

ICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 10th November 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)
 Parish Clerk Nicola Dawson (ND)

Plus 2 local residents and Village Custodian Gary Munson (GM)

Item	Previous Minute	Subject	Action																																								
77.		Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Margaret Aston, County Councillor, Michael Rand, District Councillor & Vina Parmar, Parish Councillor																																									
78.		Declaration of Interest RB declared interest in the VALP plans for Ickford due to her ongoing planning application for future development in the area.																																									
79.		Requests for Dispensations A request was received from RB for a dispensation of her interest in the VALP plans. All councillors agreed to the dispensation being granted, enabling RB to represent the Parish Council at the forthcoming VALP meeting.																																									
80.		Resignation of Councillor Vivienne Hayday The resignation of Councillor Vivienne Hayday was formally declared & accepted by the Parish Council. Following receipt of her written & signed confirmation, a "casual vacancy" will be advertised for the post (Community Noticeboard, Informer & website).	ND																																								
81.		Confirmation of Previous Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th October 2015 were agreed a true record & signed off by the Chairman																																									
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82 b)	<p>The accounts for September 2015 Income, Expenditure & Reconciliation for September 2015, previously circulated to the Parish Council members, was agreed as a correct record.</p>	
82 c)	<p>Bank Mandate It was announced that the bank mandate has now been successfully accepted by Lloyds Bank. AB / RB are approved signatories on the account. LA / BK to be added as signatories also. It was noted that this is expected to be a lengthy process & the PC will be advised when this has been completed.</p>	AB
82 d)	<p>Precept for 2016/17 The PC considered the briefing notes that were previously circulated by AB & discussed this in line with the budget for next year. It was agreed that if the PC are to complete the projects that are required then there will be a shortfall of c£2,500 next year. The precept has remained unchanged for more than 6 years. It was therefore agreed that the PC will consider raising the precept by an average of £5-£8 per (for a Band D) household per year. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting & will appear on the Agenda, giving the residents the opportunity to attend & discuss any concerns.</p> <p>As Part of the Budget process it was agreed that AB would clarify the arrangements with the Allotments Association.</p> <p>It was advised that any change in the precept must be agreed at the December meeting if it is to be considered by AVDC in January 2016.</p>	C/F AB
82 e)	<p>Cost Saving Ideas Following the discussion above, it was agreed that ND will compile a list of all future projects that need to be considered for next year. All Councillors to advise ND of any projects to be considered, including projected costs. This list will be discussed at the December meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that cost savings may be achieved if it is decided to go ahead with the "cluster" arrangement in line with the devolution plans.</p> <p>Agreed to postpone the renewal of Recreation Ground Grass Cutting contract in January 2016 (currently with Cartwright Landscapes) until devolution & "cluster" plans completed.</p>	ND/ALL C/F C/F C/F
83.	<p>Correspondence & Communications Since Last Meeting</p>	
83 a)	<p>First Responder Kit The PC agreed to provide the £200 donation requested towards the purchase of the First Responder Kit, in return for some training support. ND to arrange for the donation to go to SCALOF via Michelle Daly, Councillor for Oakley PC.</p>	ND C/F
83 b)	<p>Clean for the Queen Generally considered a positive project that would bring the community together. BK to investigate this initiative before proceeding any further</p>	C/F BK
83 c)	<p>Pensions Update Information received by the PC - no action required at this stage.</p>	CLOSE

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83 d)		PC Induction Course LA/ ND planning to attend this course on 18th November.	<i>CLOSE</i>
83 e)		Youth Action Community No action required	<i>CLOSE</i>
84.		Meetings Attended on behalf of the Parish Council in the period	
84 a)		AVDC Briefing on Devolution & Cluster update AB updated the PC & advised that AVDC recommend Parish Councils to proceed with forming cluster groups with other local parishes as part of the devolution process. AB is continuing discussions with Shabbington, Oakley & Brill with a view for draft agreements being drawn up by April 2016 .AB will update on progress at the next PC meeting in December.	<i>AB</i>
84 b)		BK advised that she has joined the "Healthy Places" workshop RB advised that she has joined the Footpaths forum.	
85.		Planning 1 application was raised during October as follows: 15/03597/APP - 51 Worminghall Road, Ickford HP18 9JB: demolition of existing conservatory & replacing with single storey rear extension with pitched roof lantern - PC has no objections. 1 other application was received following the issue of the Agenda & was considered at the meeting: 15/03644/APP-17 Little Ickford, Ickford HP18 9HS: Variation to original application considered . PC has no objections.	
86.		Open Forum for Parishioners (under adjournment) AB welcomed local residents to the meeting & invited them to raise any issues to the Parish Council. 1 resident asked if the PC had any news on whether BT Infinity would be coming to the village. The PC could not confirm of any plans or dates for either BT Infinity or Gigaclear coming to the village but would investigate and report back	<i>AB</i>
		Project Updates	
87.		Village Maintenance & Landscaping	
87 a)	72 a)	Dog Fouling / Bins: GM provided an update for the village custodian duties. Advised that this is still an issue that many residents have raised, specifically within the recreation ground & play area. GM put forward some recommendations that are to be considered by the PC as part of the list of projects for next year.	

