

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall.

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Michael Robinson, Lewis Duke, Sheila Birch, Liz Goddard, Liz Gibson, Sian Wombwell, Tim Pavelin, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk), Cllr Mick Martin (District), Cllr Tim Stone (County), Steve Jenkins (Ickleton Football Club) and Mick Eldred (Crocus Football Club)

067/12 Apologies for absence: Kern Roberts

068/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2012: An amendment was made to Minute 64/12 to state that "Cams. Conservation Trust Volunteers had previously visited the pit in January". The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

069/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

The Chairman brought the following item forward from Item 077/12:

Football Clubs (Ickleton, Crocus & Whittlesford Warriors) – Terms for next season –

The Chairman invited the Clubs to report on anything following the season.

Mick Eldred said he would have like to have seen the pitch rolled more often. This had not happened due to the dry weather. He also requested that the pitch is cut before the pitch had been marked out with white lining. Several times they have had to re-mark the pitch, which was costly as the price for white lining paint had increased. There was still an ongoing problem with dog fouling. The Parish Council reported they had been putting articles in Icene asking dog owners to be more responsible.

Steve Jenkins said Ickleton FC would be playing their last match this weekend.

The Chairman said we had received a complaint following football matches of plastic bottles and tape found in the Recreation Ground. A litterbin for the opposite side of the pitch was requested.

The Chairman proposed a 3.5% increase in line with inflation. Lewis Duke seconded this proposal, which was unanimously agreed by all Councillors. The match fees for next season (2012/13) will be as follows:

Crocus Football Club	-	Increased from £13.50	to	£14.00 per match
Ickleton Football Club	-	Increased from £7.00	to	£ 7.25 per match
Whittlesford Warriors	-	Increased from £100	to	£103.50 per season

070/12 Matters Arising:

028/07 Tennis Courts – The Clerk had had a conversation recently with David Human during which he thought it possible to bring the tennis courts further down the field but with the access still to be from the Recreation Ground and not Back Lane. The Clerk spoke to James Macdonald as David Human had requested that she let him have the details of who was leading the Tennis Court Committee. James Macdonald said they had lost two key members of the Committee. James Macdonald has suggested that David Human contact him when next in the village with a view to meeting up.

Action: LD

078/11 Emergency Plan – completion of issuing document – The Councillors agreed that the Clerk should now distribute this Plan to all those mentioned in it.

Action: Clerk

Tim Pavelin joined the meeting.

168/11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields – Copy of site deed from Land Registry – The Chairman and Clerk will try to obtain a copy of the deed from the Land Registry website for a fee of £4.00 per copy. **Action: Clerk**

171/11 Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 + Picnic at Burghley House, Stamford – The Parish Council had been asked to nominate 2 people (plus guests) from our Parish to attend HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House, Stamford on Wednesday 13 June 2012 which Her Majesty The Queen will visit. The Parish Council nominated Dilip and Sunita Odedra and John and Sue Fowler, who were delighted to have been asked and accepted. They were chosen in recognition of their services to people in the village.

008/12 Super fast Broadband – There was no news to report, but there is mention in Cllr Stone’s report.

Action: LD/KR

026/12 20mph Speed Limit – The Chairman had met with Brian Stinton of Cambridgeshire County Council. He said Councils could decide what they want to do after a period of consultation. He is currently in the process of steering Linton towards adopting the lower limit. The amount involved for Ickleton was approximately £4,000. Signs would need to be changed and repeater signs would be required – for example, 3 or 4 pairs in Abbey Street, 1 pair in Butcher’s Hill, 1 pair in Duxford Road and Church Street and 3 pairs in Frogge Street. We would also have to consult with the Police and the Bus Company. The Chairman will contact the Chairman of Linton Parish Council. It was agreed to add this item to the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. There was a separate strategy for managing HGV’s in the County. It was felt it would be useful to know the costs involved to limit the weight of vehicles passing through the village.

Action: TS

033/12 Litter Pick – It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase six Pickers, Rings, High Viz jackets and gloves. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the costs.

Action: Clerk

039/12 Footway Lighting Maintenance Agreements – Refund due from SCDC/BB – The Clerk will check when this refund was/is due.

