

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL on
Tuesday 2nd October 2007, 8.00pm at Ibstone Cricket Club**

PRESENT

Mr. C Harbord	Chairman
Mrs. I. Randall	Vice-Chairman
Mr. S. Cutler	Councillor
Mrs. M. Grimsdale	Councillor
Dr T. Keable-Elliott	Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

And also six members of the public present

- 7.78 No Apologies for absence were received.
- 7.79 No declaration of interest in any agenda items was made.
- 7.80 The minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2007 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.
- 7.81 Matters arising not on the agenda. Now that the Wormsley Estate will not raise objections to a SID on the Common, the meeting decided that the clerk should proceed with the planning application for both SID's, but only one would be put up to start with. The Parish Council would review the local response to the SID on the Mace before proceeding with a second SID, and would consult the village further on this matter.
- 7.82 On going matters:
- a. Lower Studridge Farm. The clerk reported that the planning application submitted in 2004 had still not been decided. This application covered previous enforcement issues and planning applications. She had written to David Gibbon and Charles Power (WDC) expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the lengthy delay and requesting the matter to be dealt with ASAP.
 - b. M40 noise. The clerk had written to the Highways agency, copy D. Lidington and P. Goodman MP's highlighting the private ownership of the M40 and requesting the resurfacing of the Stokenchurch stretch of the M40 to reduce the noise.
 - c. M40 bridge closure. The meeting discussed the matter and it was decided to ask for a formal meeting with UK Highways M40 ltd to discuss the closure. Clerk will also write to County Councillor V. Letheren copies to transportation officers asking why the communities directly affected by this work had not been informed.
 - d. BCC Speed review. PC has now received the notice of the proposed change to the speed limit in the village. The speed limit is proposed to be changed from 40 mph to 30 mph between a point 99 metres north of the common boundary of Mile house and Bluehills to a point 60 metres southeast of the centre of its junction with the unnamed road leading to C106 Holloway Lane. The meeting decided, that although it does support the proposed changes, it will again ask for the 30 mph

speed limit to be extended beyond the proposed distance towards Fingest. And request why the request had not been included in the proposal. Action clerk.

- e. IB 23 etc. Footpath planning application refused. Several other planning applications have been withdrawn. WDC is awaiting re-submission.
 - f. Meeting church wardens. PC is not able to attend a meeting on the date suggested by the church warden. Clerk to give the warden 3 suitable dates and organise a meeting to take place early evening in the Cricket club.
- 7.83 Financial matters:
- a. The cheque payments as listed in appendix 1 were approved and signed.
 - b. Discuss the BALC recommendation to pay the clerk a “working from home expenses” allowance. Minimum recommended £500 p.a. This item was moved to a closed meeting as it covers personnel matter.
- 7.84 Planning matters see appendix II
- 7.85 The PC approved the permanent appointment of the clerk now the 13 week probationary period has passed.
- 7.86 Update Neighbourhood watch. Cllr Grimsdale had met Turville Councillors. They are also due to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. She has organised a meeting for the 10/ 11 co-ordinators who will pass information on to 6 to 8 houses. She has spoken with the police and is trying to organise some speed guns to short term use in the village. She showed the meeting the signs that are available to put up in the village. It was decided to put signs up and use the ‘Free’ signs. Cllr Grimsdale will order and put up the signs. She will also order and deliver door to door booklets, fridge magnets and non-door step selling notes.
- 7.87 Emergency Plan. Cllr Grimsdale plans to deliver voluntary risk assessment questionnaires to each household, which will help her to compile the emergency plan. The Chairman thanked her for all her work on the matter.
- 7.88 The Chairman had received a request from Mr. K. Pawson, who would like to put a seat in memory of his wife on the Common. The meeting discussed the issue and it was decided to offer Mr Pawson the opportunity to replace one of the worn seats on the Common. Chairman to phone him and Clerk to follow up with a letter.
- 7.89 Web-site update. Cllr Randall reported on the quotes that had been received. She and Cllr Cutler had studied and compared them and after due consideration recommended the quote from Mike Henson Presentations Ltd as meeting the Parish Council’s needs at an acceptable price. The meeting decided to accept this quote. Action Cllr Randall.
- 7.90 The date of next meeting is Wednesday 9th January 2008 @ 8.00pm at the cricket club.
- 7.91 Any other business.

- a. A request was received for the cutting of hedge on Ibstone Road between the Lodge and the wood. Mr. Howard-Jones offered to speak to the land owner.
- b. The footpath to the school needs an improved surface. The first requirement is to improve the drainage. Cllr Randall will organise this at a minimum cost. It was also decided to apply to the Local Committee Scheme for funds to resurface the path. BCC had advised the clerk that the cost of this would be approximately £3000. Action clerk.

Appendix I

a. Cheques that have been signed between meetings and approved at this meeting:

To whom	description	£
SLCC	Purchase of a copy of Charles Baker	£50.00
WDC	Contribution to cost of public notice re code of conduct	£56.80
WDC	Cost of election 03/05/07	£577.64

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting:

To whom	description	£
UHY Hacker Young	Annual audit fee 2006/07	£ 58.75
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 09/07/07 to 07/10/07= 13 weeks (58.5 hrs @ £8.70/hr)	£ 508.95
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. July-Sept.	£ 52.80
Total value		£ 620.50

Appendix II Planning.

New applications:

07/07273/FUL

Mr Hollis, High Meadow, Ibstone Rd.

Construction of rear conservatory and raised patio area. PC no objection

Pending:

07/05592/FUL

Wormsley Estate, Ibstone Common, Ibstone.

Construction of 2 storey extension to south elevation, single storey extension to north elevation & refurbishment of existing dwelling to provide 1 4-bedroom dwelling.

WDC decisions

07/06696/FUL

Green wood, Ibstone Rd

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement 4 bed dwelling and alteration to existing access. PC objected on the following grounds: plans for proposed property are for a larger one than existing property. Over development of the site. The design is not in keeping with the immediate street scene or that of the village. The proposed design is not in sympathy with the local landscape and local traditional building designs. And there is no provision for a garage. *WDC permitted.*

0/06704/FUL

Land adjacent Fingest Manor, Chequers Lane, Fingest. Construction of a raised timber board walk.

PC objection. The boardwalk due to its height and length would be absolutely dominating in the area and the surrounding woodland. The already erected hazel fencing is very tall and dominant. Users of the right of way already have a feeling of enclosure. This does not allow for enjoyment of the countryside and has led to fragmentation of the woodland (L6 (1)). The boardwalk would further increase this. It leads to suburbanisation of the countryside in the AONB. Sections of fencing have been put in place that are over 2m permitted development height. WDC refused.

0706993/FUL

Ibstone Cricket Club.

Erection of single storey link extension to provide shower room.

PC no objection. *WDC permitted.*

07/06498/FUL

Lady Getty, Ashfield Dairy Unit, Holloway Lane, Turville

Erection of single storey building comprising 6 stables, feed/hay store, tack room and farrier/wash room. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

The Chairman.....

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