

MINUTES OF ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall on Wednesday 21st August 2019 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sian Wombwell (SW), Cllr Simon Cheney (SC), Cllr Terry Sadler (TS), Cllr Hugh Molloy (HM), Cllr Paul Rose (PR), Cllr Liz Gibson (LG), Cllr Tim Pavelin (TP)

David Lilley and one other parishioner

62/19-20 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Philly Hamilton

63/19-20 Councillors Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda & Requests for Dispensation

None

64/19-20 Open Forum for Public Participation Including Youth Representation

David Lilley informed the Council that there is a wedding being held at the village church on the first weekend of September and advised that the grass to the rear of the church by the west door needs cutting. Clerk to action.

65/19-20 To approve minutes of meeting held on 17th July 2019

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 are approved and were signed by the chairman.

66/19-20 Matters Arising and Clerks report

Clerks report:

Recreation Ground:

- Outstanding repairs

Highway matters:

- Installation of flexible traffic bollards – outstanding
- Road build out on Frogge St – outstanding
- Parking on the verges in Abbey St – It was resolved that re-instating the verges should be delayed until the nearby building work is complete. Council to consider the use of posts, whether permission needs to be granted by Highways and where to source the posts from. ACTION – to add to the agenda and discuss further in September’s meeting.

Cemetery/Chapel:

- Quote for replacement stained glass – SW and HM met with a representative from a glass company at the Chapel on 16/7/19 and are awaiting the quote.

Planning matters:

- S/2040/19/FL 20 Church Street - amendment

67/19-20 Tribute to Hinxton Parish Council Chair Willy Brown

Cllr Wombwell paid tribute to Willy Brown stating that he was a well-regarded man and will be missed by Ickleton Parish Council. He was a towering intellect, Master of Darwin College and awarded a CBE for his work at ACAS. He was brilliant at opposing the various, aggressive, planning applications faced by our villages. Cllr Wombwell will attend a memorial service on behalf of Ickleton Parish Council. She informed the Council that Willy’s family have asked that donations are made to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and proposed that Ickleton Parish Council consider making a donation.

Cllr Terry Sadler also paid tribute stating that Willy Brown was instrumental in bringing local Parish Councils together and that Ickleton Parish Council must continue to work closely with neighbouring Councils.

68/19-20 Traffic Issues

i. CCC Highways - change to policy regarding fixed vehicle activated speed display signs

Highways have stated that fixed vehicle activated speed signs cannot be put up in Ickleton village as their policy is to approve the use of mobile vehicle activated speed signs. Therefore, in order

for fixed signs to be approved there would need to be a change in policy. The Speedwatch Team will write to Cllr Topping requesting his support in lobbying a change in policy and have asked that the Parish Council also support this. It was resolved that the Council will support this action. The Council will seek clarification on the policy and likely cost of installing fixed signs.

ii. Speedwatch update

12 Speedwatch sessions in the last month. 1401 speeding vehicles have been reported to the police in 82 sessions, which is an increase in the previous year.

iii. Updates on Local Highway Improvement funding bids 2019/20 and 2020/21

The bid was successfully submitted and the Council awaits the response.

iv. An additional traffic issue was raised. Bollards are missing from the Frogge Street build out. Cllr Sadler has looked at the report on South Cambs District Council's website which states the report was closed on 8/8/19. Cllr Cheney to report to SCDC as unfinished and to also report to them about the drain.

69/19-20 Rural Crime Report

i. Fly tipping on Frogge Street and publicising local campaign

The fly tipping on Frogge Street has been reported several times to South Cambs District Council (SCDC) by the Parish Council but remains in situ despite the current fly tipping campaign by SCDC. Clerk to display fly tipping poster on notice board and send for inclusion in Icene.

ii. The Council were reminded of the need to report hare coursers to police by calling 999. Report of a recent illegal rave in Shelford.

70/19-20 Reports from County and District Councillors

None received

71/19-20 Correspondence Received

i. Email received from a representative of the charity Scope asking if the Council would provide a suitable location for a clothes recycling bin in Ickleton. The Council resolved that they would not at this time having recently agreed to do the same for another charity. Clerk to respond.

72/19-20 Planning Information

i. For consideration

20 Church Street, Ickleton for Mr & Mrs Parsons – amendment:

Plans for a pottery studio at the bottom of the garden. The Councillors had viewed the previous plans and felt there was little or no impact on the listed building/conservation area, particularly as the studio was of modest proportions and not visible from the public highway. There would be no impact on neighbour amenity as there is no overlooking. The Council were unanimously in support of the application. The Council considered the revised plan in relation to the siting of the building and remained in support of the application. Clerk to respond to South Cambs District Council planning.

ii. Planning Decisions

7 Abbey Street, Ickleton for Mr and Mrs Welch - Refused

3 Abbey Street, Ickleton for Mr Stephenson - Approved

26 Brookhampton Street, Ickleton for Mr & Mrs Gale - Approved

iii. Planning Appeals

None

iv. Tree Works

14 Brookhampton Street, Ickleton for Susie & Howard Lober – removal of two small trees. Noted.

29 Frogge Street, Ickleton for Christopher Warwick – removal of conifer/leylandii and replant with silver birch. Noted.

73/19-20 Updates on current applications

i. Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion proposals

Cllr Peter McDonald had circulated the Members Briefing Wellcome Trust Housing Proposal to the Parish council ahead of the meeting. He will make representation to the Committee and welcomed feedback from the Parish Council.

ii. SmithsonHill appeal hearing

Nothing to report.

iii. Uttlesford District Council Local Plan examination

The date for representation to be made to planning Inspectors has been extended to September. ACTION - Cllr Sadler will draft a representation on behalf of Ickleton Parish Council.

iv. Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group relocation

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group have shortlisted potential relocation sites at Duxford, Cranfield and Wyton, and state they are in an exploratory phase to understand the potential of each site to meet their business and customer needs. Relocation to Duxford would necessitate an extension of the runway.

