

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 4 March 2013 at Ibstone C of E School Hall 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

11 members of the public were present: Mike smith, Christopher Harbord, Janis Harman, Jo....., David Cairns, Kate Ashbrook, John Richardson, Michael Wood, WPC Claire Marchant and PcsO Emily Watkins.

13.173 No apologies for absence were received.

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

13.175. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of 7 January 2013 and the extra ordinary meeting 28 February 2031 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

13.176 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

- a. Ragwort on the common. Wormsley had responded to the request for the removal of ragwort: it will be pulled July/August, when in bloom.
- b. Wormsley had also responded that the parish council's comments about the growth of gorse and hawthorn bushes on the common had been noted and will be considered. They are currently reviewing the management of the common.
- c. Village litter pick had taken place Saturday 2nd March 2013. Tony Grant organised the event, 15 people turned up and a very good job was done. Tony Grant was thanked by the council for organising and leading this successful event this year and for the last 30 years.
- d. The provision of grit bins on Grays Lane was discussed.

The meeting was closed to allow the council to hear public views on the matter.

The meeting was reopened.

- I. The meeting decided that the existing gritbin should remain in position as the majority of residents of Grays Lane did not wish to have it moved.
- II. The meeting discussed the option of placing a second gritbin on Grays Lane. It was decided that there are problems with the narrow verges of this road and advice should be sought from BCC. Action clerk.
- III. The parish council will look at a map to consider suitable locations on Grays Lane. Action councillors.
- IV. A new gritbin can only be placed where it would not cause harm to the visual amenity of the village.
- V. It was also decided to ask the village through the newsletter if there are other locations in the village where grit bins might be beneficial. Action Chair.

13.177 Police:

- a. The police officers present reported that Ibstone residents appeared to be reluctant to report crime. Since October 2013 five crimes had been reported. The police need

residents to report (attempted) crime and any suspicious activities as a warning to others.

- b. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is run very effectively in Ibstone and the police expressed their thanks to Cllr Grimsdale for her work with the NHW.
- c. PcsO Emily Watkins is leaving the area to join the police service. She will be replaced in due course. The Chair thanked Emily Watkins for all the work she had done in the parish and wished her all the best for the future.
- d. Residents were encouraged to join Dogwatch and Countrywatch, both useful services.
- e. The police had visited the village to observe the dangerous turning of busses in the village, but no manoeuvres had been noted at that time.

13.178 Consultation on proposed foot/bridleway diversion of I2 at Twigside Farm.

- a. Twigside Farm is looking to divert the bridleway (I2). Michael Wood, Mr Tara Getty's consultant, gave a short presentation followed by John Richardson, the manager of Twigside. They then answered questions. The agent, Jeff Emmett had given his apologies. The council took the opportunity to pose questions.

*The meeting was closed to hear public views on the matter.
The meeting was reopened.*

The Parish Council will await the publication of a formal application by Twigside before making formal comment.

13.179 M40 report: following the proposal for the installation of noise reduction panels at junction 5 M40:

- a. Dave Anker had submitted a report stating that no noise surveys had been carried out for Ibstone, but that the M40CEG were offering the use of their equipment for the PC to carry out a survey. It was thought that the M40CEG had reported that they had an obligation to carry out a noise survey for Ibstone.
- b. It was decided that the council's concerns over any future increase in noise pollution for Ibstone should be reinforced and Dave Anker will be asked to take these to the M40CEG.
- c. It was decided that Dave Anker will be asked to request information from the M40CEG about how they will ensure that the introduction of dynamic sound absorbing barriers at Stokenchurch will not make worse for Ibstone.

13.180 Ibstone School Governor.

- a. Cllr Randall has completed her 4 years as the parish council representative on the Board of Governors for Ibstone C of E school. Members were asked to consider a replacement. This will be considered by the councillors.

