

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 3rd November 2008, 7.30pm at Ibstone Cricket Club

PRESENT

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

Mr. R. Woollard BC Councillor
Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public was present.

8.156. No apologies for absence were received.

8.157 No declarations of interest in any agenda items were made.

8.158 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 15th September 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

8.159 Matters arising not on the agenda.

- a. Seat for Gay Turner. The clerk had received 3 suggestions of locations for a seat along footpaths on the Wormsley Estate. She also reported that the family had no objection to a seat near the school. The meeting had agreed in principle to a seat on the Mace. Each time the Parish Council receives a request for a seat they will review the matter on merit. It was decided to have a rubbish bin near the seat as well. Clerk to contact Wormsley Estate as well as enquiring from WDC how often a bin would be emptied and what the cost of one would be.
- b. Public use of school bus. The clerk reported that if a school bus stopped in more than one location on the way to school, the public could use it, but school children had priority.

8.160 Grays Lane Junction.

- a. All agreed that the junction is a hazard to the public. The meeting discussed various options to improve safety at this junction. A footpath behind the hedge on private land has been put aside for the moment. A raised footpath with a hand rail was suggested. It was decided to investigate the possibility of reducing the thickness of the hedge and creating space for a path. Action Chairman. Clerk to contact BCC to raise the matter with them and ask about mirrors on the junction. Cllr Woollard suggested raising a petition. Cllr Randall will look into this and report back to the next meeting.
- b. The meeting moved onto signage (item 8.161 c i) to stop HGV lorries entering the village. It was suggested a sign that showed a picture would be more effective. Clerk to write to Jim Stevens asking again for a weight restriction and additional useful signage. BC Cllr Woollard suggested adding this item to the petition.

8.161 On going matters:

- a. NAG, Cllrs Harbord and Cutler had attended the latest meeting and gave an update. The speed watch issues have not yet been resolved.
- b. Traffic Calming: the school had provided the PC with a copy of their travel plan. Traffic calming by the school was discussed. Cllr Randall will go to the next STP meeting and get the schools' more recent thoughts on the matter. She will report back.
- c. Roads:
 - i. Turville PC had agreed to support Ibstone PC in their request for signage to prevent HGV lorries coming up Ashfield Barn Road. BCC had been out

- to study the location for a sign on Holloway Lane.
- ii. Resurfacing of the road from Fingest to Ibstone. BC Cllr Woollard will check where the County Council is up to on this. Clerk to remind BCC about their promise to include it in their 2009/10 budget bid. The meeting also expressed the wish to have the road through the village all the way to Mill Lane resurfaced especially in light of the future bridge closure. Clerk to request the resurfacing of the whole road from Fingest to Mill Lane. Clerk to contact Stokenchurch and obtain their consent for Ibstone to pursue this matter. A letter to David Lidington MP with copies to Paul Goodman MP and R. Woollard would raise the profile of the road surface problems. Action clerk.
 - d. NATS- update. The clerk reported that NATS would have to be completely reviewed due to the comments received.

8.162 Parish Council Plan. The meeting discussed the need for a Parish Plan. Cllr Randall will put a draft plan together and bring it to the next meeting.

8.163 The Parish Council had received a request from Ibstone Church of England Infant School to appoint a Sponsorship Governor to replace Mr. M. Smith. The meeting discussed the matter. It was decided to delay a decision and asked the clerk to seek clarification from the school as to the responsibilities of a Sponsorship Governor.

8.164 The new model publication scheme for the Freedom of Information Act was adopted unanimously. It was decided that £10 would be the minimum charge for any request.

8.165 Planning matters: There will be a hearing about the land at Grays.

No new applications.

Decided between meetings:

Applications:

08/07112/FUL OS parcel 9361. Ibstone Common, Wormsley Estate. Construction of single storey garage building within curtilage of dwelling house and revised access via Bellows Cottage. PC no objection to garage. No objection to new access but were permission granted the PC would ask for the old access to be closed off.

WDC decisions:

08/06461/LBC

Cholsey Grange, Ibstone Rd, Ibstone Mr. E. Howard-Jones. Listed building application for external alterations to east facing gable end. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

08/06721/LBC:

Grays Barn, Grays lane. Listed building application for insertion of new window in east elevation of building at ground floor level. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

08/06747/FUL:

Aloha, Ibstone Rd. Construction of single storey extension. PC had no objection. WDC permitted.

8.166 The 2008/09 NALC agreed pay scales for clerks were noted.

8.167 The meeting decided to change the appointment of the clerk to the same scale as she is employed at Bradenham Parish Council, SCP24.

8.168 Financial matters:

- a) The clerk presented the financial report of income and expenditure year to date. The members queried the external audit charges for 07/08 compared to 06/07. They are substantially higher. Clerk to write to David Lidington MP with regard to the steep increase in audit charges now new auditors have been appointed by the Audit Commission. The Parish Council have no choice but to submit their accounts to the Audit Commission appointed auditors.
- b) The cheques as listed were approved and signed.

To whom	description	£	£
Neil Hester	Repainting of slide		£ 100.00
Mike Henson presentations Ltd	Changes/additions to web-site		£ 141.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 22/09/08 to 07/11/08= 7 weeks (31.5 hrs @ £8.70/hr)	£ 274.05	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Sept-Oct.	£ 27.66	£ 301.71
Total value			£ 542.71

- c) Bank balances: current account £6,315.66, savings account £6,062.17. Precept of £3,250.00 received.

8.169 Clerk:

The meeting agreed to hold a "brainstorming" session outside the meeting to explore projects to enhance the community/environment. Clerk to organise for early in the new year.

8.170 Any other business:

- a) Half a tree has fallen into Upper pond. It needs to be removed. There are further overhanging branches and another tree that needs trimming. Clerk to contact the Wormsley Estate.
- b) It was asked if the pond opposite "Cherry Trees" be re-instated? No action.
- c) Red phone box: the Parish Council had looked at the possibility of adopting the village one, but at present it does not appear to be under threat. The Parish Council agreed to monitor any developments regarding BT's future intentions.
- d) The clerk was asked if it would be possible to hold Parish Council meeting in the FOX. Clerk will investigate.

8.171 Date of the next meeting Monday 5th January 2009.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

The Chairman..... Date.....