

ICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS BARBARA KOLBERT

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Ickford Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th May 2015  
In Ickford Village hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Andrew Brunet	Chairman
Louise Arnold	Councillor
Ruth Baker	Councillor
Barbara Kolbert	Councillor

Plus 11 residents

39. **To accept apologies for absence.** No apologies were received

40. **Open Forum for parishioners.** (Under adjournment) The chairman emphasised that this meeting was only to discuss the urgent issues that could not wait until the September meeting, i.e. the 2 planning issues, The Ickford Informer and the MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign).

A resident commented on the planning development **15/02089/AOP - Land Adj To 43 Golders Close Ickford Buckinghamshire** and raised his concerns over the overloading of sewage particularly in Turnfields which had been backing up during the previous week. Another resident was concerned that the proposed development would exacerbate this problem. It was mentioned that the previous council had requested that the County Council/Thames Water come out to look into this problem but that somehow we had slipped from 3rd in a queue to the bottom. The issue of drainage/sewage to be added to the agenda for September.

41. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: to declare any interests.** Councillor Baker declared an interest in the planning development **15/02089/AOP** and was asked if she would leave the room during that discussion.

42. **Planning: To discuss and make recommendations for those planning applications that were received too late to be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> July meeting:**

**15/01973/APP - 38 Golders Close Ickford Buckinghamshire HP18 9JA** - Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations.  
The Council had no objections to this application.

**15/02089/AOP - Land Adj To 43 Golders Close Ickford Buckinghamshire** Councillor Baker had no comments to make before she left the room. It was emphasised that any final decision would be made by AVDC and that this was the council's chance to place their comments.  
The Council had 3 major issues with the application.

1. **Access and Highway Safety**

- a. At present there is a footpath along Golders Close. The current plans allow no provision for the continuation of this path.
- b. There were concerns about the limited visibility which would be compounded by the development work at 38 Golders Close.
- c. It was felt that the access to the development was too narrow and that there was insufficient space for bin and delivery lorries to turn safely within the development.

2. **Flooding.**

- a. There were concerns that the proposed development would increase the possibility of flooding as it would involve a greater area covered with a non-permeable surface.
- b. Concerns were also expressed about further overloading of the existing sewage system which was installed in 1951 and had not been updated since then.

3. **Intrusion into Countryside.**

- a. It was felt that this proposed development was not within the development boundary of the village.
- b. The layout of the proposed development could also lead to further development beyond village boundary.

For these reasons there was unanimous agreement to oppose the application.

From the discussions some councilors felt that should any development be permitted it should consist of smaller homes rather than more large ones. It was agreed that the Council needed to look into producing a Village Plan and to see what should be developed within the village.

**Action : September Agenda**

Councillor Baker was asked to return to the meeting.

**43. To consider the printing options for the Ickford Informer and agree appropriate action.**

Although Councillor Baker emphasised that the editorial of the Informer was not a Parish Council affair the council have agreed to pay any printing costs. To this end Councillor Brunet has spoken to John Ronane, Head of Ickford Primary School and has a list of costs and conditions by which the Informer can be printed using the school equipment. It was agreed that the school offer would be accepted and Councillor Brunet agreed to reply to John Ronane.

**Action :AB**

**44. To consider the location options for the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)**

There are 3 sites proposed by the Local Area Technician.

- a) Opposite 37 Bridge Road
- b) The junction of Worminghall Road and Golders Close
- c) On the verge by 24 Sheldon Road

These sites are mounting posts which are fixed. The actual device can be moved from one site to another. The MVAS will not record individual driver's speeding but will record the speed of passing vehicles which can be reviewed. It should act as a reminder to drivers that there is a speed limit of 30mph within the village. If necessary, using the feedback, we can ask the police to come and monitor any problems with speeding traffic. Paul Farrell has offered to move the device around.

**Action : Paul Farrell**

Councillors had issues with the siting of the one in Worminghall Road as it was felt that it should be further out towards the edge of the village but evidently there is insufficient space to site the fixing point. It was finally agreed that in order to get the MVAS installed as soon as possible we would accept these sites. If any proved of limited use it is possible to purchase further fixing points at a cost of £1000.

Councillor Brunet agreed to contact the those residents that might be effected before installing the apparatus

**Action :AB**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:

Date

Subsequent discussions with residents included Maintenance of Footpaths, Hedge cutting, Road Gritting and Car Parking outside the School. These items would be considered for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting.

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