

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 7.50pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall.

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman) Lewis Duke, Michael Robinson, Tim Pavelin, Sheila Birch, Liz Gibson, Liz Goddard, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk), Cllr Mick Martin (District), Cllr Tim Stone (County), Neil McKillen, Mr P Owen and Mr and Mrs J Bristow

061/11 Apologies for absence: None

062/11 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2011: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

063/11 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: Neil McKillen reported that today the Government had inserted a controversial amendment in the Localism Bill. Planning Authorities may have to treat as a material consideration the potential receipt of financial inducements (such as the New Homes bonus) when considering applications from developers.

Neil McKillen left the meeting.

The Chairman brought the following item forward:

068/11 Planning application(s) received from SCDC: Declarations of Interest to be declared.
S/0704/11 – Dwelling and garage – site r/o Norman Hall, Church Street – Mr & Mrs PJ Owen

The Chairman reported that all the Councillors had benefited by a site visit. He had found information re Protected Village Amenity Area, which he had circulated to the Councillors. The Chairman invited Mr Owen to address the Parish Council and give his views. The Chairman then invited Mr & Mrs J Bristow to express their views. The Chairman summed up his findings on policy regarding the Amenity Area/Listed Buildings and Conservation Area and asked Councillors to express their views. After much discussion the Chairman proposed that the Council approve the application subject a S106 agreement being sought for the rest of the Amenity Area to the effect that no further development would be applied for in respect of the area and no further entrances created in the wall to Mill Lane. There were 4 votes in favour and 3 against.

Approve

Action: Clerk

Mr P Owen, Mr & Mrs J Bristow left the meeting.

064/11 Matters Arising:

028/07 Tennis Courts – James Macdonald (Chairman of Tennis Courts Committee) had telephoned the Chairman and given an update saying the Committee was now a working group up and running. They have a meeting arranged with David Human and Stella Parker in the near future. One issue that the Parish Council will need to discuss is in whose name the Tennis Courts will be built. It was assumed that the Parish Council would do this (enabling VAT to be reclaimed), then sub-lease to the Tennis Courts Committee. The Committee is looking at funding. One member is a solicitor, with relevant experience in Land & Property Law and he is offering his services ‘pro bono’ to the Committee. Lewis Duke would like to examine potential structures more closely before any firm decision is made, also if a Club is being formed or if it will be open to all. Lewis suggested we have a meeting with the Committee before our next Parish Council meeting.

Action: LD

094/10 Grass cutting protected grass verges – An e-mail had been received from Michael Oakman (CCC) stating that their verge maintenance programme for 2011 is to carry out 3 single swathe and visibility cuts on bends and junctions. There will be no full cut of any verge areas this season other than within villages. The Wombwell family had offered their services to CCC.

218/10 Website – The Clerk is waiting to hear from Andrew Shepperd.

Action: Clerk

Potholes – These had been reported. Some had been repaired in Grange Road and Hinxtton Road. Frogge Street is due to be repaired this Friday.

009/11 Advertising in Icene – Item still outstanding. **Action: LGoddard**
028/11 Proposed Bus Cuts – A report will be available following the meeting on 9 June. **Action: TS/DL**
CCC Winter Snow Clearance – A meeting between CCC, Lewis Duke & Peter Wombwell will take place on 2 June 2011 at Rectory Farm, Ickleton. **Action: LD**
048/11 Broadband – Liz Gibson had made enquiries at Wellcome and their input is rated at 10mb. It is a dedicated/reserved service and she did not think that we could link up to it. The cable that was laid on the A1307 was for Electricity and is not Fibre Optic. This item will be raised at the next Liaison meeting with Wellcome. The Chairman will try to establish what level of service is possible from Virgin Media. **Action: TS**
Litter Pick – This is due to take place on May 22nd. Lewis Duke and the Clerk will have the Risk Assessment ready for that date. **Action: LD/Clerk**

065/11 Youth Representation: None

066/11 Reports from District and County Councillors:

District Councillor’s Report – The Chairman congratulated and welcomed Cllr Mick Martin following his election. There is no report this month due to the recent election.
 Appendix I - County Councillor’s Report
 Cllr Stone left the meeting

