

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2009

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

Officer present: Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

Also present for part of the meeting: Dr Michael Willoughby

105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

105.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Carlyle (illness), County Cllr Brook and District Cllr P Gibbs, PC Matt Jenkins, PCSO Nikki Williams, PCSO Elaine Cuozzo and PCSO Sarah Jeffery.

106 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

106.2 Councillors were advised to review their respective Register of Interests and update them if necessary.

107 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2008

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

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008 be approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

108 UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

108.1 In her absence, PCSO Sarah Jeffery advised that during December there were 3 recorded crimes which included:-

- Theft of collection box from Pixies.
- Stolen motor vehicle and burglary from Walnut Way.
- Theft of Bonsai Trees from communal living area in Galleywood.

109 UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS INCLUDING AGREEMENTS FOR NEXT ACTIONS.

109.1 Proposed Burial Ground

Cllr Crowe reported that the planning decision for change of use of the land would not be until March 2009 as HCC was not listed as a land owner on the original Certificate B. The County Archaeologist has confirmed the tests that he wants carried out on the land and NHDC have agreed that these tests can be carried out by Heritage Network prior to the planning decision.

Cllr Thurstance advised that the draft Trust Deed had been circulated to all Trustees and David Morgan (Solicitor). Apart from a few minor alterations the draft Trust Deed looks satisfactory so will be returned to Mrs Parker with these proposed amendments. It was agreed that no work would be carried out on the land until the Trust has been set up.

109.2 Rural Programme New Travel Plan

Cllr Stephenson advised that later this month we should receive the results from the Arlesey Road survey and the draft leaflet of proposals. These leaflets will be delivered to all households once approved. Cllr Thurstance was disappointed to learn that the entrance gates that have been mentioned would be painted on the roads and not be actual gates. After a discussion it was suggested that IPC should investigate if Ickleford could have any of these decorative gates and what cost would be involved. Cllr Stephenson to speak to HH. **TS**

109.3 Garage area and Little Park behind Turnpike Lane.
Dr Willoughby reported that he and Cllr Crowe had met with NHH to discuss this land. NHH suggested tidying up their land and erecting a fence on the boundary. NHH agreed to look at the site and put together a proposal to the relevant Panel. Cllr Crowe has also written to NHDC asking if they would be able to create some allotments on their land in this area.

109.4 Hitchin Curve
Cllr Thurstance attended the meeting at NHDC in December and showed other Councillors the maps showing the project proposals and proposed access whilst the work is being carried out. Key dates are

- Consultation – ongoing. Public exhibition – Spring 2009.
- Transport and Works Act (TWA) Order Application – Summer 2009.
- Order made – anticipated early 2011.
- Start of construction – late 2011.
- Project completion – end 2013.

109.5 Annual Parish Meeting.
After a discussion it was agreed that the meeting would start at 7.00 pm with some entertainment. Reports would be at 8.00 pm followed by a question and answer session. The meeting would conclude with some more entertainment. Organisations will be invited to attend and have a display if they choose. Refreshments will be served. Fliers with details of the APM will be delivered to all households in March. The clerk to coordinate. **CIK**

109.6 Village of the Year 2009 competition.
After a discussion, it was decided that IPC would not enter the competition this year as most projects were still ongoing.

110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

110.1 08/03014/1PUD 7 Witter Avenue.
Front entrance porch
The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED
That IPC would not object to this application.

REASON
Permitted development.

111 CORRESPONDENCE.

111.1 Faber Maunsell
IPC's views are needed to help develop the Hitchin Urban Transport Plan. Workshop will be held on Wednesday 11th February at Hitchin Town Hall between 10.00 am and 2.30 pm. Cllr Stephenson agreed to look into. **TS**

111.2 Communities and Local Government
Communities on Control: Real people, real power.
Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. A consultation.

111.3 HCC
Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2010/11 for Community and Voluntary-Controlled schools, which was launched on the 4th January 2009, and will run until 1st of March 2009. To be discussed at the February meeting. **All**

111.4 Resident at Hyde Mill Cottage
River Oughton in desperate need of a clean up. The clerk to investigate who is responsible for the river and advise the resident who to contact. **CIK**

112 FINANCE.

- 112.1 Notification of receipts received since the last meeting.
To be advised of all receipts since 4th December 2008.

P3 Grant	£1,000.00
Bank interest	£69.23
Total receipts =	£1,000.00

- 112.2 To approve payments for the month of January 2009.
Following a proposal from Cllr Goldie, seconded by Cllr Maxwell and agreed unanimously payments of £1,178.63 were approved and the cheques were signed.

113 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

- 113.1 Ickleford Village Hall
Cllr Stephenson reported that the annual rent increase would be small due to the current economic climate. Cllr Thurstance asked if the Village Hall Committee would be putting up a clock in the small hall again. Cllr Stephenson to ask the committee. **TS**
- 113.2 Biffa
The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday 29th January at Holwell Village Hall. Cllr Crowe is unable to attend so Cllr Goldie and Cllr Palmer offered to represent IPC at the meeting. **KG/GP**

114 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING.

- 114.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm