

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15PM ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2007

Present: Cllrs P J Crowe (Chairman), M Maxwell, C R Thurstance D Chapallaz, B Crosse, K Goldie.

Also present: Cllr N Brook, (HCC), Cllr T Gibbs (NHDC).

Officer present: Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

141. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Carlyle (away) and Cllr G Palmer (away).

142. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

142.1 Any financial or other interests. All Councillors' details remain unchanged.

142.2 Interests in matters arising at this meeting. None were declared.

143. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2007

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

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March be approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

144 UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

144.1 Proposed new Burial Ground.

Cllr Crowe advised that he had given a copy of the proposed plan for the burial ground with a map showing the land Mrs Parker owns to Frank Pratt who works for Highways and has offered to give his opinion of the entrance.

Cllr Crowe is waiting for a response from Cemetery Development Services Limited and Heritage Network.

144.2 Parish Plan.

Cllr Maxwell advised that the final document is now with the printers.

144.3 Calor Village of the Year 2006/2007

The judges are visiting on 25th April between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. All Councillors have been given a proposed agenda and have been advised which business and organisations will be attending.

144.4 Hertfordshire Village of the Year 2007.

The deadline for all entries is the 3rd May. All councillors have been given a copy of the draft entry form.

145 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

145.1 Speed sensitive sign.
HH has repaired this.

145.2 Damage to parts of the Village Green.
The building contractors have been asked to repair the parts of the Village Green they have damaged. William Crosse has been asked to repair the grass area outside 9/10 Upper Green and install posts.

William Crosse has also been asked to install posts alongside the path to Fairfield.

145.3 Grass verges and road in Walnut Way near new houses being built.
In response to the letter IPC sent to NHDC regarding the damage the builders are doing to the grass verges and road, NHDC has advised the laws about grass verge parking. Cllr Gibbs agreed to request that the relevant person from NHDC writes to the building contractors and asks them to repairs these verges. **PG**

145.4 Common Land outside 123, 127 and 129 Arlesey Road.
Letters have been written to all residents advising them that if they wish to park on this piece of Common Land then they need to install, at their cost, concrete blocks that allow grass to grow through them.

145.5 Fallen tree on Barbers Lane
William Crosse has removed this tree.

145.6 Play area safety bark
Cllr Mrs Crosse declared an interest and left the meeting.

Quotes were received from Clements Play Management and William Crosse which were both discussed. Following a proposal from Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Thurstance and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would request that William Crosse installs 25 cubic meters of play bark to top up the areas to 300mm depth (BSEN1176) at a cost of £1093.62 + vat.

REASON

To ensure the safety of children using the play equipment.

Cllr Mrs Crosse was then invited to rejoin the meeting.

146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

146.1 07/00406/1HH 3 Icknield Close, Ickleford.
Single storey front extension.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would not object to this application.

REASON

There are no planning issues with this application.

- 146.2 07/00523/1HH 31 Turnpike Lane, Ickleford.
Front dormer window and first floor rear extensions.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would not object to this application.

REASON

No planning reasons for objecting providing the roof of the dormer extension meets the requirements of building regulations.

- 146.3 07/00628/1 36 Turnpike Lane, Ickleford.
Variation to plot 3 to enlarge rear first floor window and fit obscure glazing.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would not object to this application.

REASON

IPC could not see that this would cause any problems to the neighbours.

147 CORRESPONDENCE

- 147.1 Bedford Group of Drainage Board – Internal Drainage Board review 2006.
- 147.2 Hertfordshire Police Authority – Policing Plan 2007 / 2008.
- 147.3 HAPTC – March 2007 newsletter.
- 147.4 Laurie Kerr – Proposed Community Orchard.
The clerk to thank Laurie for his interest advise him that IPC will let him know if they find a suitable piece of land. **CIK**

148 FINANCE

- 148.1 Changing the flower bed on the triangle to a dry bed.
Following a proposal from Cllr Goldie, seconded by Cllr Chapallaz and agreed unanimously it was
- RESOLVED**
That IPC would purchase an edging for the new flower bed at a cost of £175.00 + vat + delivery
- REASON**
To continue to maintain this piece of Common Land.
- 148.2 Notification of receipts received since the last meeting
£17,750.00 – First half of 2007/8 precept payment.
£ 350.00 – P3 Grant.
£ 74.52 – Interest to 2 March

148.3 Payments for the months of April 2007.

Payments totally £3,908.26 were proposed by Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Goldie and agreed unanimously.

149 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

149.1 Cllr Crosse reported that the Willow Tree on Christmas Common has lots of little shoots growing from the horizontal branch that she thinks need cutting off as if left they may spoil the beauty of the tree. The clerk agreed to look into this.

150 DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS

151.1 This meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

151.2 The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th May 2007 in the small hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm