

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 7.30pm at the Cricket Club

## PRESENT

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

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk  
Mrs. N. Gracey Vice-Chair of Governors Ibstone C of E Infant School

- 9.185 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr S. Cutler.
- 9.186 No declarations of interest in any agenda items were made.
- 9.187 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 9.188 The Chairman with the agreement of the meeting moved the item about parking and walking to school higher up the agenda and invited Mrs Gracey to speak about the School's travel plan and the Walk to School plan. The school had initiated the Walk to School plan to ease traffic congestion around the school and to encourage exercise. The parents are encouraged to park some distance from the school and walk the last part of the way to school. The site to park was chosen by the school as they considered it to be one of the safest in the village, although there are no safe places to park and walk in Ibstone. Two residents have complained so the school is going to suggest to the parents that they park approx. 40m down the road. This will also provide better sight of the road and the traffic. This should satisfy the residents' complaints. The Parish Council had also received correspondence relating to the parking and walking to school. The Parish Council raised concern about safety issues and Mrs Gracey was asked if the school could add to their guidance to the parents the need to be aware of the surrounding traffic and asking them to act responsibly for the safety of everyone.
- 9.189 Matters arising not on the agenda. As no reply had been received from UK Highway regarding initial urgency for the repair work to the motorway bridge at J5, the clerk was asked to write again. Action clerk
- 9.190 On going matters
- a. NAG; WDALC had asked the Parish Council for its views on the various groups it attends, NAG's/LCP's/etc. The Chairman and Cllr Cutler attend the Nag regularly. The Chairman reported that it was a waste of Parish Council time, police time and of resources.
- 9.191 Update on meeting with BCC re HGV's, signage etc. the Chairman reported that the meeting held 23/01/09 with BCC had been very helpful. The clerk to chase BCC up on the suggestions they were going to put to the Parish Council.
- 9.192 Newsletter. The newsletter gets e-mailed out to everyone in the village on e-mail. Cllr Randall reported that two resident were worried about the verges being destroyed outside their properties and in the village in general. Cllr Randall will contact them. Clerk to ask J. Emmett (Planning Consultants for Twigsid Farm) to confirm in writing that the verges will be repaired once the work at Twigsid has been completed. This had been verbally promised to the Chairman. Clerk to contact the office of Mr. T Getty in South Africa and make them aware of the village concerns regarding the damage delivery vehicles are causing to the verges in the village. The Chairman had received correspondence on this topic too.
- 9.193 Village drains.
- a. The drains were cleared 26/02/09. It is not certain if they were done on Grays Lane. There are

still problems with the pond opposite Cherry Trees. Clerk has asked BCC to investigate ownership. Once it is certain who the owner is she can request the pond to be cleared, which will aid drainage on the main road.

- b. Clerk to request BCC to install a larger drain pipe by the footpath near the school to ease the drainage problems on this path.

9.194 Defibrillators. Cllr Grimsdale had attended a presentation by the Divisional Responder Manager for South Central Ambulance Service on the use of defibrillators in the community. She gave a comprehensive report on the issues. Cllr. Dr Keable-Elliott explained the uses and limitations of defibrillators, and gave his personal opinion that one was not appropriate for Ibstone. The Chairman felt it was not a matter for the Parish Council unless funding was sought. The meeting discussed the matter. The Parish Council did not wish to pursue the matter further. Concern was expressed that it would not be possible to find sufficient numbers of volunteers to ensure a 24 hour, 365 day support. Cllr Grimsdale intended independently to investigate the need of a defibrillator in the village to be used by Community Responders. If there was sufficient requirement she may approach the Parish Council for funding.

9.195 Community Self Help Plan (Emergency plan) Civil Contingencies Act 2004. There is no legislation in place at present that requires Parish Councils to have compiled a Community Self Help Plan. The Wycombe District Council Emergency Planning Liaison Officer does encourage Parish Council to have one in place as a matter of Best Practice. The Parish Council decided to put all actions on the Community Self Help Plan on hold.

9.196 The following correspondence was received and noted.

- a. Carl Jones – re HGV's see 9.191
- b. Paul Freeman- parking & walking to school see 9.188
- c. WDALC asking PC opinion re NAGs/ LCP's etc see 9.190
- d. BCC re Sat/Nav's unsuitable routing for HGV's. The Parish Council was advised to report any problems of wrong routing by HGV's using the C97 on [www.telatlas.com](http://www.telatlas.com) or [www.mapreported.navteq.com](http://www.mapreported.navteq.com)
- e. D. Lidington reply to PC re query on the cost of the annual audit. The fees are based on the PC's income levels and we are charged in bands.
- f. NATS. Due to overwhelming response to the 1<sup>st</sup> consultation, they are now going to conduct a second consultation. We will be notified of the dates.

9.197 The Village Litter Pick on 07/03/09 was noted.

9.198 Planning matters see appendix I.

9.199 Financial matters:

- a) The cheques as listed in appendix II were approved for payment and signed.
- b) Bank balances: current account £5190.95; savings account £6,074.46.
- c) Monies received: £1.33 from Rainbow kids for placing advert on notice board and £36.64 HMRC VAT reclaim.

9.200 Clerk:

- a. Brainstorming session to be delayed.

9.201 There was no other business

**Appendix I Planning.**

**New applications:**

09/05159/CLE Mr. Howard-Jones, Cholsey Grange, Ibstone. Application for a certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development in respect of: Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of former agricultural building as offices unconnected with the agricultural business. No Parish Council comments.

**Applications dealt with between meeting:**

08/07762/FUL and 08/07763/LBC. Mr. Howard-Jones, Cholsey Grange, Ibstone. Application for the demolition of single storey side extension and porch and construction of replacement single storey side extension and single front extension including porch. Internal alterations. PC, no objections.

**WDC decisions:**

08/07715/FUL Hawthorn Cottage, Ibstone. Construction of 2 storey side extension. There was no major objection, but there was concern about parking, if permitted cars would be forced to park on the highway or the common. WDC permitted

08/07449/FUL Mr T Getty, Twigsid Farm. Ibstone. Construction of below ground plant room to include the installation of a wood chip boiler. PC no objection. WDC permitted.

**Appendix II Finance**

Cheques for approval and signature at the meeting as listed below

To whom	description	£	£
Buckinghamshire Playing Field Association	Annual subscription 2009/10		£ 20.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 12/01/09 to 27/02/09= 7 weeks (31.5 hrs @ £10.70/hr)	£ 337.05	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Jan/Feb 09 Annual working from home allowance	£ 26.00 £ 500.00	£ 863.05
Mike Henson Presentations Limited	Charges Dec 08- Jan 09		£ 126.50
Total value			£ 1009.55

The Chairman.....

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