

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2008

Present: Councillors PJ Crowe (Chairman), M Maxwell, C R Thurstance, Cllr D Chapallaz, G Palmer and T Stephenson.

Officer present: Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

Also present for part of the meeting: County Cllr Brook, PCSO Nikki Williams, PCSO Elaine Cuzzo and Neale Harrison, Project Manager, Dean and Dyball Rail Ltd.

134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

134.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Goldie (family commitment), J Carlyle (personal reasons) and District Cllr P Gibbs (meeting at NHDC).

135 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

135.2 No Councillor needed to update their respective Register of Interests.

136 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2008.

136.1 Following a proposal from Cllr Thurstance, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2008 be approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

137 UPDATE ON PROPOSED WORK AT CADWELL BRIDGE

Neale Harrison, Project Manager, Dean and Dyball Rail Ltd supplied copies of the programme of work to Cadwell Bridge which showed that Dean and Dyball would take possession of the bridge at 04:10 on Saturday 12th July and would hand it back to Network Rail on Monday 14th July at 05:28. Additionally the bridge would be closed from 22:00 on Saturday 7th June until 10:00 Sunday 8th June.

Mr Harrison advised that diversion routes had been agreed with the police for the periods when the bridge would be closed and all diversion signs would be regularly checked during closure. Mr Harrison confirmed that all vehicles would be entering from the north and would not be travelling through Ickleford.

Mr Harrison warned IPC though that remedial work may be required on the brick work after the work is complete. If this work is required it would be done during off peak times during the week and would probably just require traffic lights.

Mr Harrison would ensure that local residents are advised of both weekend closures and IPC agreed to advise other residents via the Ickleford column in the Comet and on the Ickleford website.

Mr Harrison also agreed to supply IPC with some pictures so that they could show residents these at the APM on Thursday 24th April.

138 UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

138.1 PCSO Nikki Williams introduced PCSO Elaine Cuozzo whose duties will be split between Ickleford and Kimpton. PCSO Elaine Cuozzo confirmed that she had been supplied a list of priorities in Ickleford and had already visited Glebe House to speak to the residents about security and would be supplying them with panic alarms. PCSO Elaine Cuozzo also advised that she would be looking to use the speed gun in Ickleford to reduce the speed of traffic.

138.2 Crimes in Ickleford.

PCSO Nikki Williams reported that there have been nine recorded crimes in Ickleford since 11th March 2008. These crimes included:-

- 3 thefts at a party.
- 2 graffiti on garages.
- 1 domestic.
- 1 theft of a vehicle after gaining access to the property to steal the car keys.
- 1 attempted theft.
- 1 body found.

PCSO Nikki Williams advised that the body had been identified but there was nothing new to report. She thanked Ickleford on their cooperation during this investigation which was endorsed by Cllr Brook who particularly thanked the clerk for all her involvement. IPC also thanked the police for the way they dealt with the investigation and all the information supplied to the clerk and residents.

139 UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS.

139.1 Proposed Burial Ground.

Cllr Crowe advised that the planning application would be decided at NHDC's planning committee meeting on Thursday 24th April 2008. As this was the same date as IPC's APM it was agreed that Cllr Thurstance should attend to represent IPC and speak for the allowed three minutes in support of the application. **CRT**

139.2 Parish Plan.

Cllr Maxwell reported that he had attended a recent southern rural meeting and presented an update on Ickleford's parish plan. At this meeting, Cllr Maxwell also explained that IPC's main frustration was that the parish plan had not given IPC the leverage with third parties that had been expected. At the meeting though, Cllr Maxwell did learn Ickleford has been selected as one of the villages for road improvements and safety.

139.2.1 Update on the traffic and transport action plan.

Cllr Stephenson advised that he and Cllr Crowe were meeting with HH on Monday 14th April.

139.2.2 Update on the facilities and amenities action plan.

Cllr Maxwell reported that the Mrs Liz Stephenson, Chairperson of Ickleford Pre-School had advised that the pre-school's future was not guaranteed due to new proposed government legislation so they would be unable to commit to using the building. Without a demand from the pre-school, it was agreed not to pursue the new community building at this stage.

Cllr Maxwell also advised that he was working with NH College to find out ways to use the School computer suite.

139.2.3 Update on the environment plan.

Cllr Maxwell advised that he would speak to Dr Willoughby about the annual litter picking day.

139.3 Garage area and Little Park behind Turnpike Lane.

Dr Willoughby did send the letter to Mr David Charlton, Estates Survey at NHDC as agreed at IPC's meeting in March. However, this letter has not even been acknowledged.

- 139.4 Posts on Village Green.
William Crosse has quoted £18.20 to purchase, install and paint each new post required on the Village Green. It was estimated that 20 posts would be required so the total cost would be £364. Following a proposal from Cllr Chapallaz, seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would erect new posts on the green outside 9 Upper Green and alongside the driveway to Fairfield subject to Cllr Carlyle agreeing exact locations of these posts.

REASON

To prevent people parking and driving on the Village Green.

