

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 3rd November 2011

Present: Parish Councillors M Maxwell (Chairman), P J Crowe, M Barber, D Chapallaz, K Goldie, S Gray and C Thurstance

Officer present: Pauline Martin (Parish Clerk).

82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

82.1 Apologies for absence received from S Taylor (unwell), County Councillor Brook and District Cllr Cowley (meetings)

83 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

83.1 Cllr Goldie disclosed a personal interest in Item 89.2 as the planning application is for her property. She will not be involved in the council's decision in connection with this application. No other 'personal' nor 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda were received.

83.2 Councillors were advised to review their respective Register of Interests and update them if necessary. Cllr Thurstance to update his Register of Interests now that K Henshaw is no longer clerk. **CIK/CT**

84 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

84.1 Following a proposal from Cllr Barber seconded by Cllr Goldie and agreed unanimously it was **RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011 are approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

85.1 Mrs Barbara Young attended to say goodbye as she is leaving the village to move closer to her family. The council wished her well and thanked her for her support over the years.

86 UPDATE FROM POLICE

86.1 No report received.

86.2 Joint Panel Meeting
PC Bridget Jones had suggested that Ickleford might benefit from holding Joint Panel Meetings where interested parties in the local community meet in order to establish crime priorities. They then liaise with the police on appropriate action. It was agreed that the clerk would reply to PC Jones that this seems a good idea and the Parish Council would be happy to participate if the police set it up. **CIk**

87 UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS AND TO CONSIDER/AGREE NEXT ACTIONS.

87.1 Rural Programme Travel Plan
Cllr Gray advised that he was waiting for an ID card before canvassing opinion. **CIk/SG**
Cllr Barber advised Hertfordshire Highways had still not cut back the vegetation obstructing the barriers at Cadwell Bridge. Clerk will chase this matter. **CIk**

87.2 Garage area and Little Park behind Turnpike Lane
Cllr Crowe chasing all parties involved in order to speed up the transfer of the land. Cllr Crowe was successful in obtaining £1000 grant from the Rural Community Pot and is waiting to hear from NHDC in connection with another grant. **PJC**

87.3 Hyde Mill

Cllr Crowe explained that much of the site was covered with plastic sheeting in order to protect the bricks from possible frost damage. There was some evidence of minor vandalism but nothing serious. They are now waiting to hear if we have been successful in obtaining the grant from NHDC to assist in the cost of removing the tree roots on site.

87.4 Mapboards

Cllr Chapallaz needs some marine plywood in order to make good the stands. If this is not successful the clerk will look to obtain quotes from outside sources to find a solution. **CIK/DC**

87.5 Ways to prevent parking on the Common Land opposite The Cricketers

Letters have been distributed to the residents and one response has been received. The resident queried the legality of parking on grass verges and the reasoning for the yellow lines in the layby. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the PCSO to ensure that delivery lorries do not get tickets whilst parking in the layby. Cllr Gray will speak to the landlord of The Cricketers and suggest putting up traffic cones when an event is taking place and that Cllr Barber would find out from Hertfordshire Highways about the possibility of having the yellow lines in the layby removed. **SG, MB & CIK**

87.6 Bus stop and bus shelter, Arlesey Road

Clerk is waiting to hear back from The Passenger Transport Unit in connection with moving the bus stop. Cllr Barber has obtained a quote from John Shambrooks for the renovation work on the bus shelter of £1070 + VAT. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain additional quotes before a decision is made. Cllr Gray volunteered a contact. **CIK**

87.7 Proposed Youth Club

The Clerk confirmed that the £250 locality grant from Cllr Brook had been obtained.

Cllr Taylor and the clerk visited a Youth Club on The Grange estate in Letchworth and were given very useful information on numerous items. They additionally met with the district coordinator for Pro Action and discovered that by joining them for a fee of £48, Pro Action will carry out CRB checks on the volunteers, provide first aid and child protection training as well as other support.

Following a proposal from Cllr Goldie seconded by Cllr Thurstance and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That the Youth Club would join Pro Action.

REASON

To ensure that the Youth Club provides its volunteers with the correct training and support.

Cllr Taylor and Parish Clerk will additionally investigate other possible grant avenues and Cllr Crowe will contact the Scouts to discuss possible storage facilities at ISRC **ST & CIK & PC**

87.8 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Event for the village in 2012.

Cllr Gray advised that the idea was to have a Family Fun Day on either the Sunday or Monday of the extended weekend. This would include a disco and a BBQ. In addition a leaflet would be produced that would advertise all the events taking place in the village over the entire weekend. Other ideas included a display showing the history of Bowmans and a photographic display of old Ickleford photos. Cllr Crowe will approach Bowmans to discuss their possible participation. Cllrs Barber, Gray and Taylor will have a further meeting to consolidate ideas. **PC, MB, SG & ST**

87.9 Driveway Lighting at ISRC

The two broken bulbs have been fixed at the ISRC; however, the Clerk was advised that one of the covers has been broken – probably by stones being thrown at it – and should be replaced to avoid the new bulb being damaged. The Clerk is currently waiting for a quote. **CIK**

