

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 5th January 2012**

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

Officer present: Pauline Martin (Parish Clerk)

Also present for part of the meeting: County Councillor Brook and 2 residents

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

110.1 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Goldie (unwell) and District Cllr Cowley (away)

111. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

111.1 No 'personal' nor 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda were received.

112. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

112.1 Following a proposal from Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Chapallaz it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011 are approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

113.1 The residents present were interested in item 117.1.

114. UPDATE FROM POLICE

114.1 No report was received from the police; however, following last month's meeting, the clerk contacted PCSO Masella to ask if they were able to issue warnings or fine motorists for use of mobile phones or not wearing seatbelts. The clerk also requested more detailed information about the frequency and timings that the Speed Indication Device sign was used and when Street Meets were going to commence. PCSO Masella advised that as the SID device is shared she can never plan when she uses it but as a rule they are expected to use it once a month but if available will use it 2-3 times a month. She also advised that whilst they have the power to issue tickets for traffic specific offences they do not have the power to stop a vehicle and therefore enforcement is difficult. PCSO Masella advised that it is her intention to start the Street Meets in the New Year once she has her shift patterns.

114.2 Joint Panel Meeting

The council discussed items that could be raised at next week's meeting. The main area of concern is the possibility of anti-social behaviour around the Sports and Recreation Club especially now that the Clubhouse is not open every evening. Cllr Barber will suggest that the police make regular evening patrols in the vicinity.

MB

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

115.1 Little Park

There have been no further developments on this project; however, Cllr Crowe is hopeful that a meeting will take place next week with NHDC.

115.2 Hyde Mill

The clerk responded to the resident's email and a further communication in connection with tree sawing. A Hyde Mill meeting is taking place on Monday 9th January which has been widely advertised and is open to all residents.

115.3 Mapboards

The clerk is awaiting a quote from a joinery company. She will pass on their details to Cllr Chapallaz so that he can discuss the matter with them.

CIK/DC

- 115.4 Bus shelter renovation
Cllr Barber met with Justin Ramsey to check the details of his quotation. Following a proposal from Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Crowe and agreed unanimously it was **RESOLVED**
To instruct Justin Ramsey to carry out the renovation work on the bus shelter
REASON
To make essential repairs and improve the appearance of the bus shelter
Clerk will issue a contract with exact details of the required works. **CIk**
- 115.5 Moving of bus stop
Cllr Barber hopes to have a meeting with Daniel Tanock from the Passenger Transport Unit when he visits Ickleford in the next couple of weeks. **MB**
- 115.6 Proposed Youth Club
Cllr Taylor reported that Ickleford School have agreed a rent of £20 per session. The school is prepared to waive this fee for the first month to allow the Youth Club a chance to get established. The Youth Club will be added to the school's Public Liability insurance for a nominal charge. More information will be obtained as to what exactly is covered by the school's insurance. The Youth Club is now affiliated to Pro-Action and training and CRB checks for the volunteers will commence shortly with a view to starting the Youth Club in February. **ST**
- 115.7 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Event for the village in 2012.
Cllr Taylor advised that the school have agreed to a charge of £100 for the Family Fun Day to be held there on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June. Cllr Brook advised that it is his intention to give £250 from his locality budget for Diamond Jubilee events to each of his wards. This will be available after 1st April. He is prepared to increase this to £350 to help cover the cost of the school rental. Cllr Taylor will be booking entertainment etc. shortly. Cllr Maxwell will be speaking to the head teacher of Ickleford School next week and will ask if they are providing a commemorative item for the children to mark the occasion and if they have any items, e.g. banners, which could be used for decorative purposes. The next Diamond Jubilee meeting will take place on 18 January. **MM/SG/MB/ST/CIk**
- 115.8 PCSO Funding
It was agreed that Cllr Maxwell would prepare a letter for the clerk to send to Sergeant Guy Westwood advising them of the Council's decision not to renew the match funded PCSO contract. Out of courtesy the minutes of last month's meeting will not be published until this has been done. **MM/CIk**
- 115.9 Hedge on Turnpike Lane
The clerk is meeting North Herts Homes on site next week to discuss. **CIk**
- 116. NEW MATTERS**
- 116.1 Advertising Boards on Common Land
This was discussed and it was agreed that no action is required at this time. However, the situation will be kept under review, and if an increase in the number of advertisements or an increase in the duration they are on display occurs Ickleford Parish Council will revisit this decision.
- 116.2 Date for Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 29th March was agreed as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. The format of the meeting to be discussed at next month's Parish Council Meeting.
- 116.3 Over-sixties club
The church is starting an over-sixties club on 18 January from 1.45 – 3.15 to be held in the church. There will be card tables, dominos etc. and tea and cakes will be served. The church is hoping that the Parish Council can support them in this venture. They have calculated that they require £250 to purchase card tables and games.

Following a proposal by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Crowe and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

To award the church a grant of £250

REASON

To support them in this new project

Cllr Crowe advised that there are card tables in the Village Hall which the church might be able to use for the time being. Cllr Thurstance would pass this information on. **CT**

117. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

117.1 11/02916/1HH – 5 Claymore Drive, Ickleford SG5 3UB

Single storey rear extension; roof alteration to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation; pitched roof over existing garage.

Due to NHDC deadlines the planning advisors looked at the application between meetings and sent the following response to NHDC

Ickleford Parish Council has **no objections** to this application

REASON

Ickleford Parish Council could see no planning issues

117.2 11/02929/1HH – 7 Walnut Way, Ickleford SG5 3XT

Rear conservatory

Due to NHDC deadlines the planning advisors looked at this application between meetings and sent the following response to NHDC

Ickleford Parish Council has **no objections** to this application

REASON

Ickleford Parish Council could see no planning issues

117.3 11/03004/1HH – Gable House, Westmill Lane, Ickleford SG5 3RN

Single storey rear extension. Detached double garage and detached BBQ pavilion following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and detached garage.

Due to NHDC deadlines the planning advisors looked at the application between meetings and sent the following response to NHDC

Ickleford Parish Council has **no objections** to this application

REASON

Ickleford Parish Council could see no planning issue

118. PLANNING DECISIONS.

118.1 11/02638/1HH – Gable House, Westmill Lane, Ickleford SG5 3RN

Erection of single storey garage/office/garden store and ancillary rooms following demolition of existing garage

NHDC granted Standard Conditional Permission on 08/12/11

Reason for Decision

The outbuilding hereby permitted would have no adverse effect on the amenities of the neighbouring residential properties, the visual amenity of the locality, or openness of the green belt and, as such, complies with the relevant provisions of the development plan as summarised below.

Summary of Development Plan Policies and Proposals relevant to the Decision:

NHDLP No 2 with Alterations 1996:

Policy 2 – Green Belt

Policy 57 - Residential Guidelines and Standards

National Planning Policy Guidance

PPC2 – Green Belts

118.2 11/02566/1HH – 21 Longmeadow Drive, Ickleford SG5 3TJ

Single storey extension with lantern roof

NHDC granted Standard Conditional Permission on 08/12/11

Reason for Decision

The extension hereby permitted would have no adverse effect on the amenities of the neighbouring residential properties or the visual amenity of the locality and, as such, complies with the relevant provisions of the development plans as summarised below.

Summary of Development Plan Policies and Proposals relevant to the Decision:

North Hertfordshire District Local Plan No 2 with Alteration

Policy 28 – House Extension

119. FINANCE

119.1 Receipts since the last meeting

None received

119.2 Payments for the month of January

Following a proposal from Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed unanimously payments totally £2,562.75 were approved

120. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brook asked if this item could be moved to earlier in the agenda in future to allow him the possibility of attending other meetings if necessary. He reiterated that council tax is likely to remain unchanged for the forthcoming financial year and that the council needs to make savings of £200 million. There is a consultation paper on Hertfordshire County Council website about proposed changes to secondary school admissions – although these should not affect Ickleford greatly. Walnut Way has been inspected with a view to being resurfaced sometime after 1st April. Cllr Brook also confirmed his intention of using part of his locality budget to support Diamond Jubilee celebrations as outlined in item 115.7.

121. OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports

122. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

A branch is obscuring the Claymore Drive sign – the Clerk will speak to William Crosse about removing this.

Some residents of Walnut Way have asked that the burial ground car park gate be opened earlier to allow them access when walking their dogs. The gate remains shut until 8.30am (9am at weekends) and it was felt that there were plenty of ways round.

ID cards will be ordered through Herts County Council as soon as possible.

Purchase orders will be issued as required in connection with the Diamond Jubilee family fun day.

Councillors were reminded of the importance of not discussing confidential matters outside of Parish Council meetings.

123. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

123.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the small hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm