

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. If you would like to comment on any of these topics please call our Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on 01494 562254 or at clerk@ibstone.org.uk.

We begin with good news about the proposed closure of the M40 bridge next year for repair work. It has now been agreed that a temporary bridge will be provided as the repairs are carried out and the route will remain open. The work is due to take place in 2009. More good news – a programme of repair work is scheduled to be carried out on potholes on the road between Ibstone and the M40 at the end of June.

The decision taken at last year's Annual Meeting to have a Speed Indicating Device on the common to slow traffic down as it enters the village has been overturned. The Wormsley Estate, owners of the common, has withdrawn permission to place the SID on the estate land after receiving letters from villagers complaining about the visual impact of such a device. A working party has been set up to look again at ways of managing the speed of traffic through the village including the feasibility of placing a SID on the Mace to warn traffic that they are approaching a school. Once again we are canvassing your thoughts on this.

The de-restriction signs at the entrance to Grays Lane will remain in position for some time. The PC is lobbying Bucks CC to have the speed limit reduced to 30mph and the de-restriction signs removed but this will only be considered when BCC carries out the post implementation speed review in 2 years time. We need your support with this and would encourage you to write now to Alan Baverstock at BCC, County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UY.

The PC is charged with producing an Emergency Plan for the parish. All Parish and District councils are being asked to do this so that they can respond quickly to any emergency that arises. We need to identify anyone who would need special assistance in such a situation and also to make a register of resources such as villagers with medical experience or those who have access to heavy lifting equipment. A voluntary questionnaire to help us do this has been distributed to all households. Any information that could help with this Emergency Plan would be appreciated and all questionnaires returned will be destroyed once the relevant information has been noted.

Our plan to make the village safer for pedestrians continues. The new school path has been surfaced by BCC. The trees and fallen timber between the track and the road have been removed by the Wormsley Estate as part of their work to construct a new entrance to their stables nearby. We are now looking at ways of improving the difficult stretch of road near the telephone box. If you have any innovative solutions we would like to hear from you.

Ibstone Parish Council website is now live. The web address is www.ibstone.org.uk. Please take a look at it and let us have any thoughts on other information you would like to see included. The date of our next meeting is July 7th at 7.30pm in the cricket pavilion. We look forward to seeing you there.