

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ICKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
ICKLEFORD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2006**

Present: Cllrs P J Crowe (Chairman), C R Thurstance, Mrs B Crosse, Mrs K Goldie, Mrs G Palmer.

Also present: Cllr N. Brook (HCC)

Officer present: Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

50. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Maxwell (Business), Cllr Chapallaz (Other engagement), Cllr Carlyle (Holiday) and Cllr Mrs Gibbs (NHDC).

51. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

51.1 Any financial or other interests: All Cllrs details remain unchanged.

51.2 Interests in matters arising at this meeting: None were declared.

52. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH JULY 2006.

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

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2006 be approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record of the meeting.

53 UPDATE ON ONGOING MATTERS

53.1 Proposed new Burial Ground

Cllr Crowe reported that he had written to Time Team (Channel 4 TV program) informing them of this site and they have acknowledged the letter and advised that if they decide to pursue the site IPC will hear from them again later this year.

Cllr Crowe also reported that Heritage Network had quoted £1,560 for a magnetometer survey of the 1.8 hectare site.

Following a proposal from Cllr Mrs Goldie, seconded by Cllr Mrs Crosse and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would arrange for this survey to be carried out.

REASON FOR DECISION

To investigate further if there is anything of archaeological interest in this area.

53.2 Village of the Year

Cllr Crowe reminded all Cllrs that the first draft for each category is to be supplied to the clerk no later than 30th September.

ALL

53.3 Parish Plan

The clerk reported that the result summary had been delivered to all households and more detailed summaries have been put on the website as PDF files. Cllr Crowe said what an excellent booklet this was.

All sub groups (Traffic and Transport, Crime and Disorder, Environment and Facilities and Amenities) have met. Results have been analysed in more detail and each sub group is working on the creating their part of the final Action Plan. Meetings are to be arranged with HCC, NHDC, Hertfordshire Highways, North Herts Homes, Hertfordshire Police and CDA to discuss the results and look at possible solutions.

53.4 Turnpike Lane Garage Area

Results from Parish Plan have been sent to NHH and a meeting has been requested to discuss these further.

53.5 Facilities for the youth

Samantha Evison (Youth worker from Hertfordshire Association 4 Young People) has advised that they have been out in Ickleford speaking to the youths. They have found a group of 10 year olds and a group of 17-18 years olds but are very aware that there are a lot of others they haven't spoken to yet. They have put some goals in the park behind Turnpike Lane and are arranging an event in Ickleford on 7th October. Additionally they have booked the village hall every Thursday (apart from when there is a WI meeting) between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm to do things with 11-19 years olds. When there is a WI meeting they will arrange alternative activities elsewhere.

54 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

54.1 Hedge on Chambers Lane

Hertfordshire Highways have cut the hedge as a gesture of good will.

54.2 Wheelie bins (St Katherine's Cottages)

All bins have now been removed.

54.3 Mud Patch outside the school

Further to the resolution at the July meeting (42.3), the clerk wrote to residents in Upper Green and the front of Icknield Close with the proposal to remove the trees. This letter was also featured in the St Katharine Wheel. No objections have been received. It was therefore agreed that the clerk requests NHDC to remove these trees as soon as possible. **Clk**

55 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

55.1 06/01090/1HH 12 Claymore Drive

Raising roofs to first floor extension.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would object to this application and send the comments below to NHDC:-

Overall this is a street of bungalows and although several have had 1st floor extensions, this is perhaps not ideal. In this case to raise the extension roof height still further seems somewhat unnecessary – added to which the external roof profile would become asymmetrical and less attractive. The whole thing seems rather cosmetic to us – simply to avoid sloping roofs in the bedroom.

- 55.2 06/01352/1HH 17 Ryder Way, Ickleford.
Two storey side and rear extension. Single storey front and rear extension.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would object to this application and send the comments below to NHDC:-

Some reworking of the scheme has taken place and the veranda has been removed making the whole footprint smaller, but we feel that the whole development shows a very considerable enlargement of the property and the Parish Council still has reservations about the scale of the development and its compatibility with the surrounding area.

- 55.3 06/01864/1HH 8 Upper Green, Ickleford.
Single storey front extension.

The planning application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would not object to this application.

56 PLANNING DECISIONS

- 56.1 06/00794/1HH 4 Longmeadow Drive, Ickleford.
Single storey rear extension.

NHDC granted conditional permission on 10th July 2006.

- 56.2 06/00564/1HH 2 Raymond Cottages, Ickleford.

Single storey rear extension (as amended by drawing no P3/A received by NHDC ON 28TH June 2006).

NHDC granted standard conditional permission 17th July 2006.

- 56.3 06/00722/1 Pestol Farm, Lower Green, Ickleford.

Continued use of land for stationing of mobile home.

Planning application was withdrawn 31st July 2006.

- 56.4 06/00796/1HH 14 Bedford Road, Ickleford.