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		<p>It was agreed to postpone the installation of the Peacehaven Farm dog bin and examine this issue in conjunction with the litter bins & decide on which bins need to be replaced &/or relocated. AB agreed to produce a report for the December meeting.</p> <p>GM made the PC aware of some residents wishes for dogs to be on leads in the park. It was discussed & agreed that no action would be taken at this time.</p>	<p><i>AB</i> <i>C/F</i></p>
87 b)	72 b)	<p>ROSPA: GM confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chain has been repaired in the play area - Play equipment has been inspected & deemed clean & in good working order - Zip wire is safe at present, edging may need replacing in the Spring - Driveway leading to the recreation ground has some large holes that need filling & rolling with binding sand. PC to go back to original contractor to confirm. - Village Hall Hedge: needs cutting back as restricting road width - AB to contact Will Richards to arrange this. <p>Items agreed to include on the projects list for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General maintenance of Millennium Garden & shelter - 2 benches & goal posts will need staining & painting in Spring - PC agreed budget of £50 to be spent when required. - Bus shelter will need painting in the Spring 	<p><i>CLOSE</i> <i>CLOSE</i></p> <p><i>AB</i></p> <p><i>C/F</i></p>
87 c)	72 c)	<p>Tree Survey: BK updated that CTS carried out the survey on the grey poplar & found no evidence of root damage to the property or garage on School Close. It was therefore agreed to go ahead with the original plan to cut back the tree only & not to pursue with trying to remove it (under a preservation order). Resident was aware of this decision. BK to have this confirmed in writing by CTS.</p>	<p><i>CLOSE</i></p> <p><i>BK</i></p>
87 d)	72 d)	<p>Recreation ground litter: see above under 87 b).</p>	<p><i>CLOSE</i></p>
88.		Highways & Byways	
88 a)	73 b)	<p>10 Turnfields lamppost: contractor has been contacted & is arranging removal</p>	<p><i>CLOSE</i></p>
88 b)	73 c)	<p>AED: AB confirmed that we now have the defibrillator. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the cabinet required at a cost of c£700.</p> <p>It was also agreed to investigate the option of securing the cabinet to the wall of the Sports Pavilion so as to use the electricity supply that is already there, thus saving a further cost of c£700 to install an independent electric supply at the bus shelter. If this were to be agreed then a security light would also need to be considered.</p>	<p><i>AB</i></p>
88 c)	73 d)	<p>MVAS: AB advised that a quote for c£1,000 has been received to install 3 ground sockets for the camera at the 3 agreed locations. It was agreed to go ahead.</p>	<p><i>AB</i></p>
88 d)	73 e)	<p>Car Parking: BK updated on the progress of the working group set up to tackle this issue & it was agreed that before any further action could be taken, BK & AB are to arrange to meet with the Headteacher at Ickford School to discuss proposals.</p>	<p><i>BK/AB</i></p>

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88 e)	73 f)	LAT: AB advised that 7 outstanding actions have now been added to the LAT website, but it is very unlikely that any action will be taken as we are considered very low priority. These items will therefore be added to the project list.	<i>AB/ND</i>
88 f)		Road Gritting: ND to contact TfB ref. the cost of a salt bin & to fill it & to check any liability that may be associated with this.	<i>ND</i>
88 g)	73 g)	Flooding & Thames Water: PJ updated on the current progress made with this investigation. A meeting is being arranged with Thames Water to discuss the drainage of the ditches & the impact on the sewage system. PJ hoping to come back with a report on this meeting in December.	<i>C/F PJ</i>
89.		Communication & Publicity	
89 a)	74 a)	Ickford Informer: Agreed to continue with the current arrangement with the school	<i>CLOSE</i>
89 b)	74 c)	4 year Plan/ VALP: RB agreed to represent the PC at the forthcoming briefing by AVDC on 12th November. This issue is ongoing & the PC are still to discuss & formulate a formal response to the document previously circulated as a matter of urgency. As previously communicated, the deadline for this response is 4th December . It is advised that this discussion should take place following RB attendance to the briefing on 12th November.	<i>RB ALL C/F</i>
89 c)		Public "Surgery": It was agreed to hold a trial "Surgery" on Saturday 28th November 10am-12pm in the Annexe of the Village Hall. BK / LA to run this.	<i>BK/LA</i>
90.		Village Organisations & "Institutions"	
90 a)	75 a&b)	Sports Pavilion & Football Club: AB to check on the maintenance update & to report back.	<i>AB C/F</i>
90 b)		Bucks Playing Field Association: Waiting for response regards any grants.	<i>AB C/F</i>
90 c)	68.	Vale Lottery Funding: Local charities have been advised of this scheme, some of which have taken it up.	<i>CLOSE</i>
90 d)		Village Hall Annexe: The Village Hall Association are clearing out the Annexe & will then issue an improvement proposal & costs.	<i>C/F</i>
91.		Next Meeting agreed 8th December 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.

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