

ICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 13th October 2015, at 7.30pm at Ickford Village Hall Annexe

Present:

Councillor Andrew Brunet	(AB) - Chairman
Councillor Barbara Kolbert	(BK)
Councillor Ruth Baker	(RB)
Councillor Louise Arnold	(LA)
Councillor Peter Jordain	(PJ)
Councillor Vina Parmar	(VP)
County Councillor Michael Rand	(MR)
Parish Clerk Nicola Dawson	(ND)

Plus 4 local residents

Item	Previous Minute	Subject	Action																																								
63.		Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Margaret Aston, County Councillor and Vivienne Hayday, Parish Councillor																																									
64.		Declaration of Interest VP declared her interest in the National Lottery & therefore would not comment on the item discussed regarding the Vale Lottery funding opportunity.																																									
65.		Requests for Dispensations None received																																									
66.		Confirmation of Previous Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th September 2015 were agreed a true record & signed off by the Chairman																																									
67.		<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Drawn Cheques at meeting</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d3d3d3;"> <th style="width: 20%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Item</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Cheque No.</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Period</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>British Heart Foundation</td> <td>Defibrillator pack</td> <td style="text-align: center;">494</td> <td style="text-align: center;">October</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mazars</td> <td>Audit work y/e 31 March 2015</td> <td style="text-align: center;">495</td> <td style="text-align: center;">October</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Brunet</td> <td>Training Fees, Administration</td> <td style="text-align: center;">496</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Jul to Oct</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B Kolbert</td> <td>Administration</td> <td style="text-align: center;">497</td> <td style="text-align: center;">July & Sept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Baker</td> <td>Training Fees (*2), Administration</td> <td style="text-align: center;">498</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Sept & Oct</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Dawson</td> <td>Clerk salary & expenses</td> <td style="text-align: center;">499</td> <td style="text-align: center;">September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£218.63</td> </tr> <tr style="font-weight: bold;"> <td colspan="4">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£929.34</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Item	Cheque No.	Period	Amount	British Heart Foundation	Defibrillator pack	494	October	£400.00	Mazars	Audit work y/e 31 March 2015	495	October	£150.00	A Brunet	Training Fees, Administration	496	Jul to Oct	£81.36	B Kolbert	Administration	497	July & Sept	£7.56	R Baker	Training Fees (*2), Administration	498	Sept & Oct	£71.79	N Dawson	Clerk salary & expenses	499	September	£218.63	Total				£929.34	
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		<p>b) The accounts for August 2015 Income, Expenditure & Reconciliation for August, previously circulated to the Parish Council members, was agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>c) Half Year Financial Review With reference to the document previously circulated to the Parish Council AB reported on the half year figures, an overspend of £600, and anticipated further significant overspend for the next 6 months due to committed spend, direct debits & approved projects. However, at the moment, there are sufficient reserves to cover this overspend.</p> <p>All agreed to consider cost saving areas in order to remain within budget over the 2nd half of the financial year. The precept has remained unchanged for the past 3 years. Should we wish to increase it we must advise AVDC by the end of December. All to consider & discuss at November meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>ALL</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ALL</i> <i>C/F</i></p>
<p>68.</p>		<p>Correspondence & Communications Since Last Meeting</p> <p>The Vale Lottery Any village based charity can register with the Vale Lottery. The charity could then benefit from a % of a donation made by the Lottery for each ticket purchased. Agreed to include this in the Informer inviting any Ickford based charities to come forward if they are interested. The following Ickford charities will be advised of this directly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village Hall (RB) - Pre School (LA) - Friends of St Nicholas (PJ) <p>European Funding to Support Rural Businesses Unlikely to be applicable to us - ND to check if this is an annual project or a one off</p> <p>Transport for Bucks Devolution Plans Discussed the idea of forming a "cluster" with other local villages & the proposal sent by Shabbington PC. Agreed to investigate this further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ND to report to Shabbington & arrange a discussion - AB attending AVDC briefing on Devolution on 14th October 2015 <p>Other correspondence received since publishing Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bucks Playing Field Association: AB to check if grants are available - Ickford Combined School: formally announced they are to proceed in applying for Academy status 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>BK</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>RB</i> <i>LA</i> <i>PJ</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ND</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ND</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>AB</i></p>
<p>69.</p>		<p>Meetings Attended on behalf of the Parish Council in the period</p> <p>AB & ND briefed the PC on a Planning Seminar attended at AVDC during the month & advised that the planning department will be moving to a 21 day window for the PC to comment on planning applications. PC considered forming a separate planning group to meet in between meetings. It was resolved to continue with the current system of advising via email and arrange extraordinary meetings if appropriate</p>	