Relocate and replace existing double garage with double garage with room in roofspace.

NHDC granted conditional permission on 1st September 2006.

57 CORRESPONDENCE

- 57.1 The Bishop of St Albans – Advising that the Church's policy is to pool resources from sales to provide mutual support throughout the diocese so would not be able to meet the costs of the refurbishment schemes in St Katharine's Church.

- 57.2 CPRE – Letter of thanks for the presentation ceremony.

- 57.3 NHDC – Annual Rural Conference on Monday 18th September. Cllr Crowe, Cllr Thurstance and Cllr Mrs Crosse to attend. **PJC / CRT / BC**

- 57.4 HAPTC – Local Democracy Campaign. No action by IPC required.

- 57.5 NHDC – Housing surveys in parishes. It was agreed that Ickleford did not require this survey as it was regularly reviewed and the Parish Plan consultation did not indicate a problem for residents of Ickleford. The clerk to advise NHDC. **CIK**

- 57.6 Hertfordshire Constabulary – Match Funded Scheme – PCSOs. It was agreed that this was still too expensive for IPC to consider at the moment.
- 57.7 NHDC – Boundary Review for North Hertfordshire. Cllr Crowe to investigate if this would have an impact on Ickleford. **PJC**

58 FINANCE

- 58.1 Receipts received since the last meeting.
£12,705.00 – Second half of 2006 / 07 Precept.
£350.00 – Village of the Year prize money.
£57.57 – Bank interest for the period to 3 September 2006.
- 58.2 IPC's contribution to the printing of the St Katharine Wheel for the next 12 months.
Over the past year the St Katharine Wheel has increased in size as more articles are being submitted by various organisations within the village. It is estimated that the annual costs have increased from £800 to £1,200. Previously IPC have contributed £400. The magazine is compiled and distributed by volunteers.

Following a proposal from Cllr Mrs Goldie, seconded by Cllr Mrs Crosse and agreed unanimously it was

RESOLVED

That IPC would contribute £600 towards the printing costs.

REASON FOR DECISION

To continue to support the village magazine.

- 58.3 Work on trees in St Katharine's Church yard.
4 Yew trees by the road require Ivy to be removed and to have the branches that are overhanging the path and road tidied up, another Yew tree by the path requires Ivy to be removed and a Yew tree by the tower needs to be cut down to ground level. Griffin Tree and Garden Services have quote the PCC £1,700 to carry out the work. The PCC have asked if IPC can offer any financial support to this project.
- IPC agreed that they would make a decision on this at the October meeting when other grant applications would be discussed. The clerk to advise the PCC and also to request they obtain another quotation. **Clk**

- 58.4 Grants for 2006 / 07
It was agreed that the clerk would write to Ickleford Pre-School, Ickleford Sports and Recreation Club, Ickleford Village Hall, Ickleford Junior Church and PCC to invite them to apply for a grant. All applications to be submitted by 29th September 2006. **Clk**
- Grants to be awarded at the October meeting.

- 58.5 Payments for the months of September 2006.
Payments of £2,814.76 were proposed by Cllr Mrs Goldie and seconded by Cllr Mrs Palmer and agreed unanimously.

59 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 59.1 Parish Paths Partnership
Cllr Mrs Goldie reported that she had inspected the paths and recognised some area that required work. Angela Forster, CMS to advise her who is responsible for these areas so that she can arrange for the work to be carried out.
- 59.2 Ickleford School Governors
During the summer holidays the school heard that their Y6 SATs results were even better than originally thought. Twenty eight children took the test and the percentages achieving Level 4 or above were: - English: 93%, Maths: 96% and Science: 100%.
- 59.3 Ickleford Village Hall
The Village Hall committee have submitted their PACIF application to NHDC. They had received three quotes for the work and had decided to go with the quote from Mr Spindler as the quote was competitive and he lived locally.
- 59.4 ISRC
Cllr Crowe reported they had had the AGM on Monday. The finances are looking more stable. The current treasurer has given notice as he has moved to Scotland so the committee are looking for a new treasurer. The football club committee would like to put a bench where the dug out used to be. They will pay for the bench and any costs to install it.

60 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 60.1 Cllr Mrs Goldie enquired what was happening with Tony's News as it was looking very derelict. As nobody knew the clerk agreed to make some enquiries.
- 60.2 Cllr Mrs Goldie asked when the map board on Lower Green would be fixed. Cllr Thurstance advised that he was waiting for Cllr Chapallaz to remove the sealed unit from the lecturn so that he could return it to where it had been sealed. He agreed to chase this up as there was concern that the map could get damaged when the weather deteriorates.

61 MEETING DATES

- 61.1 The next meeting
To be held on Tuesday 10th October 2006 in the small hall at 7.30 pm.
- 61.2 The Annual Parish Meeting
To be held on Tuesday 10th April 2007 in the main hall at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.