Action: Clerk

054/12 Additional litterbins and dog fouling notices – The Chairman and Clerk will meet to discuss if there is a need and where these should be placed. The Parochial Church Council has given a donation of a dog sign from Churchyard. The Chairman and Clerk will decide where this can be placed within the Recreation Ground and then ask Charles Frankau to remove and resite.

Action: TS/Clerk

063/12 Uttlesford Local Development Framework Consultation - The comments submitted by the Chairman can be seen on the website.

Mick Eldred left the meeting.

065/12 Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting + Leaflets – Two speakers had been put forward – Mick Martin (IWM) and Melanie Cardwell (Healing Hedgerow & Kitchen pharmacy). After discussion it was agreed to ask Mick Martin to speak about the Film Archive Stores in Grange Road and the general relation of IWM to their neighbours. Mick Martin asked if there was a Digital Projector available?

Action: Clerk

The Clerk will arrange for leaflets to be printed and distributed around the village by Councillors.

Action: Clerk

071/12 Youth Representation: None

072/12 Reports from District and County Councillor:

Appendix I - County Councillor’s Report
Appendix II - District Councillor’s Report

073/12 Correspondence received:

SCDC (N Blazeby)	-	Appeal by Mr & Mrs P J Owen – Withdrawn
SCDC (A Grimmer)	-	Planting of trees
CCC (A Davies)	-	Roadshow about staying independent
CCC (J Rossin)	-	Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House
CCC (M Lloyd)	-	CCC Integrated Plan 2012-13
CCC (C Howes)	-	Minor Highway Improvement Assessment Panels (2)
CCC (Passenger Transport)	-	Bus Subsidies – What you may like to know
Ickleton PCC	-	Donation of Dog Sign
Stop Stansted Expansion	-	Government’s Consultation papers delayed
	-	Acknowledgement of donation/subscription
Local Works (S Shaw)	-	Empowering Town & Parish Councils
Glasdon	-	Leaflets
P J Owen	-	Planning Application Norman Hall
Ickleton Cricket Club (K Roberts)	-	Recreational Facilities Funding
Notts Sport	-	Polishing up your Play Area
Various E-mails	-	Circulated to Councillors during the month
Seedlings	-	Programme of groups and sessions
Precis	-	Final draft of Precis (East of England Ambulance)
Cambs. Police	-	Shrievalty Trust – acknowledgement of donation

K Denman-Johnson	-	Insurance – Diamond Jubilee
Correspondence sent:		
Ickleton FC (S Jenkins)	-	Invitation to discuss fees for next season
Crocus FC (L Jenkins)	-	Invitation to discuss fees for next season
Whittlesford Warriors (D Tofts)	-	Invitation to discuss fees for next season
David Human/Stella Parker	-	Planting of trees in Back Lane
SCDC	-	Open Spaces Study
SCDC (A Grimmer)	-	Planting of Trees
Keena McKillen	-	Church Fete on 30 June 2012
C Cocks	-	Payment of two Cherry Trees
Ivett & Reed	-	Additional Monument inscription (Singleton)
Clare Driver	-	Litter Pick – Thank You
C Frankau	-	Various items

074/12 Reports from Councillors:

Michael Robinson requested a new Correspondence Folder. **Action: Clerk**

Lewis Duke mentioned potholes in Grange Road, which he felt, had not been filled. Sian Wombwell reported that they were repairing them in the rain. She will check to see if they have been done and report back to the Clerk. Cllr Stone said they have been doing temporary repairs and returning to complete the job later. **Action: SW/Clerk**

Terry Sadler asked if there were any items for the Wellcome Liaison meeting next week. He was minded to ask for the Litter Pick equipment.

Tim Pavelin reported that the Allotment sheds had been broken into again earlier this week. The main gate lock had been broken and a vehicle taken in to remove any items/equipment. Steve Jenkins said all holders had to report the crime individually as the Police would not put it under one Crime number. The Clerk will ring Chris Wiseman and also ask if the Police would meet up with members of the Allotment Association. **Action: Clerk**

Steve Jenkins left the meeting.

Jocelyn Flitton had received an e-mail from Lorraine & Chris Demmer regarding loud bangs during the night – usually 3 in a row with a gap. Michael Robinson said he had also heard the bangs. Sian Wombwell said it was a Gas Gun, which can be programmed not to go off in the night. The Gas Gun did not belong to the local farmers present. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Stone and Cllr Martin left the meeting.

075/12 Planning application(s) received from SCDC: Declarations of Interest to be declared.

Sian Wombwell declared an interest in the next item and left the room. Lewis Duke declared an interest as a near farming neighbour.

S/0337/12/FL – New Agricultural grain store – The Heath, Rectory Farm, Grange Road – Mr Peter Wombwell **Approve.**

Sian Wombwell rejoined the meeting.

S/0555/12/FL – First Floor Side Extension to Form Bedroom – 8 Southfield – Dr Christopher Demmer – Michael Robinson declared an interest. **Approve.**

S/0374/12/LB – Part replacement roof and guttering – Gurner House, 20 Church Street – Mr Steve Parsons **Approve. Action: Clerk (3)**

Appeal by Mr & Mrs PJ Owen - S/0704/11/F (April 2011) - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 — site r/o Norman Hall, Church Street, Ickleton. Response sent by 11 April 2012. **Appeal withdrawn.**

Applications to carry out Tree works subject to a Tree Preservation Order or situated within a Conservation Area:

C/11/40/054 – Removal of Flowering Cherry Tree to front of Bungalow as it is only 3.9m from property and 6m from Sewer pipe, which is regularly blocked due to tree roots – 39 Butcher’s Hill – Mr J Holt. Tim Pavelin declared an interest. **Approve.**

C/11/40/054 – Reduction in Crown height of one sycamore tree by one-third – rear garden – 10 Brookhampton Street – Mr J Williams **Approve Action: Clerk**

SCDC Historic Buildings Grant / Review wall during Working Party – The Chairman and Clerk will review the wall and report back. Sian Wombwell reported that the tree stumps have all been treated and will continue to be treated until they are completely dead. **Action: TS/Clerk**

Joint Working Party – Saturday 24 March – This was successful with not so much clearance involved this year. The Parochial Church Council served refreshments.

080/12 Flooding:

Land adj. Stumps Cross - Extension granted until 30 September 2013 – Nothing to report. **Action: LD**

Drain top of Mill Lane (9th April Easter Monday) – The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mike Cooper (CCC Highways) who thought Network Rail had repaired a fence but had not cleared the ditch. The Clerk contacted John Eccles of Network Rail who will contact the Maintenance Department and report back.

Action: Clerk

Abbey Street opp. Methodist Chapel – Nothing to report.

Action: LD

081/12 Tree Planting – 3 Trees planted/watering – Acacia had now fitted Treegators on the trees and Peter Wombwell had put wire fences around them. Charles Frankau is watering the trees.

Purchase of Jubilee Oak Tree – Sian Wombwell had spoken to Barchams and the approximate cost of a special Oak tree would be £100-£150. It was agreed that Sian Wombwell should go ahead and purchase the tree including a treegator and posts etc. Sian Wombwell will look after the tree until it is planted.

The Clerk will obtain a plaque with the following wording “Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Oak 2012”

Action: SW/Clerk

Planting in Back Lane – The Clerk had e-mailed David Human and Stella Parker regarding the planting of trees in front of their field and awaits a response. Discussions regarding potential planting in the Allotments needs to take place.

Action: TS

082/12 CCC Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (Footpaths, 7, 4 and 12): Nothing to report.

Action: TS

083/12 SCDC – Standards Committee – Localism Act 2011 – new arrangements to be in place by 1 July 2012: The Chairman is awaiting more information.

Action: TS

084/12 IWM - Neighbours Forum – 28 March 2012 – Lewis Duke attended the meeting and said there was nothing significant to report. IWM were weathering the recession as well as could be expected. There was slight re-scheduling due to the Olympics.

085/12 SCDC Local Plan Workshop – 29 March 2012 – Terry Sadler and Lewis Duke attended the meeting. The workshop was made up of too many tables in their opinion. SCDC wanted input into the Local Plan and there were diverse views. Councillors seemed determined to set the policy for continuing growth and were starting to build some houses. Employment in the area was pretty buoyant.