- 87.10 Possible Ickleford Football Club
Cllr Taylor has obtained a copy of a booklet from the FA detailing the procedure for setting up a football club. It was agreed that the Clerk would copy this booklet and hand over to the interested resident. It was recommended that the resident speaks to his PE teachers and parents to try and find a volunteer to act as coach. In addition IPC will place an article in St Katharine's Wheel asking for volunteers. **CIk**
- 87.11 ID Cards for Councillors
The Clerk obtained quotes for ID cards. The cost from County Supplies is £5.98 per card plus £30 set up fee.
It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Clerk should order ID cards for any councillor wishing to have one.
REASON
To allow residents to check the identity of councillors when on council business **All**
- 87.12 PCSO Funding
The current PCSO contract is due to expire at the end of March 2012. IPC have been advised that the cost and terms for renewing the contract will remain the same. As however there is some concern over the visibility of our current PCSO it was agreed that Cllr Maxwell would discuss these concerns with Sergeant Guy Westwood. **MM**
- 88 NEW MATTERS**
- 88.1 Budget Requests for 2012/13
Clerk advised Cllrs that she would need their exact budget request as soon as possible in order to allow plenty of time to prepare the budget for discussion at the December meeting. **All**
- 88.2 Hedge on Turnpike Lane
Cllr Goldie pointed out that the hedge at the top of Turnpike Lane was so overgrown it was impairing visibility when approaching the junction. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact North Herts Homes and ask them to resolve. **CIk**
- 88.3 Parish Council Representative for local highway issues
Cllr Crowe advised that in the past there had been a parish council representative who met on a regular basis with Paul Hazley from Hertfordshire Highways and walked the roads to establish problem areas. Cllr Barber volunteered to take on this duty. **MB**
- 89 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 89.1 CB/11/02835/FULL – Land at Arlesey Landfill Site, Mill Lane, Arlesey
Single Wind Renewable energy turbine and associated sub-station.
It was agreed that IPC would wait to hear from Arlesey Town Council to ascertain their views on this application. Clerk to contact Town Clerk. **CIk**
- 89.2 11/02638/1HH – 21 Longmeadow Drive, Ickleford SG5 3TJ
Single storey rear extension with lantern roof.
Cllr Goldie declared a personal and prejudicial interest as it this is her property and would therefore not be involved in any discussions on this application. Due to the NHDC deadline, councillors will look into and respond between meetings. **SG/DC**
- 89.3 11/02566/1HH – Gable House, Westmill Lane, Ickleford SG5 3RN
Erection of single storey garage/office/garden store and ancillary rooms following demolition of existing Garage.
Due to the NHDC deadline, councillors will look into and respond between meetings. **KG/SG/DC**

90 PLANNING DECISIONS.

90.1 None made.

91 CORRESPONDENCE.91.1 NHDC – Invitation to attend NHDC Parish, Community & Town Conference
Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Crowe will attend**MM & PC**91.2 NHDC Notification of Precept Requirements
When considering the budget the aim will be for a 0% increase91.3 CDA Newsletter & Annual Review91.4 Village SOS Event in St Ives on 15 November91.5 SLCC Correspondence re: zero increase in council tax91.6 HH – Winter Salts for Towns and Parishes
Ickleford salt bin has historically been filled automatically.91.7 HH – Notice of temporary closure of The Poplars
Cllr Gray strongly objects to this road being given priority for maintenance work when there are other roads in a far worse condition. He will contact Hertfordshire Highways to obtain an explanation.**SG**91.8 Network Rail – Discharge of Planning Conditions in connection with Land east and north of Cadwell Lane**92 FINANCE**92.1 To approve grants for local organisations

The grant applications from the village organisations were discussed and following a proposal from Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Barber and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That the following grants, totally £3920, be awarded

Organisation	Details	Amount required	Amount raised	Amount requested	Amount awarded
Ickleford Village Hall	Phase 2 of continuing programme of electrics upgrade to comprise replacement of fuse boards for the kitchen and stage with modern consumer units & installation of additional power sockets in main hall.	£4,978	£2,478	£500	£500
	Grant of £2000 applied for from NHDC				
Ickleford Sports & Recreation Club	In order to make efficiency savings of 20% on their current annual utility bills of £12,000 ISRC need to phase in the following:				
	Replacement boiler	£8,000.00			
	Loft insulation	£2,000.00	£13,500	-	£13,500
	Cavity Wall Insulation	£3,500.00			£2,000
Ickleford Cricket Club	Contribution towards electronic scoreboard	£3,840	-	£3,840	-

Ickleford Pre-School	Imaginary & Role Play equipment	£535.00	£1,230	-	£1,230	£1,230
	Quiet Corner cushions & sensory bag	£200.00				
	Outside Resources - balls, Lego, rollers	£105.00				
	Activity Play	£130.00				
	New fridge for kitchen, notice boards & crates	£260.00				
St Katharine's Junior Church	Paper, card, glue & other general craft materials	£40.00	£190	-	£190	£190
	2 pairs of candlesticks for window ledges	£50.00				
	Junior Choir - replacement of worn out books and sheet music	£100.00				
					£19,260	£3,920

92.2 Receipts since last meeting

<u>Receipt From</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
HMRC	VAT Repayment	£1,495.64	£1,495.64
Barclays Bank	Interest	£3.25	£3.25
Locality Budget	Grant for Youth Club	£250.00	£250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			£1,748.89

92.3 To approve payments for the month of November 2011.

Following a proposal from Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Goldie and agreed unanimously the following payments of £3,068.06 were approved and the cheques were signed.

93 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

93.1 Parish Paths Partnership.

P3 meetings now meet with the Groundwork Team and not Countryside Management. Cllr Goldie and Cllr Taylor observed significant rubbish around benches on some of the footpaths. Cllr Goldie will contact NHDC to seek a solution. **KG**

93.2 Ickleford Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is obtaining quotes for the electrical work that needs to be done. They have applied for a £2000 grant from NHDC in order to assist them with this.

94 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NB This is for exchange of information only. No decisions or actions can be agreed at this time.

95 DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

95.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th December 2011 at 7.30 pm in the main hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