067/11 Correspondence received:

CCC (M Headland)	-	Cambridge to Saffron Walden cycle map
CCC (K Day)	-	Grass Cutting: Public Rights of Way
CCC (C Tucker)	-	Update on Parish Paths Scheme
CCC (R Preston)	-	Civil Parking Enforcement in East & South Cambridgeshire Action: LD to report at next meeting.
CCC	-	Cambs & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan
SCDC	-	Planning Policy Monthly Update May 2011
CPALC	-	Newsletter 23 April/9 May/Courses
NALC	-	Revised First Edition of ‘Standing Orders for Local Councils’
Environment Agency(A Foster)	-	Improvements to the flood warning service
M Hitching/G Page	-	Ickleton Cemetery / TNL Page
LDF	-	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
S Stewart	-	Senior Secretary to Rt Hon Andrew Lansley CBE MP
Various e-mails	-	Circulated to Councillors during the month
Sawston & Linton	-	Children & Young People’s Services
D Lilley	-	Wildlife Garden in Churchyard
G & D Bentley	-	Catering for your Events
R Driver	-	Cables
DLP Planning Ltd.	-	Changes to Planning Policy for Gypsies & Travellers
Imperial War Museum	-	Minutes of Neighbours Forum
Hannah Jeeps	-	Cambridge Piped Services
NSPCC	-	Regional Conference
Clerks & Councils Direct	-	Magazine May 2011
CPRE	-	Fieldwork Spring 2011
The Playing Field	-	Newsletter Spring 2011
N McKillen	-	Planning
P Wombwell	-	Thank You letter
Jane Hurst	-	Thank You letter
Correspondence sent:		
Ickleton FC (S Jenkins)	-	Terms for coming Football season
Crocus FC (L Jenkins)	-	Terms for coming Football season
Aon Ltd	-	Various queries to Insurance company
R Driver	-	Cables

Mrs C Rule	-	Thank You letter re. Over 60's
SCDC (R Richardson)	-	Ickleton Cemetery – Check trees
A Hoare	-	Quote for repairing flint wall in churchyard
K Denman-Johnson	-	Use of Recreation Ground
K McKillen	-	Use of Recreation Ground

068/11 Planning Application(s) granted by SCDC:

S/0455/11 – Vehicular Access – 111 Frogge Street – Mr Roy Harris

S/0120/11 – Dormer Window to rear elevation – 35 Church Street – Dilip Odedra

069/11 Reports from Councillors:

Terry Sadler reported that the Plane Tree (nearest Back Lane) in the Play Area looked to be suffering during the dry weather. Michael Robinson volunteered to check the tree and if necessary give it some water. **Action: MR**

The Parish Clerk had circulated some training courses with CPALC and reminded Councillors that they were entitled and encouraged to attend. The Clerk would be happy to arrange this for them.

070/11 Finance (Bank Balances) including payments to:

Harts (Apr Icene) - £70.38

Aon Limited (Insurance) - £1,725.80

C Frankau (Skatepark) - £576.00

Money Received: Football Clubs (use of Football pitch) - £35.00

Bank Balances:

Community Account - £342.08

Business Base Rate Tracker a/c - £30,349.11 (inc. £4,977.68 - S106)

Resolution – Annual Parish Meeting expenditure: A resolution to allow the Chairman/Vice Chairman expenses up to £200 on entertaining parishioners at the Annual General Meeting was proposed and agreed by all. The Clerk will obtain the glasses from The Church. **Action: Clerk**

Year-end Accounts: The Clerk had put the appropriate form on the notice board inviting parishioners to inspect the accounts. The Accounts will be submitted to the External Auditors. **Action: Clerk**

Bank Mandate: On hold until we have a full Council. **Action: Clerk**

071/11 Recreation Field and Play Area:

Crocus Football Club – Request for second football pitch – The Clerk had written to Crocus and Ickleton Football Club confirming their fees for the coming season and requesting they put their request in writing for a second pitch. Tim Pavelin has chased Crocus twice for a reply but nothing has been heard. The Clerk had also circulated to the Councillors: a) A view of Recreation Ground from Google Earth, b) details of estimated cost for maintaining a second pitch and c) details and dates when the maintenance was carried out on the pitch.

Outstanding Match Fees – the Clerk will pursue this with Crocus. **Action: Clerk**

Youth Football Under U11's & 12's – Tim Pavelin had received a request from David Tofts to allow the teams to play on the Recreation Ground. The pitch size is 80 x 50 yards (plus or minus 5 or so yards) with moveable goal posts. They would be playing in a Saturday morning league so would not interfere with afternoon matches. They would not be using the Village Hall changing rooms, but would need to park the cars in the village hall car park. The Clerk will notify the Village Hall Committee of this possibility. The Councillors were minded to favour this mini pitch as long as it stays over the other side. Tim Pavelin and Michael Robinson will walk it out and see how it fits in and report back at the next meeting. **Action: TP/MR**

Skate park – painting update – the repainting and repairs have now been completed.

Wicksteed Inspection report – Tim Pavelin and Michael Robinson will go through the inspection report and give their report at the next meeting. **Action: TP/MR**

072/11 Cemetery - Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review

Repair of roof by Regal Roofing – The Clerk will contact the firm. **Action: Clerk**

Trees – Ros Richardson (SCDC) will inspect the trees when she is next in the area. **Action: Clerk**

073/11 Churchyard:

Wall – Quotation for repair by A Hoare – the Clerk will continue to chase. **Action: Clerk**

Wildlife Garden – David Lilley had e-mailed his concerns about some parts of the Churchyard. The Clerk will contact Catherine Cocks and discuss this further to ascertain what Ron Coulson could mow and what would need to be strimmed. **Action: Clerk**

Strimming + quotations for Footpaths 3 (Water Lane) & 6 (Butcher’s Hill) – The Clerk will obtain quotes for Strimming in the Churchyard (including the Cremated Ashes area) and Footpath 6. Ron Coulson had cut Footpath 3. **Action: Clerk**

Quinquennial Inspection Report:

Tree works - due to take place Monday 16 May 2011

Jonas Memorial – nothing further has been heard. Item to be removed from Agenda.

War Memorial - Plants – Sheila Birch reported that the ground was very hard but the dead plants had been removed. Once it rains, the ground will need fertiliser and new plants and asked for the sum of up to £70 to be spent. After discussion it was agreed to put an article in Icene to ask for contributions to pay towards a plant. Anyone interested should contact Sheila Birch. **Action: SB/Clerk**

074/11 Flooding

Land adj. Stumps Cross - A site meeting with C Onslow of SEEARO has been arranged for 2 June 2011 at 5pm.

Drain top of Mill Lane – The Clerk will contact Mike Cooper (CCC) later in the month to ascertain if Network Rail has done the work. **Action: Clerk**

Abbey Street opp. Methodist Chapel – Lewis Duke reported that he had been contacted by CCC Highways wanting to re-negotiate putting in a soak away, but nothing further has been heard. He will try to reinstate the original drain once work begins on the Methodist Chapel site.

Action: LD

075/11 Street Lighting Maintenance & Energy July 2011 onwards: The Chairman has put round a paper outlining the various options. He recommended and proposed Liz Goddard seconded that we accept the Balfour Beatty quotation. All Councillors agreed the proposal, which the Clerk will write to accept. **Action: Clerk**

076/11 Co-option of Parish Councillors (2 Vacancies) – Two candidates had applied. One was not yet on the Electoral roll nor had been a resident in the village for 12 months. After discussion, it was agreed to advertise the vacancies in Icene again, for the Chairman to mention it in his report at the Annual Parish Meeting. Tim Pavelin proposed that we co-opted the eligible candidate now, but it was agreed after a vote (3 votes for June, 4 votes for July) to leave it until the July Parish Council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

077/11 Annual Parish Meeting 25 May 2011:

Speaker – David Wherrell of Royston & District Community Transport has agreed to speak.

Leaflets for distribution around village – The Clerk had had leaflets printed and distributed them to Councillors for distribution.

