

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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We were joined for the latest PC meeting by 2 enterprising villagers, Rob Halhead and Tim Sloane. Rob is trying to find a solution to the erratic broadband service in the village. It's particularly frustrating for those working from home. Currently it comes by several kilometres of copper wire from the Turville Heath exchange. BT will eventually upgrade this but not for some years. Residents in the Hambledon Valley have installed an independent system but only after raising thousands of pounds. Rob is researching possible options including input from Buckingham Business First. He would appreciate some village support in this venture and if you contact the PC Clerk (details below) we will put you in touch.

Tim has taken up the gauntlet and is organising some village events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The events will be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of June to avoid clashing with the half term holiday. There are plans for a BBQ and big band concert, Jubilee exhibition and performance of the Messiah amongst others. Tim would appreciate your support. Contact him through our Clerk.

The village has been offered free tree packs to create jubilee woods. You need to have an acre or less of land and the local community must help you to plant it. 1250 packs are available for planting in the autumn and packs come in 2 sizes – 105 or 420 trees. For further information go directly to this website www.jubileewoods.org.uk/treepacks.

Fund raising for the defibrillator is going well but Mel Grimsdale who has been masterminding this project needs your help with the final push. Any contribution will be very welcome. You can make pledges to Arrhythmia Alliance on behalf of 'The Ibstone Restart the Heart Project'.

Community Impact Bucks have launched a community oil buying scheme. Unfortunately this is not something that Ibstone PC can undertake but if you are interested, please contact us and we will pass on the information.

As you may have seen, work has started on the tricky narrow road section by the phone box. New white lines have appeared down each side of the road but rain stopped play, as they say, and the workmen disappeared before burning off the dotted central line, painting the SLOW signs and replacing the Road Narrows signs. It's very frustrating but we are chasing BCC hard.

We are also pushing them to do something about their 'improved drainage' opposite Crown Cottage which has resulted in the road being flooded yet again.

The 104 bus service has finally bitten the dust. We tried to retain a return trip on a Saturday, but with no success. We are investigating getting any now redundant bus stops removed. Some are still required for the school services.

We would like to hear from you – your comments, suggestions, complaints! Contact Ibstone PC through our Clerk, Deidre Hansen on Clerk@ibstone.org.uk or talk to any of the councillors, Irene Randall, Richard Scott, Melanie Grimsdale, Margy Smith or Jeremy Malkinson in the village.

Our next meeting is on the 5th of March in the Fox conference room at 7.30. Please do come along.