

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

July 2012

Ibstone has had a very busy time recently with Jubilee celebrations and our thanks go to all who have worked so hard to make them such a success, particularly Tim Sloane for leading the events in the marquee and Richard Scott and his team for organising the beacon which was set alight at exactly 10.29 on the instructions of the Queen's Beacon Master.

The weekend's events generated financial contributions which will go to the school and the church. The old school terrapin has been demolished and the shell of its wonderful new replacement will be erected next week. The governors have to raise £20,000 towards this work and fund raising is going quite well. Nikki Gracey will be pleased to hear from you if you have any suggestions as to how they can swell this fund. The Parish Council voted to donate £2,000 to this fund because the new school will provide a useful centre for the village in addition to being an invaluable resource for the school.

Ken Edwards of the M40 group joined us for our PC meeting. His group has been working for many years to reduce the impact of M40 noise on Stokenchurch. Obviously this is also an issue for Ibstone depending on the direction of the wind and we have been attending their meetings. Now the M40 Chilterns Environment Group has won funding to research more dynamic noise reduction barriers using solar power. We will continue to work with the M40CEG to make sure that no changes in the motorway noise defences inadvertently have a negative impact on Ibstone.

As you will have seen, work has started on refurbishing the phone box. The door is to be replaced and the rest of the box sand blasted and repainted. It will also need to be underpinned. Nick Mival is in charge of this project and he would appreciate your help to complete this project.

We continue to receive complaints that some school coaches are turning round at the junction with Grays Lane. We have already contacted the operators to try to stop this and we are now taking this to WDC Transport department.

Concern has been voiced over the poor conditions of the ponds in the village, all of which are badly overgrown. The Wormsley Estate has ultimate responsibility for the 2 ponds in the woods opposite the Fox but has agreed that we can try to arrange a survey of the ponds with restoration in mind and we are approaching the Chiltern Conservation Society about this.

There has been a problem with getting access to the common both at the Fox end for pedestrians and for permitted vehicles at their entrance further down the road. Much of the problem is being created by visitors to the village but we would ask those who do live in the village to avoid parking in these areas.

There are several planning applications under consideration at the moment, including the Fox and you can get information about these on Wycombe District Council's website, www.wycombe.gov.uk.

We always 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 Monday the 3rd of September at 7.30, venue to be confirmed. Please do come along.