Request for Reports – The Clerk has requested reports. **Action: Clerk**

078/11 Emergency Plan – Lewis Duke and Clerk will address this. **Action: LD/Clerk**

079/11 Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting 25 May 2011 – Agenda Items – Broadband. **Action: TS**

080/11 Duxford Road Street sign junction with Grange Road: The Clerk has reported this to SCDC.

Action: Clerk

081/11 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

082/11 Date and time of next meeting - 15 June 2011

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30pm

Chairman

Date

Buses

The County Council has praised parish councils in the Duxford Division for "coming forward" in trying to plan to mitigate the effects of removal of bus subsidies over the next four years. The practical help given by the County so far appears to be zero. Nobody from the six villages affected has been asked to join the countywide group examining the options. Perhaps more will become apparent at our next meeting at the Whittlesford Highways depot at 10.30 on Wednesday 8th June. The County's officers would like some idea from participants of the sort of demands they think are apparent in their villages.

Meanwhile the District Council has sent all parish councils a copy of its leaflet "Community Transport in South Cambridgeshire." This contains some useful hints and I have been particularly struck by the Cambridgeshire Minibus Brokerage Scheme. However on checking on the website mentioned in the leaflet I discover that:

Community Transport schemes can be used by those who meet the following criteria:

- *Those who do not have access to public transport and do not have access to their own means of transport, i.e. car (this could include no access to the family car in the daytime)*
- *Those who find it difficult to use, or unable to use, conventional means of transport, i.e. because of mobility difficulties.*

Clearly this falls far short of the County's declared aim of "modal shift" (getting people out of cars onto public transport or bicycles). Also, until an announcement is made about removal of buses, I doubt that many parish councils will be too keen on considering a bus replacement service which people have to pay for instead of a bus service which bus pass holders receive free.

Sawston and Linton Children and Young People's Locality Partnership

This partnership has its second meeting next Monday. I have reported before that the partnership comprises the County's Locality Team, based at Sawston Village College, with other bodies interested in the welfare of children and young people. That includes Cambridgeshire Constabulary, the Village Colleges, Health Community Services (NHS), The Children's Trust, South Cambs District Council and a number of voluntary bodies. One of the lines of thought is to include parish councils in the activities of this partnership. Indeed in the Partnership papers the District Council states clearly: "We are committed to providing a voice for rural life – working more closely with parish councils and local groups – playing our part in improving rural services including transport links."

The agenda includes identifying work groups. At the moment I have insufficient knowledge to provide even an informed layman's view amongst a group of hardened professionals. I doubt that many parish councils will have the skills or the appetite to get heavily involved until there is a comprehensive guide to what is expected. Meanwhile I have made a plea that the ultimate aim must be to ensure that children are brought up in happy and supportive families. This is echoed by the County who underline the need to empower parents to make and sustain changes themselves.

I shall report back as to how exactly parish councils fit into all this.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste plan

The Minerals and Waste plan has been judged sound by the Inspector. This is something of a triumph for officers who have worked very hard on calculating what minerals – mainly sand and gravel – we shall be digging up and what we shall be doing with our waste until 2026.

Now arrangements have been made for the independent examination of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals Development Plan Document.

There is probably little to get people excited in our part of the world. But you can never be sure. One controversial item could be the proposal to create a state-of-the-art household recycling centre off the Hauxton Road end of the Addenbrooke's access road. This is hotly contested by some residents of Trumpington. The main problem for the County is that there is no other suitable spot.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has appointed Jonathon G King BA (Hons), DipTP, MRTPI as the Inspector to conduct an examination to determine whether the site specific document is sound.

The Hearing sessions for the examination will begin on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at the Barbican Room, Park House, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP. Precise details of the dates and the programme for the

Hearing sessions can be obtained, as they become available, from the Councils' websites www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk / www.peterborough.gov.uk , or from the Programme Officer for the examination. The Programme Officer is Gloria Alexander. She can be contacted by telephone on 07789 942854 or via email to Gloria.alexander@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Potholes

I reported a pothole in Grange Road last week via the County's website and it was fixed within seven days. It's good to see that the system works. Please let me know if you become aware of any occasion upon which Cambridgeshire Highways fails to deliver.