

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Sian Wombwell, Tim Pavelin, Lewis Duke, Michael Robinson, Liz Goddard, Susan Clew, Liz Gibson, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk), Cllr Mick Martin (District), Cllr Tim Stone (County) and two residents.

208/12 Apologies for absence: Kern Roberts

209/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2012: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

210/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: John Fowler said one or two residents had raised the point of the possibility of a seat being installed outside the Methodist Chapel. The reason being that the buses time keeping was very erratic. This did not seem feasible at the moment. The position could be considered again once the former Methodist Chapel has been developed.

David Lilley asked if Councillors had driven through the village at 20mph as he had requested last month. Some Councillors had done this. David and Monica Lilley had also written a letter critical of the 20 mph proposal.

211/12 Matters Arising:

028/07 Proposed Tennis Courts – No response had been received to the letters sent to David Human and Stella Parker. **Action:**

TS/KR

168/11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields – Finalised deed/plan - The deed and plan (duly signed) had been sent to Fields in Trust. It was agreed that we would like a Wall Mounted plaque; the Clerk will contact the Village Hall with regard to fixing it on the Village Hall. Fields in Trust are also offering a Royal Oak Sapling, which would be applied for. Councillors were asked to consider where they would like the sapling planted.

Action: Clerk/ALL

008/12 Super fast Broadband – Sian Wombwell reported that they had been without Broadband for the last 10 days apparently due to lack of capacity at the Gt Chesterford exchange. Cllr Stone reported that 106 out of 318 premises in Ickleton had registered; this equates to 33.3% and is above the county average. Registration ends at 30 November 2012. 91.5% of Ickleton is without Superfast Broadband; it is thought that 8.5% is possibly located at the Abbey Farm Barns offices.

Action: LD

026/12 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – The Chairman reported that Kern Roberts, following the article in Icene, had received 4 responses in favour, 1 written and 1 verbal against the proposal. The Chairman and Kern Roberts had been unable to have a meeting with Brian Stinton (CCC). Discussions had taken place within the Focus group. SAT Nav implications and the possibility of controlling Commercial vehicles through the village were also being pursued.

Action: TS/KR

054/12 Additional litterbins and dog fouling notices inc. no dog sign for Play Area – This item was still outstanding. **Action: TS/Clerk**

082/12 CCC Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (Footpaths 7, 4 and 12) – A letter had been received from Camilla Haggett (CCC) informing us that the case had now been sent to the Planning Inspectorate. We also received a copy of CCC Statement of Case, which would be held by the Parish Council for local public inspection. The document has also been sent to each Landowner. **Action: TS**

159/12 SCDC Community Pride & Village Hero Awards – The Chairman and three members of The Sizzler Group attended this ceremony on 28 September 2012. The Parish Council wished to congratulate The Sizzler group in sharing the second prize for the Community Pride Award. It was also noted that Michael Butler (Duxford) won third prize in the Village Hero Award.

171/12 CAPALC Training Courses – Seven/Eight members of Ickleton Parish Council wished to attend these courses. It was noted that Sawston Parish Council also wished to be included and had offered their meeting room facilities to hold the courses. The Councillors suggested Wednesday as the possible day and dates for November, December 5, last week in January 2013 or February 2013. The Clerk will contact CAPALC and Jo Keeler (Sawston Parish Clerk). No further response had been received from Duxford Parish Clerk. **Action: Clerk**

202/12 SCDC Local Plan – comments submitted by 28 September 2012 – These had been submitted by the Chairman, who has since noticed that an offer of land located in our Parish, the field on the right before the railway bridge/level crossing at Gt Chesterford has now been included.

204/12 Remembrance Sunday – Poppy Wreath – The Clerk has ordered this from Malcolm Hall, to be delivered to Gerry & Sheila Birch.

212/12 Youth Representation: None

213/12 Reports from District and County Councillors:

Appendix I - District Councillor's Report
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214/12 Correspondence received:

Uttlestford District Council	-	Gypsy & Traveller Lane Availability Assessment
Victim Support (Cambridgeshire)	-	Request for contribution/donation
John & Wendy Schollum	-	Information/Link to village website
CCC Various e-mails	-	City7 Catchment Area
CCC (M Cooper)	-	Potholes/Network Rail signs/Butcher's Hill
CCC (C Robson)	-	Winter Gritting Volunteers 2012/13
CCC (A Davies)	-	Social Care Recruitment Fairs
CCC (L Howorth)	-	Women's Outreach Worker
CCC (C Haggett)	-	Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (2)
CCC (Passenger Transport)	-	Changes to Local Bus Services
CCC (B Stinton)	-	Local Minor Highway Improvements 2013/14
SCDC (N Kritzinger)	-	South Cambs. Business Support Service
SCDC (L Browne)	-	Community Pride & Village Hero Awards
SCDC (LDF)	-	Planning Policy Monthly Update
J Keeler (Sawston PC)	-	CAPALC Training Courses
M Parker (Duxford PC)	-	CAPALC Training Courses
D Human/S Parker	-	Proposed Tennis Courts
Stop Stansted Expansion	-	Government's consultation of the future of aviation
T Sadler	-	Response to Welch's Planning Application
T Sadler	-	Response to SCDC Issues & Options
Came & Co.	-	Autumn Parish Matters
Anglia Leisure Learning	-	Residential study breaks, leisure & hobby courses
Cambs. Acre	-	Community Action magazine
Connecting Cambridgeshire	-	Broadband Bulletin September 2012
HM Revenue & Customs	-	Employer Bulletin
DIY	-	Cambridgeshire 2012 Funding Fair 19 November
CAPALC	-	AGM 19 November
Fields in Trust	-	Love your field
T Sadler	-	Litter picking equipment
Living Sport	-	Community Games & Community Facilities 25 October
B Yeomans (Over & In)	-	Request to use Football Pitch
J Keeler (Sawston PC)	-	Response to our enquiry re. Over & In
D Lilley	-	Ickleton Cemetery/20mph Speed Limit
Cambs. Police	-	Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting
D Pallett (verbal)	-	Application to help with Strimming
Fiona Rose	-	Butcher's Hill

S Parsons	-	Planning appeal – Land west of Gurner House
Various e-mails	-	Circulated to Councillors during the month
Correspondence sent:		
M Healy (Fields in Trust)	-	Deed of Dedication for QEII Status
C Frankau	-	Skate Park
CCC (M Cooper)	-	Various e-mails
SCDC (L Browne)	-	Recreation Study 2012
SCDC (K Hawkes)	-	Grants & Partnership Funding Arrangements Review
M Hall (Royal British Legion)	-	Remembrance Sunday Poppy Wreath
Smartwear	-	Marking metalwork
G A Woodcock	-	Bell Tower, Ickleton Cemetery

215/12 Planning application(s) received from SCDC: None

Declarations of Interest to be declared. Lewis Duke declared an interest in the pre-application plans for the Methodist Chapel. Terry Sadler and Lewis Duke declared an interest in the tree application for 64 Abbey Street (purely as neighbours).

David Lilley left the meeting.

Planning application(s) refused by SCDC:

S/1643/12/LB - Replacement Fence and Gate – 1 Frogge Street - Mr Oliver Thain

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The Parish Council felt that this Refusal was a nonsense. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Martin would try to facilitate on our behalf a meeting with the Head of Planning. Cllr Martin requested that the Chairman sent him an e-mail with details of the application. **Action: TS/Cllr Martin**

Cllr Tim Stone left the meeting.

Construction of garage 33 Church Street – Cllr Martin has not yet received a reply re. the curtilage/tonne of the emails. **Action: Cllr Martin**

Pre-application plans for Methodist Chapel, Abbey Street: The Chairman invited Lewis Duke to explain his proposed plans. Mr Duke handed out copies of the proposed plans for a 3-bedroomed dwelling. He mentioned that the side extension would be demolished and that the plans showed a rear extension and small garden, which were outside the village envelope but on land that he owned. The area at the front, currently used for parking, is part of the former Chapel premises and will form an amenity area for the proposed dwelling adjacent to the footpath. He invited Councillors to make any comments or ask questions. The plans will shortly be submitted to SCDC.

Application to carry out tree works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a conservation area:

C/11/40/054 – Reduce crowns of English Walnut by 4 metres and height by 2 metres and self sown Sycamore by the same amount – 10 Butchers Hill – Mr Ken Worthing Approve

C/11/40/054 – Remove (fell) multi-stem Hazel to rear of property due to close proximity to building, excessive shading and low amenity value – 64 Abbey Street – Mrs Luciana Day Approve

John Fowler left the meeting.

C/11/40/054 – Repollard row of 7 Limes and Ash Tree - Remove stem back to trunk overhanging croquet lawn – Harlequin House, 43 Abbey Street – Mr James Macdonald Approve

Action: Clerk

216/12 Reports from Councillors:

Liz Gibson wished to remind everyone about the Wellcome Trust Fireworks Display on 6 November 2012. She had also put spare planings into the large holes in Brookhampton Street. The Chairman thanked Ms Gibson for doing this.

Terry Sadler said a resident had complained about the Estate Agents sign that had been attached to the Coploe Road street sign advertising an event in Strethall. After discussion, it was agreed that as the notice was only there for a short time and did not cause an obstruction, the Councillors did not wish to take this any further.

Cllr Mick Martin left the meeting.

217/12 Finance (Bank Balances) including payments to:

Harts (Sep Icene) - £70.38

LCR (Subscription) - £15.50

J A Flitton (3mths salary + expenses) - £646.17

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) - £118.17

G A Woodcock (Repair Play Area Fence) - £175.00

Ickleton Village Hall (Hire of Hall) - £48.00

Money received:

SCDC (2nd half Precept) - £11,000

DK Till (Icene Advertising) - £60.00

Football Clubs (use of pitch) - £40.00

Riverside Barns (Icene Advertising - £120.00

Mr & Mrs G Birch (Purchase of Grave) - £70.00

Bank Balances:

Community Account - £7,134.83

Business Base Rate Tracker Account - £40,872.56 (inc. Sect. 106 £7,357.69)

Precept v Budget: The Clerk had circulated the figures for the past six months. The Councillors raised no questions or queries. The Chairman said he would give some thought as to how some of the money should be spent.

Section 106 Money: With regard to the query raised as to when the money should be spent, the Clerk reported the following:

£4,977.68 (Mark Winter) - Ten years from 21 February 2011

£2,380.11 (Rowe Build) - Ten years from 24 January 2012

218/12 Recreation Field and Play Area:

Assault Course (Scrambling) Net – The Clerk had received a quotation from GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd for a total of £709.58 (inc. VAT & Carriage). She had also contacted Wicksteed Playscapes, who had come up with an approximate figure of £1,470.00. It was agreed that the Clerk should try to obtain a cheaper quotation. **Action: Clerk**

Quotations for Skate Park - replacing plywood - Following a meeting between G A Woodcock and Michael Robinson, Mr Woodcock had submitted a revised quotation of £1,824.79. The Clerk was waiting for a third quotation for SK-U Building. It was agreed that if no response was received within two weeks, we should go with the quotation from Mr Woodcock. **Action: Clerk**

Repair play area fence – this had now been done

Rubber Matting under swings – this was outstanding with C Frankau. **Action: Clerk**

Installation of Post and chain link fence – this had now been done

Broken benches (rear of R Herbert's garden) – this was outstanding with C Frankau **Action: Clerk**

Planting daffodil bulbs – 6th October 2012 – Tim Pavelin, the Clerk and Clare Driver had planted these around the trees in the Recreation Ground and in the corners of the Play Area. It was agreed to purchase some more bulbs next year to plant somewhere in the village.

Emptying of Litter and dog bins - The Councillors agreed to give Ray Plumb a token gift acknowledging our appreciation following his emptying of the bins whilst Ron Coulson was in hospital. **Action: Clerk**

Request from Over & In to use Recreation Field - At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk had sent some questions to Ben Yeomans of Over & In. As no response has been received, the Parish Council will take this off the Agenda.

219/12 Cemetery - Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review

Repair of Bell Tower on Chapel roof by G A Woodcock - using tiles - The Clerk produced some tiles, which Mr Woodcock wished to use on the Bell Tower. The Councillors all agreed that these tiles could be used. **Action: Clerk**

Insurance claim with AON – Outstanding until the repair of the Bell Tower is completed and invoice received. **Action: Clerk**

Cemetery gates - The Clerk had spoken with the Police who no longer deal with issuing Smartwater. The Clerk has been in touch with Smartwater and is waiting a response. **Action: Clerk**

Application for kerbing – Leslie & Ruby Lilley memorial – All Councillors had been asked to visit the Cemetery. The Chairman and Lewis Duke visited the Cemetery together following their meeting at Wellcome Trust. The current condition of the Cemetery was discussed and it appeared that the rules relating to the new part had not been observed or enforced over the years. It was also noted that the Old Cemetery was looking neglected with ivy and brambles growing over the headstones. It was agreed that

work needed to be done. The Chairman would speak to C Frankau first, but it was thought we could ask D Pallett (who had responded to the strimming advert) to suggest what might be done. **Action: Clerk/TS/KR**
A response will be sent to David Lilley thanking him for his representations. We were minded following the Cemetery visits to alter the rules and allow kerbing. The revised rules should specify maximum permitted dimensions etc. and will be presented for approval at the next meeting. **Action: TS/Clerk**

220/12 Churchyard:

Contacting 3 specialists in repairing Flint Walls – The Clerk had sent the name of three people who specialise in Flint Walls to the Chairman, who is considering the list. **Action: TS**

221/12 Flooding

Land adj. Stumps Cross - Extension granted until 30 September 2013 – Nothing further to report
Abbey Street opp. Methodist Chapel – Nothing further to report

222/12 Tree Planting:

Planting in Back Lane – No response has been heard from the Human Trust

223/12 SCDC Standards Committee – Localism Act 2011

Register of Parish Members' Financial and other Interests form – due by 28th July/ published on Parish Council Website / Original forms to be returned to Monitoring Officer at SCDC: Several forms were still outstanding. The Clerk was asked to re-send the form. **Action: Clerk**

224/12 Village Website – Future plans: No updates at the moment. **Action: LGib/SC**

226/12 CCC - Cambridgeshire Future Transport Meeting/Correspondence: As from 4 November, the Citi7 buses will not longer be going through Pampisford. It is hoped this will improve the time keeping as access onto the A505 had been delaying the buses. The 7a extension service is proposed to go to the Babraham Park & Ride, this will also connect with Citi7 service. The Chairman will submit comments agreeing to this proposal. **Action: TS**

There is a possibility that the 101 service on Tuesday will be withdrawn.

225/12 Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting – 21 September 2012: The Chairman and Lewis Duke had collected the Litter pick equipment. There was nothing particularly new; discussion was mainly about updates on building progress. It was felt these liaison meetings were valuable to both parties.

226/12 IWM Neighbours Forum – 17 October 2012: Lewis Duke had attended the meeting and said minutes relating to the meeting will be issued in due course. Pertinent points were: flying wise it was very quiet; the accident at the F1 testing., things that were happening outside the airfield on busy Air show days. Problems are occurring in surrounding villages and especially in fields adjacent to the airfield, which are very near the runway. Mick Martin had said he would be retiring from the Imperial War Museum on 1st February 2013.

227/12 Cambs. Police – Neighbourhood Police Meeting – 1 October 2012: Lewis Duke and Jocelyn Flitton attended the meeting. Concerns regarding Speeding, parking on pavements was raised. The police reported that Anti Social Behaviour was down, but were aware that Halloween and Bonfire Night were coming up. Local police forces are having to get to grips with funding cuts. Consequences for our communities are not yet clear but are likely to be noticeable. The next meeting is on 7 January 2013.

228/12 Application to help Parish Council with Strimming/Request by Fiona Rose, Butcher's Hill: A response from Dominic Pallett (who is a Landscape gardener and lives in the village) had been received to our request for helping with Strimming (at a cost of £13.75 per hour). Sian Wombwell had also given the name of someone who could possibly help. A request from Fiona Rose, who lives in Butcher's Hill, had been received regarding the nettles on the bank outside her property. It was agreed to ask Mr Pallett to do this on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

229/12 CCC Highways – Request to clear grips at roadside before winter: The Clerk will send a reminder to Mike Cooper (CCC Highways). **Action: Clerk**

210/12 Replacement/Retirement of the Editors of the Icene Bulletin: John Williams has volunteered to take on editing and producing the Icene on a six-month trial basis from December 2012. His is the only concrete offer to be made to the Parish Council to date. The Parish Council were delighted to take him up on his offer and the Clerk will contact the Distribution Team to see if they are happy to continue delivering the Bulletin. **Action: TS/Clerk**

Invitations to a presentation, to be made at 7.00 pm next month before the Parish Council Meeting, to David and Monica Lilley, will be sent out. Refreshments will be purchased for the occasion. **Action: Clerk**

211/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

212/12 Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 7.30 pm

To be preceded at 7.00 pm by the presentation to David and Monica Lilley.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Chairman

Date

Cllr Martin said he thought the Parish Council should see the following report, which he thought could be published in Icene.

Some South Cambridgeshire Statistics

Francis Burkitt – District

Councillor

The results of the 2011 census and other data are beginning to come in. If statistics bore you, look away now – but I think this is quite interesting.

148,000 people live in South Cambridgeshire (remember, this is the doughnut that surrounds Cambridge city) in 52,200 households. 18.5% of SCDC's population is under 14, and 23.4% is over 60, not much different from national averages. 2.9% is officially categorised as "non white British" against an England & Wales average of 12.5%. 24.4% live in one-person houses (national average: 30.1%). 75.2% own their own homes, more than the national average of 68.9%.

By 2031, the population of SCDC is forecast to rise by 27% from 148,000 to 188,400.

We will live relatively long: SCDC new-borns are today forecast to live to the age of 82 (boys) and 85 (girls), against national averages of 78 and 82. Our houses are expensive: an average of £178,000 against a national average of £162,000. Crime is about half the national average. We are well qualified, with 38.9% having NVQ4 and above, against a national average of 32.9%.

85.1% of us are "economically active" vs. 76.5% nationally. Of those who work, 71.4% have full-time jobs (69.1% nationally). Of job types, we have more in manufacturing and services than the national average, and fewer in the public sector. We are relatively well paid, though there are high male/female differences: SCDC's average gross weekly pay for men/women is £686.20/£483.80 vs. national average of £541.70/£446.30. 1.3% of SCDC residents claim Jobseekers' allowance vs. 3.8% nationally. Of those claiming some form of benefit (incapacity, jobseekers', lone parents, carers, disabled or bereaved), the proportion is 6.8% in SCDC vs. 14.7% nationally.

There is something called an "index of deprivation", which measures SCDC against all 354 English district councils; 1 is worst and 354 is best. On income, SCDC is ranked 275 and on employment it is ranked 276; overall, it is ranked an incredible 350, i.e. there are (according to the statistics, and whether or not you believe them is up to you) only 4 better districts in England in which to live.

Cllr Martin also reported that due to financial restraints not all the plans for widening the A14 will happen. Duxford Parish Council had recommended Refusal to the Welch's planning application. Terry Sadler said he had also written on behalf of Ickleton Parish Council recommending Refusal.

Superfast Broadband

Registration for Superfast Broadband continues. At present 106 out of a potential 318 premises have been registered in Ickleton. This represents 33.3%.

Ickleton has done quite well locally, and is above the County average. Some villages have achieved over 80%. Villages with lower numbers could appear less attractive for the commercial suppliers than villages where much better percentages have been recorded.

Registration will continue until the end of November. The County will then use the statistics to persuade suppliers to take a commercial decision to install superfast broadband. If they won't, then the County will have to prioritise where to spend its own (borrowed) money.

If anyone is interested, I have found that knocking on people's doors gets a pretty good response.

A reminder that the website is at : www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Options report

The consultation has now closed. I have done my own response but as yet I don't know how many parish councils have tried to take the opportunity to incorporate their own ideas into the Local Plan.

Buses

The Citi 7 route is to get a change of schedule from 4th November. The Saffron Walden bus will no longer go through Pampisford, which will be served by the Sawston bus. That should improve timekeeping because the Saffron Walden bus has had problems crossing the A505.

Meanwhile the 7a route, introduced to re-connect Hinxton, Whittlesford and Heathfield to Sawston, is likely to turn into a 1 hour 15 minute service to Babraham Road Park and Ride. Any change will be subject to more consultation and will take place in the New Year. The process has been very convoluted but demonstrates that the County really does now listen to people.

Protected Roadside Verges

You may have noticed that the Protected Roadside Verges have new brighter posts. That should give contractors a better idea of where the PRVs are so they cut at the right time.

I'm still trying to get the County to introduce Parish Protected Verges, which may not have particularly rare species in them but would look better and attract more varied wildlife.

I've also been trying to respond to requests for Verge Warden training. This is scheduled for March next year, but exactly when or where isn't yet established.