

## Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at the Cricket Club at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT

Cllr. I Randall                      Chairman  
Cllr. S. Cutler                      Vice-Chairman.  
Dr. A. Keable-Elliott              Councillor  
Cllr. M. Grimsdale                Councillor  
Cllr. M. Smith                      Councillor joined @ 7.38pm during item 10.316 b)

Mrs. D Hansen                      Parish Clerk

Mr. M. Smith was present as a Governor of Ibstone C of E School.

10.313 No apologies for absence were received.

10.314 Cllr Randall made a declaration of personal interest in item 10.318 as a Governor of Ibstone C of E school.

10.315 The minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

10.316 Matters arising not on the agenda.

- a) Yew tree in church yard. Still awaiting report from Lady Getty. The tree warden has suggested that a tree preservation order is applied for. All members agreed with this suggestion. Clerk to enquire whether there already is a TPO on the tree.
- b) Footpath stile footpath I4. Lady Getty is going to pay for a replacement kissing gate, which the Chiltern society is going to install.
- c) Phone box. The Red phone box is in bad repair at present. The Parish Council had agreed to purchase the box for £1 having been provided with incorrect information; it was led to believe that the phone box would be put into reasonable repair before the sale. The clerk to write to BT asking what the situation is as nothing has been heard from them. The Chairman will contact Nick Mival, who previously had shown great interest in repairing and maintaining the phone box.

In future all contracts to be signed by a councillor as well as the Clerk.

- d) The Mace. Mr. Jones had made a complaint about vehicles parking on the Mace, the details had been passed on to the Wormsley Estate and the clerk had replied to Mr. Jones. It was decided that no more would be done at the moment.

10.317 On going matters:

- a. Update on recent meetings attended: - the clerk had attended the LAF on 12/10/10 topics covered were ,
  - Increase in grit provision in the county
  - A guaranteed 7 day grit bin refill once reported.
  - Snow net work, new snow clearance equipment, involvement of NFU members to assist with snow clearance.
  - Emergency planning
  - New sport stadium

The clerk had also attended the Rural Forum 14/10/10.

10.318 School development plan:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mike Smith of the Governors of Ibstone School and invited him to

address the meeting concerning planning application 10/06969/OUT from Ibstone Church of England School. The application has now been withdrawn, but will be resubmitted. The school is seeking outline planning permission for the demolition of an existing temporary building, change of use of agricultural land for educational purposes and construction of a new school building comprising hall and teaching spaces.

Mr. Smith explained that the current building does not meet the conditions required to teach the national curriculum. The temporary structure behind the school is at the end of its serviceable life. The Twigsdale Estate through their representative, Mr. G. Emmett had offered the school land for a new building next to the school which would provide level access and better parking facilities. The school would withdraw the approval they had for a new car park in exchange. A new build would be less disruptive and less costly than replacing the temporary building behind the school in the same location.

The planning application had been withdrawn because of Parish Council objections and further objections from BCC Highways who had issues with the sightline offered by the proposed new school drive. The school is meeting with BCC Highways to deal with the problems of the sightline. Mr Smith explained that they had not applied for full planning permission at this time due to the costs involved. In answer to the Parish Council's objections that the change of land ownership to the school had not been completed Mr Smith explained that the land would be transferred to the school trust when the outline planning application is granted. Some councillors posed a number of questions to Mr. Smith concerning the land ownership and expressed concern that agricultural land being used for building purposes could set an unwelcome precedent. Mr Smith said that land ownership was not a justifiable planning concern and emphasised that the planning was only for an educational building and that the school hall would be used as a school building and nothing else. The meeting discussed the matter at length.

The meeting was briefly adjourned.

As the meeting was reconvened it was stated that the Chiltern Society had not objected to the application. Mr. Smith was asked (by Cllrs Keable-Elliott, Cutler and Grimsdale) to supply some form of written evidence that the land would be transferred to the church and held in trust for school use, preferably before a planning application was resubmitted.

The Chairman thanked Mike Smith for attending and offering the Parish Council the opportunity to ask questions.

10.319 The budget for 2011/12 was discussed and agreed. The precept for 2011/12 was set at £5,000. Any shortfall would be covered from reserves.

10.320 It was noted that correspondence had been received from NATS. They do not plan to take the proposals forward in their current form and therefore there will be no further consultation at this time.

10.321 Planning matters:

a. Commented between meetings:

10/02579/ADRC Garsington Opera. Application for approval of details subject to conditions 03 and 06 of planning approval 10/06268/FUL. The Parish Council had commented on the travel plan. The main concern was to ensure all traffic used the Stokenchurch entrance to Wormsley Estate. The planning application was amended to prohibit any opera traffic from using the Holloway Lane entrance in Turville. The majority of councillors had no comments to make on 10/02579/ADRC. This is a policy document. The detailed travel plan is expected early in the New Year.

b. 10/06969/OUT Ibstone Church of England School. Outline application for the demolition of existing temporary building, change of use of agricultural land to school site and construction of extension comprising new hall/teaching spaces.

Planning application withdrawn.

10.322 Financial matters:

- a) 51p interest received
- b) It was agreed to accept Mr. Foster's quote of £248 (no Vat applicable) for notice board repairs. Action clerk.
- c) New slide: After this year Rospa inspection the slide is deemed safe. It was decided not to investigate of a new slide.
- d) It was agreed to donate £50 to M40 Chiltern Environmental group. The PC appreciated the work they did. The Chairman had attended previous meetings.
- e) Bank balances: current account £ 9,342.65, Savings account £6,123.69
- f) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
Mike Henson Presentations	1 planning applications		17.63
BALC	Course fees		45.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 20/09/10 to 05/11/10 = 7 weeks (31.5 hrs @ £11.549/hr)	£ 363.79	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Sept/Oct 2010	£ 164.53	528.32
M40 Environmental Group	Donation		50.00
Mr. K. Lee	Strimming of footpath		40.00
Total value			680.95

10.323. Any other business:

- a. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Grimsdale reported that she only distributes the NHW e-mails, which she considers relevant to her group. It is not her intention that it should be used as a police marketing tool. She also reported that not all losses are reported by this system.
- b. The Chairman had received an e-mail from the education co-ordinator at Garsington Opera offering a singing workshop for Christmas carols. She will contact Roger Martin-Fagg who organises the carols in the village. Garsington Opera had already been in touch with Ibstone School.

10.324 Date of the next meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm.

10.325 Further dates of meetings in 2011: Tuesday 08/03/11, Tuesday 17/05/11, Monday 04/07/11, Monday 12/09/11 and Monday 07/11/11.

The election is due to be held 05/05/11.

The Chairman.....

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