

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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The hot topic in the village at the moment is obviously the extension of the Fox Alcohol Licence. As you would expect, this forthcoming application was discussed at the PC meeting based on information from the Fox's licensing consultant. Following the actual publication of the application, the PC produced the following response to Wycombe District Council.

"The Parish Council sympathises with local businesses and their needs, but extending the Music and Dance licences from 12 to 1am, Monday to Saturday and to 12.30 on a Sunday and the Alcohol licence from 11pm to 1am every day is considered unreasonable in a rural area. The Parish Council is concerned that the extension of these licences will encourage late night drinkers to be attracted to the Fox. They will move on from other pubs in the area and be able to gain entry to the Fox until 11.30pm. People leaving the Fox after 1am will cause considerable disruption to this quiet village of 100 homes."

The consultation period ends on the 13th of December and WDC would like to hear from you. You can register your comments on

<http://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/licencingApplicationDetails.do?activeTab=activities&keyVal=LUQZM7SCOEV00>

In response to the previous Fox 3am licence application, the PC clerk was asked to enquire if the licence application had been advertised at the premises and in the press. In fact it was this enquiry that was one of the main reasons for the previous application being withdrawn.

It has become clear to us through the email traffic that has been flying around the village recently that there is some confusion about how the PC works. Our Clerk would be delighted to give you a full rundown on the

guidelines by which we operate but basically we are legally constrained in the way in which we run our meetings, how these are minuted and the minutes distributed. Our agendas must be signed by the Clerk and posted on the PC noticeboard near the phone box 5 days in advance of each meeting. The minutes of the meetings are posted there too and can also be found on our website www.ibstone.org.uk. In addition, we will now email the agenda round but in order that we can comply with our conditions, do let us know of any subjects that you would like discussed well in advance.

The next meetings will be at 7.30 on January 17th, March 5th, April 30th, July 2nd, September 3rd and November 5th 2012. In the winter we are hiring the conference room at the Fox but our May-September meetings will take place in the cricket pavilion.

Our Community Police Officer Claire Marchant spoke at our last meeting. There is a new non-emergency number for contacting the police which is simply 101 from a landline or a mobile. This does go through to a national call centre so be ready to give them your postcode so that they know where you are calling from. It's also a good idea for you to refer to Main Road, Ibstone where appropriate although very few of us use that in our addresses. PC Marchant also made a plea for all houses to display their house name prominently. This would also make it easier for delivery drivers. Claire advised asking for a reference number so that you can check the progress of your enquiry. If you are at all suspicious please call 101 but in the case of a real emergency, 999 is still the number to call.

The narrow section of road next to the phone box should be improved soon. Bucks County Council say they hope to improve the road markings and signage before the end of the year, depending on the weather. Their road teams have been greatly depleted so it is possible that we won't see this happening until early next year. However, the additional 'No Lorry' signs have been placed close to the M40 slip-road and there seems to have been many fewer HGVs having to turn round in the village.

While we're in that area - the phone box. You will soon see an empty space where the phone box currently stands but please don't panic. This is all part of the renovation plan organised by Nick Mival. The team is waiting to have the electricity supply to the box terminated so that removal can take place. Volunteers to help are still welcome.

Following the plans to remove our once a day 104 bus we have applied to at least have a Saturday service. We are waiting to hear back.

The official day for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration is the 4th of June next year. We are investigating the possibility of one of the beacons being placed on Ibstone Common and will we will receive 600 metres of free bunting from Bucks County Council! If you are interested in organising an Ibstone event, please talk to us. We would be pleased to assist with funding a village event, and look forward to hearing from you with any proposals.

Congratulations and thanks are due to the team which organised a very successful bonfire night event. The weather was kind for once and the entertainment and catering excellent.

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 17th of January in the Fox conference room at 7.30. Please come along. Until then, Happy Christmas from Ibstone Parish Council.