

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Monday 10th January 2011 at the Cricket Club at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. I Randall Chairman
Cllr. S. Cutler Vice-Chairman.
Dr. A. Keable-Elliott Councillor

Mrs. D Hansen Parish Clerk

Also present WD Cllr W. Bendyshe- Brown, Chairman Wycombe District Council.

The Chairman welcomed WD Cllr Bendyshe- Brown, Chairman WDC to the meeting.

11.326 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Smith and Cllr Grimsdale.

11.327 Cllr Keable-Elliott made a declaration of prejudicial interest in 11.334 b. He lives opposite.

11.328 The minutes of the meeting of 1st of November 2010 were confirmed as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

11.329 Matters arising not on the agenda.

- a) Yew tree in church yard does not have a tree preservation order on it, but is registered as an ancient tree. There is some new damage to the tree. The situation to be monitored.

11.330 On going matters:

- a. Update on recent meetings attended:

Due to the inclement weather conditions the Chairman had not been able to attend the WDALC meeting or the WDC "Budget conversation".

-Cllr Keable-Elliott had attended the M40CEG meeting. The group had put pressure on UK Highways to use noise reducing material to resurface stretches of the M40, which will now happen when road surfaces need replacing. They had also carried out intensive research on noise levels. They had proven that the concentration of noise was greater on the stretch of M40 in our area. The noise affect is greater where the surrounding land is chalk rather than pastoral land. Our local MP, Steve Baker had also been present at the meeting. He is a member of the House of Commons Transport Committee. The Parish Council needs to ensure that any noise reduction measures that are put in place for Stokenchurch do not have an adverse affect on Ibstone.

-M40 J5 Bridge repairs: Cllr Keable-Elliott gave a short history. Two reports had been produced about the sate of the bridge; the first report claimed the bridge was dangerous and in urgent need of repair, the second report claimed the state of the bridge was not as bad as first envisaged. The Parish Council had asked UK Highways to explain the differences in the report, but no satisfactory answer had been supplied. The local MP was willing to assist the Parish Council in getting assurance that the bridge was safe. The clerk does not have a copy of either the first or second report on the state of the bridge on file. She is still checking with the previous Chairman if he may have retained a copy.

- b. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Grimsdale intends to approach new residents in the village to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, once the weather conditions have improved.

11.331 The Chairman invited WD Cllr Bendyshe Brown to address the meeting. WDC Cllr Bendyshe-Brown thanked the Chairman for the invitation to attend the meeting. He gave an overview of Wycombe District Council's main responsibilities, issues and concerns. The forth coming cutbacks in public funding are of great concern. He commented that both BCC and WDC do a lot of work assisting and

representing the business community and Parish Councils. The PC members had the opportunity to ask him questions. The Chairman thanked him for attending and providing the Parish Council with valuable information.

11.332 RoW newsletter: simply walk and other footpath matters:

- a. It was proposed and agreed to invite the BCC Walks Co-ordinator to the next Parish Council meeting. Action clerk.
- b. "School footpath". The lower section of this path is now covered in mud due to the construction of a new drain alongside the path. Clerk to request BCC to clear the mud from the footpath.
- c. As a result of the new drain along side the "school footpath" and recent heavy rain mud has slid down the bank onto the road, causing drains to block and flood the road. The clerk has already asked BCC to clear mud from the road. Clerk to chase up.

11.333 Closure of Stokenchurch library: BCC is looking to close Stokenchurch library in an effort to save costs. Stokenchurch Parish Council supports the setting up of a community library. The meeting decided to support Stokenchurch Parish Council.

11.334 Planning matters:

Commented between meetings:

a.10/07505/FUL Ibstone Church of England school, erection of free standing canopy. The Parish Council had no objection but requested that bright colours were avoided in the Chilterns AONB where possible.

New applications:

b.10/07801/FUL One Acre, Grays Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of 1x 4 bed dwelling and double garage (alternative to pp 10/05715/FUL). The PC had not objected to 10/05715/FUL.

Due to the meeting being inquorate the PC could not vote to comment on this planning application at the meeting. The clerk to request an extension on the comment dead-line and then the PC will follow normal procedure.

If a time extension is granted allowing a quorate PC EOM meeting to be held, the following comments will be considered for submission.

The PC objects to the new application on the grounds that by attaching the garage to the house there is an adverse impact upon the recognised character and appearance of the landscape. The elongated development damages the natural beauty of the landscape and the future public enjoyment of the area. The development would result in the reduction in size of open space, where it contributes to the character and appearance of the rural area. The PC wishes to retain the rural character of the village.

Were WDC minded to permit the development the Parish Council would like to see a condition attached that would commit the applicant to repair any damage to the highway fabric and the verges that may be caused by construction traffic in connection with this proposal. To preserve the visual impact the height of the house should not be increased beyond the height previously permitted.

Previous developments on Grays Lane has altered the drainage system in the area, the Parish Council would like Wycombe District Council to be mindful of this were this development permitted.

11.335 Financial matters:

- a) 59p bank interest received, HMRC rebate for 08/09 £18.69
- b) Bank balances: current account £ 8,661.70, Savings account £6,124.18
- c) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

Between meetings a cheque for £248 for Aspect carpentry was signed for notice board repairs. The invoice was as per agreed quote.

To whom	Description	£	£
Mike Henson Presentations	2 Planning applications		35.26
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary 08/11/10 to 14/01/11 = 10 weeks (45 hrs @ £11.549/hr)	£ 519.71	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Nov/Dec 2010 1/3 SLCC membership	£ 79.19 £ 35.00	£ 598.90 £ 35.00
Total value			£ 669.16

11.336 Any other business:

a. The Parish Council's comments were sought by the Wormsley Estate who wishes to permanently infill the ditch where it allows access to the Common and place a metal barrier with a lock across the access point. The meeting discussed the proposal and made the following considerations:

- the PC would prefer to keep the "status Quo"
- criticism from local residents was expected
- Would legislation allow for this? Clerk to enquire with District Solicitor.

b. RoW are looking to install some graded steps into the worst affected area of Windmill Hill (footpath 10/2) and eradicate the large ruts that have formed due to use. They will also install a handrail on one side to aid use of the footpath. It sought the PC's views. The PC does not like the steps and would prefer them not to be placed. Clerk to reply to RoW.

c. The Royal British legion request for a Poppy Party in June was brought to members' attention.

d. The BCC Local Transport consultation and questionnaire was brought to members' attention.

11.337 The date of the next meeting Tuesday 8th March 2011 at 7.30pm.

11.338 Further meeting dates: Tuesday 17/05/11, Monday 04/07/11, 12/09/11 and 07/11/11.

The Chairman.....

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