13.181 Correspondence from the Cricket club about parking on the common and dog fouling on the common.

- a. The cricket club had asked for suggestions to limit members of the public parking on the common. The PC has considered placing "No parking signs", but Wormsley replied that they are unhappy about any more signs on the common. At best they might allow one sign. No other suggestions were put forward.
- b. Dog fouling on the common: this has been dealt with in an earlier meeting. It is not possible to designate Rural Common Land under the Dog Fouling (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. The cricket club to be asked for their suggestions for dealing with this problem. Action clerk.

13.182 Playground equipment:

- a. Work has now been completed as specified and the members are happy with the new

equipment.

- b. Parking near the equipment may be a problem. Members to observe.

13.183 Turning of busses in the village.

- a. Following the PC's earlier correspondence with the bus companies and the resumption of the turning of the busses at the junction of Grays Lane with Ibstone Road, Mrs Grimsdale had written to BC Cllr R Woollard requesting assistance. He had asked the PC to discuss the matter. The PC supported Mrs Grimsdale's concerns. It was decided that the Chair would write to the Managing Director of Heyfordian busses emphasising that that junction is the most hazardous part of the village and busses should not turn there, the junction at the school is safer. The Chair and clerk will respond to BCC Cllr Woollard.

13.184 Website.

- a. Cllr Malkinson has been looking at the development of the PC website and will make a presentation to the council at the next meeting.

13.185 Cookie law.

- a. The council to decide that the website should be made compliant with the directive relating to "Cookie Law". This directive is part of the Data Protection Act under which we are registered.

13.186 Correspondence:

- a. The copy letter from Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum to Wormsley about open access to land on Cobstone Hill was noted.

13.187 Planning:

- a. WDC decisions:
- 13/07609/FUL Ibstone House, householder application for alterations to boundary wall incl increasing of height to a maximum of 713mm and new flint work. PC no objection. WDC permitted
 - 13/07692/LBC Ibstone House, listed building application for insertion of window and internal alterations to layout to provide 2 additional bedroom suites with en-suite bathrooms. PC no objection. WDC permitted.
- b. New Applications:
- 13/05304/FUL, the Lodge, Twigsid Farm, householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extensions. PC no objection.

13.188 Financial matters:

- a. The finances for the year were reviewed.

Accounts year to date:

Expenditure	Ytd 04/03/13	Budget for the year £
Clerk's salary	2792.05	2750.00
Clerks expenses	495.56	480.00
Working from home allowance	500.00	500.00
Insurance	291.70	310.00
Donations	2857.00	175.00
Subscriptions	183.73	215.00
Training	10.00	100.00

Audit fee(internal & external)	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	289.23	140.00
Web-site	640.00	500.00
Playground	63.00	65.00
Sundry	335.00	100.00
Traffic mgt	3000.00	
Hire costs	0	100.00
Vat	1651.28	
Playequipment	6165.00	0
TOTAL	19423.55	5585.00

Income	Ytd £ 01/03/13	Budget for the year £
Precept	5000.00	5000.00
Sundry	231.07	
Vat	168.48	
TOTAL	5399.55	5000.00

- b. 49p bank interest received, £168.48 Vat repayment 2011/13 received.
c. Bank balances: current account £9055.18 Savings account £30.80
d. The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
Mh-p	Planning x2		36.00
Mazars	External audit 2011/13		144.00
E&R Meakes	Slide repairs		347.08
Broxap	New playground equipment plus installation		7,398.00
WDALC	Training R. Scott		10.00
The Information Commissioner	Renewal fee of registration under Data protection Act 1998.		35.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary – February - March	232.67 232.67	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Jan/Feb	89.29	
Mrs D Hansen	Working from home allowance 2013/13	500.00	1,054.66
Total value			9,024.74

13.189 Any other business.

1. The clerk has met with the Area Technician and he has agreed that the white lines on the road by Skomer needed to be repainted. He also noted that the short white poles placed in the verge outside Ibstone House should not have been placed so near to the highway and he will write to the occupiers asking them to remove the posts. He had looked at the gritbin on Grays Lane and felt it was in a suitable place.
2. It was asked when the phone box would be ready for use. The refurbishment of the phone box is weather dependant, so will take some time.

13.190 Date of the next meeting May 20th 2013.

The Chairman.....

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