

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Presentation: The Chairman presented a picture of a local scene painted by Colin Hayes and a bouquet of flowers to Monica and David Lilley in appreciation of their efforts and work in producing the Icene Magazine for the past 25 years. A Rowan tree had also been planted in the Churchyard (by permission of the Parochial Church Council). Rev. Dr Jessica Martin will dedicate the tree during the Coffee Morning on the 4th December 2012.

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Tim Pavelin, Sian Wombwell, Liz Goddard, Susan Clew, Kern Roberts, Michael Robinson, Lewis Duke, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Tim Stone (County)

213/12 Apologies for absence: Liz Gibson, Cllr Mick Martin (District)

Sheila Birch – The Chairman wished to pay tribute to Sheila Birch who died on 24 October 2012. It was agreed to consult with Gerry Birch, as the Parish Council would like to consider a lasting memorial to Sheila. This could possibly be done in conjunction with The Ickleton Society. **Action: TS**

214/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2012: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

215/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

216/12 Matters Arising:

028/07 Proposed Tennis Courts – Letter received from Mrs Stella Parker – The Chairman will send a reply to Stella Parker in response to her letter dated 15th October 2012. Kern Roberts reported that the Committee is meeting to formalise a structure for the future.

Action: TS/KR

168/11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields – Execution of the Deeds of Dedication/Land Registry Forms/Plaque – Lewis Duke and the Clerk had completed the AN1 & RX1 Land Registry forms, which will be sent to the Land Registry together with the original and two copies of the Deed of Dedication. Terry Sadler and Tim Pavelin duly signed the latter forms as true copies. When the original Deed of Dedication is returned, it was agreed to lodge this with Adams Harrison in Saffron Walden.

The Plaque had been received and had been given to Charles Frankau to fix on the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk

008/12 Super fast Broadband - As registration ends on 30th November on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website, it was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda for the time being.

026/12 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit - The Chairman reported that he and Kern Roberts were meeting with Brian Stinton (CCC) tomorrow to get his views on this subject. The Focus Group will then consider his report and present a draft proposal. Kern Roberts had received several e-mails and two letters from residents in response to the article put in Icene.

Action: KR

CCC Minor Highways Improvements application requests must be made by 21 December 2012. It is noted that only one application can be made this year. **Action: TS/KR**

054/12 Additional litterbins and dog fouling notices inc. no dog sign for Play Area – The Chairman had contacted SCDC - S Harwood-Clark and Heidi Duffett regarding supplying these bins. **Action: TS**

082/12 CCC Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (Footpaths 7, 4 and 12) – The Planning Inspectorate
– The Chairman will draft a reply to The Planning Inspectorate, which has to be received by 3rd January 2013. **Action: TS**

171/12 CAPALC Training Courses – The Clerk had sent some suggested dates to CAPALC (Tina Webb) and Jo Keeler (Parish Clerk to Sawston Parish Council). A response is awaited from CAPALC. **Action: Clerk**

226/12 CCC – Letter/e-mail supporting new bus service connecting to Citi 7 & Babraham Park & Ride – The Chairman had sent a response. This item will be removed from the Agenda for the time being.

217/12 Youth Representation: None

218/12 Reports from District and County Councillors:

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219/12 Correspondence received:

The Planning Inspectorate	-	Public Footpath No.8 Duxford, No.4 Hinxton and No. 12
CCC (C Haggett)	-	Definitive Map Modification Order
CCC (C Sproston)	-	Street Lighting Energy 2011/2012
CCC (M Cooper)	-	Grips in the road
	-	Village Maintenance Plan
CCC (Cllr T Stone)	-	A505 Cycleway
CCC (Planning DC)	-	CCC Enforcement Plan Consultation Draft
CCC (C Howes)	-	Winter Gritting Services
SCDC (K Laws)	-	Christmas/New Year Collections
Fields in Trust	-	Deed of Dedication/Plaque/Update
James Macdonald	-	Managing traffic in Ickleton
Karen Geddes	-	Managing traffic in Ickleton
Simon Clew	-	Managing traffic in Ickleton
Wendy Johnson	-	Managing traffic in Ickleton
John Williams/Penny Fletcher	-	Managing traffic in Ickleton
G Lilley	-	Proposed 20mph limit
David & Monica Lilley	-	Proposed 20mph limit
CAPALC (T Webb)	-	Outreach Training Courses
CAPALC (T Webb)	-	Precept Setting 2013/14 Financial Year
HM Revenue & Customs	-	PAYE Real Time Information
Cambs Acre (Linda Watson)	-	PAYE Real Time Information
South West Play	-	Quotation – Replacement Net
Monster Play	-	Youth Shelters
Essex Highways	-	Road Closure Gt Chesterford
The Parking Shop	-	Speed Watch Signs/Grit Bins
Various e-mails	-	Circulated during the month
Stella Parker	-	Proposed Tennis Courts
Stop Stansted Expansion	-	Request for financial support
Luminus News	-	Autumn magazine
Ali Ansar	-	Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire
Magpas	-	Request for a donation
Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau	-	Annual General Meeting – 19 November 2012
Affinity Water	-	Pre-consultation draft Water Resources Management
Mrs Barbara Cooper	-	Tree Application in Abbey Street (C/11/40/054)
Ickleton Society	-	Welcome to new villagers
Imperial War Museum	-	Minutes 18 October 2012
Duxford Primary School	-	Invitation to tea on 20 November 2012
Clerks & Councils Direct	-	Magazine November 2012
CPRE	-	Countryside Voice Winter 2012

SCDC (S Harwood-Clark) - Litter/Dog Bins
 Cambridgeshire AGE UK - Updating database

Correspondence sent:

Terry Sadler - Cllr Mick Martin – 1 Frogge Street
 SCDC (S Harwood-Clark) - Litter/Dog Bins
 CAPALC (T Webb) - Outreach Training Courses
 CCC (M Cooper) - Grips in the road/Butcher’s Hill
 The Sizzler Group - Community Pride and Village Hero Awards
 Mrs Barbara Cooper - Tree Application in Abbey Street(C/11/40/054)
 Various e-mails - Acknowledgements sent during the month

220/12 Planning application(s) received from SCDC: Declarations of Interest to be declared.
S/2191/12/LB – Alterations: Replacement of first floor window to match existing – 50 Abbey Street – Jack
 Human Trust **Recommendation:** Approve **Action: Clerk**

Meeting with Head of Planning: Cllr Martin had reported to the Chairman that there was a reluctance to commit to a meeting but they have not yet ruled out a meeting. They would like to have examples of planning applications that the Parish Council was not happy with. It was decided to wait until the appeal decision regarding the land adjacent to Gurner House was received and see what comments the Planning Inspector made. The Parish Council would still like to have a meeting. **Action: Cllr MM/TS**

Construction of garage 33 Church Street: No update has been received. **Action: Cllr Martin**

221/12 Reports from Councillors:

Kern Roberts reported that the Cricket Club had purchased equipment valued at £12,000, which needs to be stored preferably within the Recreation Ground. The current building is not fit for purpose and they would like to refurbish this. The Chairman felt this would need planning permission. The alternative suggestion was to put a 20-foot container next to the building. This again would probably need planning permission, which would be costly. It was agreed to put this item on next month’s Agenda. **Action: KR/Clerk**

Terry Sadler had asked the Clerk to go back to Mike Cooper (CCC) with regard to his comment that, in the village maintenance plan, they pay the Parish to maintain Butcher’s Hill. It was noted that we had not received any funding for grass cutting from CCC since 2009. **Action: Clerk**

222/12 Finance (Bank Balances) including payments to:

Harts (Oct Icene) - £70.38	D G Pallett (Strimming Butcher’s Hill) - £30.00
R Coulson (Grass Cutting/Bins 2012) - £2,065.00	Colin Hayes (Picture/Framing) - £180.00
Land Registry (AN1 & RX1 Forms) - £80.00	Royal British Legion (Wreath £17 + Donation) - £70.00
Catherine Cocks (Churchyard-Rowan Tree) - £60.00	Art Inspiration (Bouquet M Lilley) - £40.00

Money received: H Peasgood & Son (Interment Fee - Mrs Sheila Birch dec’d) - £70.00
 Tori Toombs (Advertising – Icene) - £30.00

Bank Balances:

Community Account	-	£2,139.45
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	-	£43,372.56 (inc. Section 106 £7,357.69)

Donations: Requests had been received from Magpas and Stop Stansted Expansion. It was agreed to put Magpas on the Agenda next month. A subscription of £30 had been sent to Stop Stansted Expansion in March this year. It was agreed to leave this request until March 2013 for consideration. **Action: Clerk**

HM Revenue & Customs – Real Time Information requirements for PAYE: A new way to report PAYE information in real time will come into force from April 2013. **Action: Clerk**

223/12 Recreation Field and Play Area:

Assault Course (Scrambling) Net – Quotations received – The Clerk had compiled a list of quotations received which she had circulated. It was agreed to ask South West Play if we could send the old net and eye bolts back to them and ask them if they could replace it. **Action: Clerk**

Quotations for Skate Park - replacing plywood – A quotation requested had not been received before the meeting. It was agreed if it had not been received this week, the Clerk would accept the quotation from Mr G A Woodcock for £1,824.79. **Action: Clerk**

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

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

Emptying of Litter and dog bins – Mr Ray Plumb was appreciative of the gift given to him.

224/12 Cemetery - Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review

Repair of Bell Tower on Chapel roof by G A Woodcock - using tiles - This is outstanding with Mr Woodcock. **Action: Clerk**

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

Cemetery gates – It was agreed not to go ahead with the Smart water quotation. Sian Wombwell had spoken with and recommended Chris Saunders who is happy to mark/weld the gates with 'Ickleton Cemetery – CB10 ISP'. He will not charge for his work but would like a donation to be made to a charity of his choice. Sian Wombwell will also ask him to check the hinges. **Action: SW**

Application for kerbing – Leslie & Ruby Lilley memorial – The Chairman was in the process of completing the draft guidelines for the Cemetery, which he will circulate to the Councillors for comments before approval. **Action: TS**

Cull of Rabbits – Michael Robinson agreed to make contact with someone who would use ferrets to cull the rabbits during the winter. **Action: MR**

225/12 Churchyard

Contacting 3 specialists in repairing Flint Walls – this was outstanding with the Chairman. **Action: TS**

226/12 Flooding

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

Abbey Street opp. Methodist Chapel – Nothing to report

227/12 Tree Planting:

Planting in Back Lane – As funding has finished for this year, it was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda.

228/12 SCDC Standards Committee – Localism Act 2011

Register of Parish Members' Financial and other Interests form – due by 28th July/ publish on Parish Council Website / 6 Original forms returned to Monitoring Officer at SCDC - 3 Outstanding: The Clerk had submitted forms to SCDC for: Terry Sadler, Lewis Duke, Kern Roberts, Michael Robinson, Susan Clew, Liz Gibson. Tim Pavelin, Sian Wombwell and Liz Goddard had yet to submit their forms. The Chairman reminded Councillors that it was their personal responsibility to submit them.

Action: TP/SW/Liz Goddard/Clerk

229/12 Village Website – Future plans: Susan Clew reported that it had been very quiet as Andrew Shepperd had been away. She will make contact with him now he has returned. **Action: S Clew**

230/12 Replacement/Retirement of the Editors of the Icene Bulletin: A presentation to the retiring Editors had been made before the meeting. Lewis Duke wished to thank the Clerk for organising the presentation.

The Chairman was delighted to welcome John Williams as the new Editor and thanked him for taking on the task.

231/12 Correspondence File: The Chairman had sent an e-mail reminding the Councillors that everyone should see the file each month. The file was returned to the Clerk at the meeting and it was noted that all Councillors had seen the file this month.

232/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

233/12 Date and time of next meeting - 12 December 2012 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman

Date

Superfast Broadband

Registration for Superfast Broadband continues. At present 120 out of a potential 318 premises have been registered in Ickleton. That represents 37.7%. That is a good figure for this part of the world but some villages have achieved over 80%.

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.

I have found that knocking on people's doors gets a pretty good response, though I haven't done any door knocking in Ickleton.

A reminder that the website is at :

www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan Issues and Option report

The Local Plan Issues and Options consultation is now closed. I remain quite keen that parish councils should have more say in the planning process and this could save the necessity of creating a Neighbourhood Plan at some considerable expense.

As I understand it the District Council will digest the responses made already and then will go out to a further round of consultation early in 2013.

Minor Highway Improvements

You should have received notification that the County is looking for bids for next year. The limit of money available per project is £10,000 and 10% has to be paid for by the parish council. Any excess over £10,000 has to be paid for by the parish council or any outside party.

If you have identified a project it's always helpful to get Brian Stinton out to give advice.

Fire Service Consultation

Public consultation on further collaboration, up to a full merger, between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk fire and rescue services is now open.

A three-month public consultation starts to gauge how people feel about further collaboration or a merger in principle, providing it would bring about significant savings and help protect the number of frontline fire fighters.

People can find out more and make their views known either online at www.cambsfire.gov.uk or by picking up a hard copy of the consultation pack and survey at Cambridgeshire's libraries and fire stations next week. Alternatively a hard copy of the consultation pack can be posted to residents, if they contact the fire service on 01480 444500. The closing date for the consultation will be January 14, 2013.

New Constituency

The Boundary Commission has just published its latest proposals for changing parliamentary constituency boundaries. The Commission is charged with culling English MPs from 533 to 502, and arranging the numbers of electors so that every MP represents a similar number – between 72,810 and 80,473 people. No constituency is allowed to be more than 5% above or below an electoral quota.

The new South East Cambridgeshire constituency would include, amongst others, Fordham, Soham, Balsham and Sawston as well as Ickleton.

If you would like to comment then you have until 10th December to make a representation.

Possibly the best way to get there is through the Boundary Commission website.

Welch's Planning Application.

Duxford PC still recommending refusal on road safety grounds re A505 crossing. Highways are saying this is not an issue in their opinion. S106 monies cannot be transferred from one location to another. Little bit of good news; Welch's can be required to sign a legally binding document banning their HGVs and any other vehicles supplying or delivering to them from the villages.

Welch's have been asked to provide further noise evidence to support their desire for 24hr operation. The applications will go to the Planning Cttee on 5 Dec. The planning officer is "minded to recommend approval" and the Economic Development team are in favour. I will speak at the Cttee focusing on the issues mentioned above.

SCDC and Traveller Sites.

You will have no doubt seen the developing row over the proposed reopening of the Traveller site at Mettle Hill in Meldreth.

Andrew Lansley has committed himself alongside the villagers largely because in 1996 when the site was closed he was assured by the then Leader of the County Council that the site would never be reopened. The District Council believes that Government policy requires us to provide traveller sites and that if we do not any traveller planning applications would be approved on appeal because we do not have the required provision. This could open the floodgates to travellers buying up agricultural land and then applying and getting planning permission. The public outcry in and around Meldreth is entirely understandable and SCDC is awaiting clarification of Government policy from Andrew Lansley's office.

Further budget cuts.

We have been warned to expect even further cuts next year leading to a need to make savings of around £1.5m. In order to achieve this there will be a significant reduction in the grants offered by SCDC next year. The Community Chest grants up to £1000 will be increased in number, but Capital grants for village halls, sports pavilions etc will cease. There will also be reductions in the support for community arts programmes, and our grants to the Citizens Advice Bureau will be restricted to the offices within Cambridgeshire (we currently give grant support to branches in Essex, Suffolk and Herts. This to be debated at SCDC full council tomorrow 22 Nov.