

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Lewis Duke, Tim Pavelin, Susan Clew, Liz Goddard, Sian Wombwell, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk), Cllr Mick Martin (District), Cllr Peter Topping (County) and David Lilley

270/13 Apologies for absence: Michael Robinson, Kern Roberts

Other absences: Liz Gibson

271/13 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

272/13 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

273/13 Matters Arising:

028/07 Proposed Tennis Courts – Kern Roberts had reported to the Chairman that three more residents had expressed an interest in the tennis club and a meeting would shortly take place. **Action: KR**

168/11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields – Plaque (1) – this plaque has yet to be sited. **Action: TS/KR**

026/12 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit– The Chairman is to arrange a meeting/consultation with the police. **Action: TS/KR**

HCV's - this item is on hold for the moment. **Action: TS**

The Chairman brought this item forward to be included in the above.

283/13 CCC - Local Highway Improvements 2013/14 – A e-mail had been received from Steven Thulborn (Project Engineer) of Cambridgeshire County Council confirming the order for both traffic calming measures have been placed to their contractor and at this stage they anticipate them both to be delivered before the end of March 2014.

AND Local Highway Improvements Initiative 2014/15 – An application has been submitted to CCC for funding for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit. **Action: TS/KR**

054/12 Additional litterbins and dog fouling notices inc. no dog sign for Play Area – Nothing further has been heard from SCDC (Heidi Duffett). **Action: Clerk**

252/12 Memorial to Sheila Birch (Coploe Pit) – It was agreed that the colour of the stand should be green. A map of the proposed siting of the board was shown to the Councillors. The cost is estimated at £425 plus installation and is subject to increase in material costs. The Ickleton Society is contributing towards the costs. **Action: TS**

030/13 White Lining on roads – This item is outstanding till March 2014. **Action: Clerk**

188/13 Copse tribute to Ron Coulson – The planting of the trees was a successful event and was attended by many people including members of Ron's family. David Lilley donated and planted an oak tree. The Chairman thanked Sian Wombwell for organising this tribute.

189/13 Correspondence File - The file was brought to the meeting and appears to have been seen by all Councillors this month. The present arrangement will stay in place. **Action: ALL**

265/13 CCC Parish Council Grants for Bus Facility Improvements – It seems probably due to funding that only one sign will be made available. If the sign only shows one way it would be preferable for it to be sited on Frogge Street for the Saffron Walden bound bus. If however it shows both directions the sign should be placed near the bus shelter in Frogge Street. **Action: TS**

Cllr Peter Topping joined the meeting.

274/13 Youth Representation: None

275/13 Reports from District and County Councillors:

District Councillor (Verbal report)

Cllr Martin mentioned that a proportion of the costs had been awarded to Heddon Management Ltd following the dismissal of their appeal. The Legal Department at SCDC is also reviewing the position to see if there are grounds for appealing the decision as to costs.

Kate Wood has left SCDC. Nigel Blazeby is now the contact. James Darcy is leaving on 13 December.

Waterbeach waste plant is now fully functional at no cost to the tax payer.

Ickleton estimated tax base. There was no significant reduction in Band D equivalent properties. The apparent reduction was merely an allowance for bad debts etc.

Nick Clegg should be announcing a City Deal tomorrow between the City, County, District and Cambridge University. This means the money is kept in the area and not go to central government.

County Councillor (Verbal report)

Cllr Topping offered his services if any action from him was required following the Parish Council's meeting with David Lines.

He has had meetings regarding local Cycle ways with the County Team.

The proposed solar farm at Thriplow has currently been withdrawn but could be back in January.

A14 is not to become a Toll Road

276/13 Correspondence received:

CCC (D Lilley)	-	Draft New Constitution for CCC
CCC (D Sage)	-	Changes to the billing for Street Lighting energy use
Stop Stansted Expansion	-	Airports Commission – High Court Challenge
Gareth Bevans	-	Foot and Cycle Path between S Walden & Cambridge
Wicksteed Playscapes	-	Change in personnel
CPALC	-	AGM Agenda 9 December 2013
Inside Government	-	Delivering the welfare to work programme
RDF Television	-	Secret Dealers
Victim Support	-	Thank You letter for donation
Various e-mails	-	Circulated to Councillors during the month
Ordnance Survey	-	Chapel in Ickleton Cemetery
Dragonfly	-	Channel 4 Documentary
Harts	-	Catalogues
LCR	-	Magazine Winter 2013
Penny Fletcher	-	Copy of letter to Wellcome Trust re. Tree Planting
Cambs. Community Foundation	-	Grants for playgrounds/insulating community facilities

Correspondence sent:

W Holdgate	-	Memorial request for Ickleton Cemetery
Peasgood & Skeates	-	Memorial request for Ickleton Cemetery
JEMS Groundworks	-	Request to ferret and repair fence in Cemetery
Various e-mails	-	Sent in response

277/13 Planning application(s) received from SCDC:

Declarations of Interest to be declared.