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70.		<p>Planning</p> <p>2 applications were raised during September as follows:</p> <p>15/03082/APP - 9 Church Road, Ickford: amendment to original planning application for the demolition of rear conservatory - PC has no objections.</p> <p>15/00079/8WEEK - The Grange Barns, Church Road, Ickford: appeal received for change in original application. New proposal would mean a dwelling with 9 bedrooms & thus a concern was raised over potential increase to the flooding problem already experienced in Church Road & if this application would impact the sewage system. A majority vote was reached with no objection from the PC.</p>	
71.		<p>Open Forum for Parishioners (under adjournment)</p> <p>AB welcomed local residents to the meeting & invited them to raise any issues to the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 residents raised issues of flooding & tree damage to property. Both issues were discussed at the meeting & are addressed under Project Updates below (flooding (73 g) & tree damage (72 c)). - MR advised the PC of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Issues (VALP) and Options consultation. Documents have been circulated to the PC via email & these must be read with some urgency. It was agreed that the PC may need to hold an extraordinary meeting to propose a response. 	<i>C/F ALL</i>
		Project Updates	
72.		Village Maintenance & Landscaping	
72. (a)		Dog Fouling: C/F for Gary Munson to comment	<i>C/F GM</i>
72. (b)	51 (f)	ROSPA: C/F for Gary Munson to comment	<i>C/F GM</i>
72. (c)	51 (g)	<p>Tree Survey: 5 quotes were received in total. It was resolved to go ahead with the cutting back of the large trees in the recreation ground under our "duty of care" & to go with Complete Tree Services (CTS) at a cost of £1,622. BK to advise them not to include the large grey poplar (referred to below) at this stage & to take this cost off the price (c£500).</p> <p>A resident from School Close has reported damage to the patio and grounds of her property caused by the roots of the grey poplar. The tree has a preservation order on it - PC to ask CTS to inspect the reported root damage and make recommendations to prevent further problems and advise the appropriate course of action via the preservation department at AVDC. BK to action.</p>	<i>BK BK C/F</i>
72. (d)	51 (k)	Recreation ground litter: current bin needs to be emptied on a more frequent basis - agreed to hold on any further action	<i>C/F GM</i>
73.		Highways & Byways	
73. (a)	51 (h) 56	Footpaths: VP updated that Fred Ellis has cleared Church Road & Farm Close has also been cleared. BK to include a thank you in the Informer.	<i>CLOSE</i>
73. (b)	51 (l)	10 Turnfields: ND to go back to Anne-Marie Davies for original contractor details to arrange removal of old lamp post.	<i>ND</i>

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73. (c)	51 (n)	AED: AB advised that there will be CPR & defibrillator training sessions available once installed. PC approved the £700 cost for the electricity to install.	<i>C/F AB</i>
73. (d)	51 (p)	MVAS: AB to chase up	<i>C/F AB</i>
73. (e)	54	Car Parking: BK & RB to come back to November meeting with proposal & costs for notices to be produced - BK to design windscreen posters	<i>C/F BK</i>
73. (f)	51 (a)	LAT: AB to write to the LAT to commit to dates when ,and if, works will be carried out	<i>C/F AB</i>
73. (g)	60 (b)	Thames Water: Issue of local flooding was raised by 1 resident. It was agreed that surface water & sewage seems to be the main area of concern, however following reports from Thames Water there still seems to be no clear explanation available. It was resolved that the PC will form a working group to contact the relevant agencies involved with a view to a joint briefing to investigate further PJ volunteered to head this up.	<i>C/F PJ</i>
74.		Communication & Publicity	
74. (a)	51 (o)	Ickford Informer: Agreed to purchase A3 paper for printing in bulk at a cheaper price - RB to arrange this. ND to approach local company, Intuitiv to ask if they would consider & how much it would cost to use their facilities to print.	<i>C/F RB/ND</i>
74. (b)	53	Parish Council Website: LA advised that this will be ready to launch to the Ickford Community this month. General feedback has been very positive & AB thanked LA for her hard work in getting this up & running. All agreed that it will be free for local Ickford groups to advertise on here & use it as a public notice board. LA agreed to manage the website, contacts & content.	<i>CLOSE</i>
74. (c)	57	4 year Plan – Following information on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Issues (VALP) and Options consultation (71) it was agreed to postpone futher discussions on producing a Neighbourhood Plan until the AVDC position had been clarified. AB displayed a series of maps produced using data from Ordnance Survey. The maps will be developed to include more information and, if possible, made available via the website.	
75.		Village Organisations & "Institutions"	
75. (a)	55	Sports Pavilion: AB to meet with the Treasurer of the Pavilion Committee to continue discussions on options & responsibilities.	<i>C/F AB</i>
75. (b)	51 (i)	Football Club: Agreed this is linked with the Sports Pavilion item above.	
76.		Next Meeting agreed 10th November 2015 7.30pm in the Annex at Ickford Village Hall	

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

All supporting documentation referred to in the minutes above can be found on the Parish Council section of the website www.ickfordcommunity.wordpress.com and in the files held by the Parish Clerk.

Signed:

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