74/19-20 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Rose – nothing to report.

Cllr Molloy – Has reattached the sign at Coploe Hill but has had to place it in a slightly different position as the wood was rotten at the original position. Has written to Cllr Peter Topping with regard to resurfacing work and awaits a response. Noted that several 20mph speed signs are obscured. ACTION – Cllr Wombwell to approach home owners. Has been informed that a tree on Butchers Hill to the rear of Vine Cottage is in danger of falling. ACTION – Cllr Hamilton in her position as Tree Warden to assess.

Cllr Pavelin – Has been informed that the seat at Coploe Hill is also in need of repair/replacement. Attended the last Allotment meeting as a representative of the Parish Council. The Allotment Committee would like a third water stand pipe and have requested a donation from the Parish Council. Cllr Pavelin proposed a donation of £200 and Cllr Sadler seconded. Asked for an update regrading the Councillor vacancy and was informed by the Clerk that notice has been given and requests for an election should be submitted to South Cambs District Council by 30th August 2019. If no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by co-option by the Parish Council.

Cllr Gibson – nothing to report.

Cllr Cheney – Informed the Council that the speed sign is in use. Noted that there are several lights out around the village hall. Cllr Gibson was able to report that it has been noted by management of the hall and long-term replacement of lighting is being considered.

Cllr Sadler – Requested that the Councillor vacancy is included in the Icene report, Clerk to action.

Cllr Wombwell – nothing to report.

75/19-20 Financial Matters

i. To approve payments of August's accounts:

Clerk's salary (Confidential)

Clerk's expenses – £78.72

Philly Hamilton (Tree Warden training) - £100.00

Rialtas - £592.20

Viking Office Supplies - £178.50

SLCC membership fees - £114.00

Locum Clerk services/expenses - £442.20

Three invoices were received after the agenda was published but are due for payment:

Tim Pavelin (bins) - £100.00

Viking Office Supplies - £51.55

Wicksteed (playground inspection) - £108.00

It was resolved that the payments listed be made.

It was noted that all funds from the Barclays account have now been transferred to the Unity bank accounts.

ii. Contribution to costs of soakaway and drains in Churchyard (Ickleton Parochial Church Council has paid £900):

The Church has requested that the Parish Council pay half of the cost of works on the soakaway and drains. Cllr Sadler proposed that the Parish Council pays £450 as requested, Cllr Wombwell seconded.

iii. Stained glass window quotes:

The first was for broken glass to be replaced and basic works to be carried out in situ at the Chapel at a cost of £1,157.70. The second was for broken glass to be replaced and more thorough works to be undertaken by removing the glass and cleaning it at the company premises in Cambridge at a cost of £5,591.70.

The Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the two quotes obtained from Cambridge Stained Glass. Cllr Sadler noted that the Chapel is a grade II listed building and must be maintained by the Parish Council. Cllr Wombwell proposed that the basic works should be carried out at a cost of £1,157.70 with a view to increasing the use of the Chapel as planned and investing in further maintenance in the future. A vote was taken in favour.

David Lilley commented that he supported the decision in light of the possibility of damage due to vandalism. A parishioner enquired if the Chapel was connected to Ely in order to request funds and it is not.

iv. Report on S.106 funds:

The village hall management committee are considering the purchase of solar panels and it was noted that the Parish Council would consider using S.106 funds to contribute towards the cost.

76/19-20 Recreation Ground and Play Area

i. Repairs to the play area that were recommended following the inspection will be progressed by Cllr Wombwell as soon as possible.

77/19-20 Local Transport Plan – consultation date 27/9/19

Deadline noted. Responses are to be submitted online and the Council to consider submitting a response.

78/19-20 Declaration of Interest and Acceptance

All Councillors to complete and submit new Declaration of Interest forms to South Cambs District Council. Two outstanding Declaration of Acceptance forms to be completed.

79/19-20 Approve Standing Orders

Standing Orders to be considered by Councillors and a final decision made at September's meeting to approve them or not.

80/19-20 Motion sensing security lights – Icknield Close

Contact has been made between the relevant parties to attend Icknield Close for assessment and advice, date to be arranged.

81/19-20 EBI anniversary party

A celebration of 25 years of scientific achievements. The Parish Council have been made aware of the invitation that has been extended to all local residents. Saturday 7th September, 7pm until 1am. Free entry, tickets are available for food & drink (£10 for 5 tickets) or can pay cash.

82/19-20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Any business and payments to be considered at the Parish Council Meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm