

News from Ibstone Parish Council

This newsletter is designed to give you an overview of the work being carried out by the Parish Council on your behalf at the moment. You can see more detail of what has been discussed at the last Parish Council meeting in July in the draft minutes of the PC.

There was concern that there was no apparent movement on the consultation process scheduled to take place this summer on the proposal to reduce our local speed limit from 40 to 30mph. We now have assurance from Bucks County Council that local advertising should be seen by mid September and this will in no way hold up the proposed implementation of the new limit, depending on consultation of course, in Spring / Summer 2008.

We are about to apply for planning permission to install a Speed Indicating Device on the Mace to give our school greater protection from fast traffic. We are also talking to the Wormsley Estate about getting permission to place another SID on the edge of the Common. We had to find sites where the SIDs can be solar powered because of the cost of installing mains power supplies.

The safety of the village is one of the key objectives that we set ourselves this year, as well as improving communications with villagers, so if you have any thoughts on either of these topics, please let us know.

We continue to try to improve the noise from the M40, but realistically, many other areas suffer louder noise than in Ibstone and for most of the time so the junction 5 stretch is unlikely to be at the top of the schedule for resurfacing with noise absorbing material. However we are contacting the private owners of the M40 to see if anything can be done.

The PC has written to Wycombe DC Planning Enforcement about the poles which have been erected along the edge of the Fingest House land near the windmill as these are more than the permitted 2 metres high.

We are about to comply with the government requirement that the village has an Emergency Plan and you will be contacted by us shortly. This plan should detail our vulnerable villagers so that we can ensure they are offered assistance in the event of an emergency, such as toxic fumes travelling over Ibstone following an accident on the M40. We will also be identifying resources such as heavy lifting equipment or villagers with medical expertise.

These are only some of the things that we are working on at the moment. If you have any comments or would like to find out more, please contact our Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on 01494 562254.