

ICKLETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 22 May 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Number Present: The Chairman, Parish Clerk and 30 members of the public including the District Councillor.

Apologies had been received from: Lewis Duke, Tim Pavelin, Liz Goddard, Steve Jenkins, Kern Roberts, Cllr Peter Topping (County) and the PCSOs

1. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council (including Financial Report) – The Chairman gave his annual report. The report and Financial Statement, when the accounts have been passed by the External Auditors, will be put on the website.
3. The following reports were requested:
 - Village Hall Management Committee)
 - Theatre Group) delivered by Pam Fearn
 - Froglets – no report received
 - Football Clubs – Ickleton – report received
and Crocus Football Club – no report received
 - Ickleton Society – delivered by Neil McKillen
 - Allotment Association – no report received
 - Ickleton Cricket Club – delivered by Michael Robinson
 - Ickleton Tennis Club – delivered by Terry Sadler on behalf of Kern Roberts
 - Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Head announced that he was leaving the village and would no longer be looking after Neighbourhood Watch.
 - Duxford CE Community Primary School – report received
 - Sawston Village College – report received
 - County Council – reports received from Tim Stone and Cllr Peter Topping
 - District Council – delivered by Cllr Mick Martin

Not all reports were read out but paper copies were available at the meeting or could be applied for from the Parish Clerk via e-mail.

4. Updates on:

Introduction of the proposed 20mph speed limit – The Chairman gave an update on the situation. A bid had been submitted for traffic islands and consultation letters to all the relevant parties had been sent out. The whole process is taking time and has been slightly hindered by the reorganisation of staff within CCC Highways. He mentioned that at the same time the use of our village roads by HCVs was being looked into.

The consensus of the meeting was that residents were not happy with the speed that traffic came through our village and were happy for the Parish Council to continue to pursue the proposed speed limit change.

New Village Website – Susan Clew gave a demonstration of the new website that she (together with Liz Gibson) was involved with Andrew Shepperd in getting this off the

ground and live. It is intended that the website will be used/updated by various users in the village. Links to various other websites would also be possible. A village diary was requested which would in due course be added to avoid various organisations from clashing with other events being held in the village.

Children's Play Area – The Chairman reported that the annual inspection had thrown up a few niggles. He pointed out that in a few years time some of the equipment will need to be replaced. He felt that 'local mums' were in a better position to give their opinions and possibly form a group to come up with a 5-10 year range looking forward together with costings. Play equipment is not cheap to replace.

5. Open Forum:

Dog Fouling – A comment had been made in the annual inspection report about preventing dog fouling in the Play Area. The Chairman reminded everyone that the Parish Council was continually putting articles in the Icene reminding people to pick up the dog fouling. People who did not do this were causing concern and much unpleasantness to those who play sport on the Recreation field. It is thought that people who did not live in the village, drove and parked their cars in the village hall car park to walk their dogs on our field. Additional signing was suggested as was the addition of closing springs on the Play Area gates.

Highways – The Chairman said the many potholes and poorly maintained roads were due to CCC having no funds available. He encouraged residents to report the potholes on line – details of which would be in the next Icene.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.