

**Ibstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at the**  
**Cricket Club at 7.46pm.**

**Present:**

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| Mrs. I. Randall   | Chairman      |
| Mr. R. Scott      | Vice-Chairman |
| Mrs. M. Grimsdale | Councillor    |
| Mrs M. Smith      | Councillor    |
| Mr. J. Malkinson  | Councillor    |

Mrs. D Hansen          Parish Clerk

No members of the public were present

11.15 No apologies for absence were received.

11.16 Declaration of interest in any agenda items:

- Cllr Grimsdale declared a personal interest in item 11.20 as correspondence received by the council was from her husband Mr. M. Grimsdale.

11.17 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, the Annual Parish meeting and Ordinary meeting of 17th May 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

11.18 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- The meeting was please to see that stakes placed in verges along Ibstone Road had been removed following the recent PC minutes.

11.19 Road Safety improvements near the phone box:

- Due to budget cuts imposed by the leader of BCC the Parish Council had been asked if it would consider increasing its funding for the proposed road safety improvements. Total cost is £3,800, the PC had already committed £500 to the project, BC Cllr B. Woollard has committed £1,500. The meeting discussed funding the additional £1800 from reserves, set aside for road safety improvements. It was decided to fund the road safety improvements as waiting until the 2012/13 budgets was potentially hazardous. Clerk to notify BCC and ask for a timetable of works.
- In recent years hedges have overgrown over the verges and the road side. This is an additional safety hazard. Clerk to write to home owners to ask for their assistance in cutting back the overgrown hedges to improve visibility.

11.20 The Common: permanent in-fill of part of the ditch and the placing of bollards.

- The council has been asked to indicate a preferred location for the permanent in-fill and its views on the type of bollard to be used. Mr Grimsdale had written to the PC objecting to the placing of bollards and a permanent infill of part of the ditch. The meeting discussed the proposal. It was decided that the best way to protect the common was by a ditch, it was felt that the placing of bollards would lessen security of the common however it was recognised that the Wormsley Estate no longer favoured the ditch method.
  - Clerk to write to Mr Harman explaining the PC's concerns.
  - Cllr Grimsdale to approach Miss Thayer and discuss her objections to Mr Harman using the track to obtain access to the common.
  - The PC to approach the Horticultural Society concerning the cost of filling the ditch for each show.

11.21 Footpath 5. It was noted that the Open Spaces Society had found that footpath I5 had been obstructed by the Wormsley Estate. The Open Spaces Society requested the obstruction to be cleared and had informed BCC. The obstruction was cleared.

11.22 The Police have asked for permission to use the red phone box for 2 weeks to exhibit a crime prevention display. The meeting welcomed the use of the phone box, but felt it was not safe to be used in its current condition. Clerk to notify PC C. Marchant, once renovated the phone box could be used for their display.

11.23 Cllr Malkinson agreed to represent the Parish Council at the M40 Environmental Group meetings.

11.24 Phone box renovations: Nick Mival has raised approx half the funds needed to refurbish the phone box. Renovation should begin later this summer. The power supply will be kept in place for another 2 years.

11.25 Annual playground inspection report:

- Report circulated. The meeting agreed to look at having the suggested repair work carried out.

11.26 Web-site:

- Mike Henson is discontinuing the updating plan the Parish Council has for its web-site. As a result the PC will have to move from plan A to plan B. The schedule is also being updated. The cost of annual updating will rise by £60 from £180 to £240. The meeting agreed to move to plan B.

11.27 HS2: Marcus Rogers (BCC) and Karen Statterford, CEO WDC have asked if Parish Councils would consider supporting BCC and WDC objection to HS2 and respond as a council as well as individuals to the government consultation on HS2. The request was discussed and it was decided that it would be inappropriate for the council to comment.

11.28 WDAFL training 25/07/11 7-9pm: Councillor briefing event cost £10 for first councillors, £5 for subsequent attendees. Noted.

11.29 Financial matters:

- 49p bank interest received,
- Bank balances: current account £8545.50 Savings account £6125.70
- The quote from DP Green for strimming of footpath leading to school, £45 per strim was accepted. 3 strims p.a. are expected.
- The new bank mandate was signed.
- The cheques as listed below were approved and signed:

| To whom                   | Description   | £      | £      |
|---------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| Mike Henson Presentations | Annual charges- hosting, updating plan A, domain renewal. | 307.18 |        |
|                           | Modify 3 pages for the new Parish Council                 | 54.00  | 361.18 |
| CPRE                      | Subs 2011/12  |        | 29.00  |
| Open Spaces Society       | Subs 2011/12  |        | 40.00  |
| Broker network            | Annual Parish Council insurance                           |        | 293.16 |

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| Chiltern Society | Subs 2011/12                 |          | 25.00     |
| Mr. D. Timms     | Internal audit fee 2010/11   |          | 30.00     |
| Playsafe Ltd     | Annual playground inspection |          | 75.60     |
| Mrs. D. Hansen   | Clerk salary – June          | £ 225.21 |           |
|                  | -July                        | £ 225.21 |           |
| Mrs. D Hansen    | Clerks exp. May/June         | £ 143.16 |           |
|                  |                              |          | £ 593.58  |
| Total value      |                              |          | £ 1447.72 |

11.30 Any other business.

- The Parish Council was notified that the school have requested that BCC nominate a disabled parking space by the school.
- The Chairman will write to the Chairman of BALC re the problems encountered by the clerk when booking places on BALC run courses.
- Garsington Opera has not provided any problems and feedback has been positive.
- The cricket club is very cold during the winter. The Chairman to investigate holding the meetings in the garden room of the Fox.

11.31 Date of the next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed 21.10

The Chairman.....

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