S/2207/13/FL – Use of Land for Siting of Mobile Home – Ickleton Riverside Barns, Frogge Street, Ickleton – Mr H Miles plus Amendment for information only – Revised Flood Risk Assessment. After much discussion, it was the recommendation of the Parish Council to SCDC that the application be: Refuse

Action: Clerk

Planning application - S/0167/13/FL – Land west of 20 Church Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SL - Heddon Management Ltd – **Appeal dismissed by The Planning Inspectorate.**

Meeting with SCDC Planning Department – 17 September 2013 – Awaiting response re. Construction of garage 33 Church Street. Cllr Martin reported that Kate Wood, who had been dealing with this query had now left SCDC without giving a response, as had the case officer James Darcy. He will continue to seek an answer. **Action: Cllr Martin**

Notification of a planning application (S/2465/13/FL) for a Two-storey Rear Extension at 18 Bird's Close had been received too late to go on the Agenda and copies of the plans had not been received. An application for an extension to our next meeting on 15 January was not acceptable by SCDC and they have requested a reply before 14th January 2014. Some Councillors had been able to review the plans on line and reported on the proposals and how these differed from those previously submitted (which had been supported by the Parish Council). In the exceptional circumstances forced upon the Parish Council by SCDC, Councillors decided after discussion that it was the recommendation of the Parish Council to SCDC that the application be: Approved **Action: Clerk**

It had been noted that a period of 3 weeks had elapsed from the period of registration to the date the application was available on SCDC's website, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would complain about the delay.

278/13 Reports from Councillors:

Susan Clew reported that she had been asked why the Parish Council turn down so many planning applications. It was felt that many did not understand the workings of planning applications and the Chairman would put together an explanation which could go in Icene and on the website. **Action: TS**

Terry Sadler had contacted Camilla Haggett (CCC) regarding the proposed closure to vehicles of the Mill Lane level crossing. It appears that in 1990 the crossing was down graded to a bridleway. The Chairman will circulate an e-mail from CCC to Councillors and the item will be put on the Agenda next month. **Action: TS/Clerk**

Cllr Mick Martin and Cllr Peter Topping left the meeting

279/13 Finance (Bank Balances) including payments to:

Harts (Nov Icene) - £107.64

Royal British Legion (Wreath + donation) - £70.00. The wreath costs £17.00 and it was proposed and seconded that the amount should be for £70.

Money received: Zaffir Mladenov (Icene Adv.) - £40.00

Bank Balances:

Community Account - £1,827.33

Business Base Rate Tracker Account - £59,294.28 (including Section 106 - £12,320.43)

Section 106 Money: The Clerk had heard from a resident, who had sent suggestions from her son (10 years old). Sara Mila had also contacted the Clerk saying that there were three to four people interested in forming a focus group to work with the Parish Council. The Clerk will arrange a meeting in the New Year to include the Chairman, Clerk and Susan Clew. An e-mail had been received from Mark Grace offering free advice on playground design, layout, funding and maintenance. **Action: Clerk**

David Lilley left the meeting.

SCDC Parish Precepts and Estimated Tax Base: An explanation to our query had been received. The Finance Sub-Committee will meet in January before the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action: Clerk**

280/13 Recreation Field and Play Area:

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

Wicksteed Annual Safety Inspection (09/04/13) – Repair to Playhouse & ramp on aerial runway – Michael Robinson had reported that he was unable to further this work. The Clerk was asked to contact Tom Dazey to see if he is able to carry out the repairs. **Action: Clerk**

Ickleton Cricket Club – re-siting Basketball square - A place had been identified but the siting needs to be checked due to its close proximity to the skate park. The Clerk will contact Wicksteed for advice. The Cricket Club needs to obtain three quotations. **Action: Clerk/MR**

281/13 Cemetery - Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review

Cemetery gates – this item still outstanding. **Action: SW**

Cemetery Chapel masonry repairs - Shane Cahill had now completed the repairs, leaving a clean up in about 2-3 weeks time. He reported that he had incurred extra expenses obtaining the correct mortar powder

and extra work involved once he had begun. His original quotation was for £1,250. He intends to submit an invoice for £1,550. The Chairman proposed Sian Wombwell seconded and it was unanimously agreed to pay this amount on this occasion. **Action: TS/Clerk**

Rabbits – Culling/Ferreting and repair to fencing - Ferreting of the rabbits was in hand as was the repair to the fence. Ferreting will continue during the winter months. **Action: Clerk**

282/13 Churchyard

Repairing Flint Walls/Buttresses + repairing hole in wall – The bulk of the work is due to take place next year. Andy Hoare has been asked to look at the hole, which has appeared. He will look at the wall but has pointed out that work with lime and mortar does not usually take place during the winter. **Action: TS/Clerk**

284/13 Land Registry – Title Number: CB331648 – B193(A) Notice of objection under Section 73(5) Land Registration Act 2002 – Coploe Hill Pit: A reply to the letter dated 29th November from the Land Registry will be returned to them by 13th December 2013. **Action: TS/Clerk**

285/13 Localism Act 2011 – Community Right to Bid: This item is still outstanding. **Action: TS**

286/13 Flooding

Land adj. Stumps Cross - Extension granted until 30 September 2013 –Lewis Duke and Terry Sadler will visit the site in the near future. **Action: LD**

287/13 SCDC Parish Planning Forum – 3 December 2013: Terry Sadler and Susan Clew attended this meeting. The Chairman gave a resume of the evening. The Chairman had submitted two questions, to which answers had been received. It was felt that the query regarding Planning Applications – Input of Parish Councils vs. CCC Highways did not receive a satisfactory reply. The Chairman will speak with Cllr Martin and seek his views as whom it is best to contact at SCDC. **Action: TS**

288/13 Ickleton Village Hall – Supplementary Trust Deed: This item will be on the January Agenda when representatives of the Village Hall can be present. **Action: Clerk**

289/13 SCDC Community Pride & Village Hero Awards 2013/14 (Closing date 24 January 2014): This item to be put on the January Agenda for discussion. **Action: Clerk**

290/13 Uttlesford District Council – Local Plan – Consultation on Housing Strategy & additional sites: The Councillors discussed this item but it was agreed no response would be sent.

291/13 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

292/13 Date and time of next meeting – 15 January 2014 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chairman

Date