- 139.5 Plastic recycling bank.
Cllr Gibbs has established that Theresa Thompson from The Plume of Feathers has asked for her trade waste and recycling to be collected free of charge in return for providing a plastic recycling bank. Unfortunately, NHDC are unable to offer this as they would then have to offer the same incentive to all pubs, supermarkets etc which is not within their budget. It was agreed that Cllr Crowe would speak to Theresa Thompson about this. Additionally, Cllr Stephenson agreed to speak to the landlord at The Green Man to see if he would be prepared to have a plastic recycling bank in their car park. **PJC / TS**

- 139.6 Annual Parish Meeting.
Posters advertising the APM have been displayed on the village noticeboards and fliers will be delivered to every household in Ickleford. Details of the APM will appear in the Ickleford column of the Comet and is also on the village website. Copies of Cllr Crowe's, Cllr Brook's and Cllr Gibbs' reports will be available on the night for residents to take away.

140 NEW MATTERS

- 140.1 Ways to reduce the use of plastic bags in Ickleford.
Cllr Maxwell has written to Ickleford Stores and asked if they would stop offering disposable plastic bags to customers and instead offer 'bags for life' which would be re-used by customers. Additionally, he has asked Bowman's asking if they would consider co-sponsoring 'bags for life'

- 140.2 Suggestion to move IPC's meeting nights to a Thursday
This suggestion was discussed and following a proposal from Cllr Thurstance, seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was

RESOLVED

To move IPC's normal meeting night to the first Thursday of the month and to amend Standing Orders accordingly.

REASON

To allow the Village Hall committee to consolidate all ad hoc meetings to one evening so that other evenings are available for regular bookings.

141 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- 141.1 No new applications have been received since the March meeting.

142 PLANNING DECISIONS.142.1 08/00208/1HH 1 Claymore Drive, Ickleford. SG5 3UB

Detached garage.

NHDC granted conditional permission to this on 7th March 2008.**REASON**

The proposed garage hereby permitted is acceptable in terms of its design, siting and impact on the street scene and would not result in conditions detrimental to highway safety. As such the development would be in accordance with the following development plan policies:

North Hertfordshire District Local Plan No. 2 with Alterations**Policy 28: House Extensions****Policy 57: Residential Guidelines and Standards**

- 1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission. **Reason:** To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out wholly in accordance with the details specified in the application and supporting, approved documents and plans, or with minor modifications of those details which have previously been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority as being not materially different from those thereby permitted. **Reason:** To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with details which form the basis of this grant of permission.
- 3) Details and/or samples of materials to be used on all external elevations and the roof of the development hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development is commenced. The approved materials shall be implemented on site. **Reason:** To ensure that the development will have an acceptable appearance which does not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area.

143 CORRESPONDENCE.143.1 NATS – Terminal Control North / Proposed changes to airspace.143.2 East and North Herts NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Status Consultation Document.**144 FINANCE.**144.1 Notification of receipts received since the last meeting.Receipts received since 11th March 2008.

NHDC - 1st half of precept	£19,500.00
Barclays - Bank interest	125.26
Total receipts =	£19,625.26

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- 144.3 To approve payments for the month of April 2008.
Following a proposal from Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Palmer and agreed unanimously the payments of £1,415.12 were approved and the cheques were signed.

145 REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 145.1 County Councillor.
Cllr Brook reported that it did not look like Ickleford would be affected by NATS proposed changes to airspace.

- 145.2 District Councillor.
In her absence, Cllr Gibbs sent a report advising that she had allocated the remaining £487 from her 2007/8 discretionary budget to IPC to support any future Highways projects in Ickleford.

Cllr Gibbs also advised that there was £10,000 left in the Area Committee Grants from 2007/8 so the committee had agreed to allocate this money to traffic safety / calming improvements within the southern rural area so Ickleford may wish to apply for some money from this once they know details of proposed projects.

146 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES.

- 146.1 Parish Paths Partnership.
Cllr Stephenson confirmed that people from O₂ had agreed to erect the gate by the entrance to the area by the sharp bend on Arlesey Road between Cadwell and the junction to Arlesey New Road. Once the fence has been erected they have promised to remove all existing rubbish.

Cllr Chapallaz reported that there is now a tree log just before the above entrance near the road. The clerk agreed to get this removed by the relevant authority.

Cllr Thurstance reported that there were two trees overhanging the ditch adjacent to FP10. As the trees come from the adjacent field that Richard Nicholls rents from HCC, the clerk agreed to speak to him about these.

- 146.2 Ickleford Sports and Recreation Club committee
Cllr Crowe reported that at the recent AGM the accounts for the 2007 were presented which showed a profit of £580. The club continues to tick over mainly thanks to all the hard work by volunteers. Geoff Robinson has agreed to continue as secretary of the club.

- 146.3 Ickleford Village Hall committee.
Cllr Stephenson reported that WREN had awarded the committee a grant of £20,300 towards the refurbishment project.

The Ickleford Village Hall committee are organising a quiz night called the Ickleford Challenge, which will be held on Saturday 26th April at 7.30 pm at Ickleford Village Hall. Tickets are £7 each, teams of 6-8 per table. There will be lots of different types of challenge, something for everyone. Fish and chip supper included. Bar available. All proceeds will go towards replacing the Village Hall roof.

147 DATE FOR NEXT MEETINGS.

- 147.1 The annual parish meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April 2008 between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.
- 147.2 The next monthly meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be held on Thursday 1st May 2008 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm