

**Ibstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011 at the**  
**Fox Country Inn, conference room, at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**

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

Mrs. D Hansen	Parish Clerk
PC Claire Marchant	

No members of the public were present

11.48 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M. Grimsdale.

11.49 Cllr Randall made a personal declaration of interest in agenda item 11.57 b. planning application 11/07390/FUL as school governor.

11.50 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

11.50 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- a. Ponds: clerk to arrange for an early spring meeting with the Chiltern Society to review the state of the various village ponds- in the woods north of the Fox and opposite Ibstone House.
- b. 104 Bus services- the clerk has submitted the request to BCC for a Saturday weekly service in place of the regular 104 service which is uneconomical.

11.51 Road Safety improvements:

- a. The scheduled improvements should be completed by the end of the year.
- b. New signs have been placed by the exit of the M40 j5. There is the impression that fewer HGV's are getting stuck in the village.
- c. A request has been put to BCC to refresh the road markings at the junction of Ashfield Barn Road and the Ibstone Road and at the side road off Ashfield Barn Rd. leading to the church.

11.52 Police: PC Claire Marchant gave a report on police activities of the Marlow Rural Group.

- The police have to hold monthly "Have your Say Meetings" with the public. These are not well attended, PC Marchant asked for suggestions to improve public attendance.
- Speeding is a main concern for the whole area.
- The police encourage anyone to report any unusual activity asap.
- On 14/11/11 the police non-emergency number will change from 0845 8505505 to 101. This will be a national number.
- From 01/01/11 to date there were 10 reported crimes in Ibstone. The fear of crime is greater than actual crime.
- Theft of number plates is big business. The use of anti-temper screws is helpful in these cases.
- We have a new PcsO, Emily Watkins.
- In October the police carried out a speed monitoring operation in the village on 2

consecutive days. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day over half of the vehicles were caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit, with a few doing exceptional high speeds. On the following day there was a considerable reduction in the number of speeding vehicles. All vehicles exceeding the speed limit will receive correspondence from the police regarding the matter.

- It is the police's intention to carry out speed checks every month in the Marlow Rural area.
- Ibstone is in the Wycombe policing area, but during the day is policed from Marlow.
- If people are reporting a crime they are encouraged to ask for a crime number.
- She asked to be notified of any vulnerable residents in the area.
- The residents are strongly encouraged to place their house name with a small light at the end of their drive so that all the emergency services can identify the properties more easily.
- PC Marchant commended the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

PC Claire Marchant left the meeting.

11.53 Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

- The PC wished to take up BCC offer of 600m of free bunting.
- The PC decided that it could act as a broker for community groups who may wish to purchase bunting from BCC.
- The PC would actively support and encourage a village Jubilee event and provide some financial support.
- It was decided to investigate the lighting of Beacons in Buckinghamshire. Cllr Scott will look at this.
- The next newsletter will contain information concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

11.54 The Fox; licence application. The Fox withdrew its licence application for an extension till 3am. It will be submitting a new application in due course. The clerk had spoken to the agent for the Fox explaining the PC's concerns in a small rural community. The agent had visited the village and spoken to some residents.

11.55 Phone box renovations: Cllr Malkinson had spoken with Nick Mival concerning the disconnection of the electrical supply to enable the box to be moved. That should be resolved this week.

11.56 Playground equipment: the PC reviewed the quotes supplied, but it was decided that permission from the Wormsley Estate needed to be sought, before more work is undertaken. Playground equipment of a rustic nature would be preferred. A new see-saw and a swing were the preferred items to be installed next to the existing slide. Clerk to contact the Wormsley estate.

11.57 Planning:

- a. Planning application 11/06689/FUL Cholsey Farm, Construction of all-weather riding arena. The PC had no objections to this application, but there were concerns that if the volume of traffic were to increase that all traffic should use the existing authorised access to Cholsey Farm. WDC permitted.
- b. Planning Application 11/07390/FUL Ibstone Church of England Infant School. Proposed demolition of existing building and construction of new activity centre complete with kitchen and ancillary accommodation (reinstatement of canopy). Cllr Scott took the chair and Cllr Randall withdrew. It was decided that the meeting needed more time to comments on this application. All comments to be sent to clerk.

Cllr Randall took the chair again.

11.58

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> half precept received from WDC £2500. 52p bank interest received.
- b) The Budget 2012/13 was discussed. It was agreed to set the budget at £5,585
- c) It was agreed to set the precept for 2012/13 at £5,000, any shortfall vs budget to come from reserves.
- d) It was agreed to meet 20 minutes earlier in January to hold a closed meeting to discuss an increase in the clerk's salary. Clerk to provide the council with the required information.
- e) Bank balances: current account £ 7093.98 Savings account £ 6126.21
- f) The cheques as listed below were approved for payment and signed:

To whom	Description	£	£
WDC	Election costs		47.00
The Fox Country Inn	Room hire charge		25.00
The Chilterns Conservation Board	Donation		75.00
Mike Henson presentations Ltd	Planning		54.00
Mrs. D. Hansen	Clerk salary – Oct/Nov	£ 225.21 £ 225.21	
Mrs. D Hansen	Clerks exp. Oct/Nov.	£ 74.43	£ 524.85
Total value			£ 725.85

11.59 Any other business:

- a. The Chair to arrange permission for Cllr Malkinson to strim footpath 12.
- b. clerk to put “defibrillator” on the next agenda.
- c. Following the article in “Matters Arising” Freedom of Information Act: all information requested under the FOI Act has to be dealt with by the clerk and one councillor.
- d. Meetings to be attended:
  - M40 AGM: Cllr Smith 25/11/11
  - Brag conference 25/11/11: clerk
  - BALC planning workshop 23/11/11: clerk
  - Balc; Village Green workshop 27/03/12: Chair to attend. Clerk to book chair on the course.

11.60 Date of the next meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

11.61 Future meeting dates:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012,
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012, (councillors note change of date)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012,
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

The meeting closed 9.10pm

The Chairman.....

Date.....