaries.

12.129 Date of the next meeting Monday 3rd September 2012 at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club.

The Chairman.....

Date.....