086/12 Sawston Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting – 2nd April 2012 – Lewis Duke and Jocelyn Flitton attended the meeting. The main topics raised by most villages were Anti Social Behaviour and Litter. The next meeting is due to take place on Monday 2nd July 2012.

087/12 CCC Bus Subsidy Cuts – See Cllr Stone’s report. In addition Cllr Stone reported that Stagecoach had suggested today that the Citi7 could be rerouted so as to run from Sawston via Duxford to Ickleton and then onto Saffron Walden. The service would be a fully commercial service i.e. completely unsubsidised. If this comes about it is likely that the 101 service would be withdrawn. It is anticipated that there will be objections from Hinxton and Whittlesford.

088/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

089/12 Date and time of next meeting(s) - 16/05/2012 + Annual Parish Meeting 23/05/12

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Buses

Some progress here. The County has asked Stagecoach which, if any, of its services it could run commercially on the subsidised Citi 7. Talking to Andy Campbell of Stagecoach it would seem that he could possibly run some on the existing routes at rush hour or school times. But he may be able to run more commercially if he is given the opportunity to plan his own routes, rather than stick to the existing ones.

I am concerned that these common-sense questions weren't asked a year ago. At least it's good to see that we are getting closer to real examination of what can be provided. One issue, which will be interesting, is how much of the annual £1.5million which the County is prepared to spend on passenger transport will come to our villages.

Stagecoach have given notification that they will be seeking to modify some routes on 1st June. Apparently no details are yet available but I have a meeting set up for Wednesday at which I shall ask if any of these routes affect Whittlesford residents

Meanwhile the URC in Whittlesford have organised a meeting on buses for 7 o'clock on Thursday 26th April. I shall be there to answer what questions I can.

Councillors' Allowances

The County has now agreed that there will be no increase for now in Councillors' allowances. And quite right too. I still feel a bit of a fat cat because I can now claim mileage for attending parish council meetings. That is something I campaigned for, believing that if part of the job description is that Councillors should attend parish council meetings then specifically excluding mileage claims was a nonsense.

Anybody interested in the job? It pays a basic allowance of £7,610 subject to tax and national insurance deductions. About 22 hours work a week.

Broadband

I have seen a pre-release of a website called Connecting Cambridgeshire which the County is planning to launch on 8th May.

It looks well designed but the trick will be to ensure that people actually access it and give their opinions. We're probably too late for May's Icene but June shouldn't be too late for an appeal for everyone to get involved.

We were originally told that consultation would be from March to May, so it looks like we've had a month slippage. The answer is that it's better to get things right than early. But in practice the main delay is that in the period before an election there can be no announcement, which may appear to favour any political party. So expect loud trumpeting after 3rd May.

We need you!

We're really excited to announce that from 1st April until 1st August, you'll be able to put yourself forward to join our first youth council. There will be 20 places up for grabs and these are open to all young people between the ages of 13 and 18 who live in South Cambridgeshire.

Lots of you have already told us how much you care about where you live and what ideas you have for your local area, you have also told us how cross you get that nobody asks you what you think. We are now offering you that chance!

Our Youth Council is a great chance for you to have a say in the things that you care about and your local area, as well as being a valuable experience to put down when you're applying for jobs in the future. We really want as many of you as possible to take part, whether you want to have a place on our Youth Council or use your right to vote.

As a youth councillor you will:

- Represent young people in all the Council's work
- Highlight the things raised by the young people you represent
- Support lots of activities and help us come up with more
- Have a real say in things that happen in South Cambridgeshire

There are all sorts of things we think our youth councillors might want to work with us on, including:

- New housing developments (including Northstowe)
- Sports and Arts activities
- Jobs and businesses
- Climate change and Energy
- Communications, including Facebook, Twitter and our website

The list is endless! And although we think these are some of the things you might be interested in, it really is up to you to tell us if these are right and, if not, what you think we should be looking at.

There will be no boring meetings! We can meet you near to where you live and keep in touch using email, Facebook or by post. You can even watch us on YouTube at Scamsyouthcouncil - watch the cake baking antics of our work experience student, Sean Tipple, who is helping set up the youth council!

If you think the Youth Council is for you, please let us know by emailing Tracy.mann@scams.gov.uk, writing to: Tracy Mann, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6EA or telephoning 01954 713342. [Follow us on Facebook](#)