

# Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 7.30 p.m.

held at The Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllrs P J Nudds (Chairman), H S Abdullah, D W Payne (in part). Mr T W Silk  
Tree Warden Ms A Condor (in part) Clerk: Mrs A Young

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**Action By Cllrs:**

## 1. Apologies for Absence

None

## 2. Members Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nudds (personal) Clay Close Lane ditch, resident of Clay Close Lane  
All in agreement to bring forward item 15, standing orders suspended

## 15. Planning Application Recreation Ground, New Road – Garage (for Storage)

Planning Committee had considered and referred to Environment Committee for decision. Noted Cricket Club may yet withdraw application. Note from Recreation Ground Management Committee members received objecting to design, but funding issues appreciated. All agreed to **RECOMMEND REFUSAL:**

- Inappropriate design and location, no vehicular access
- Out of character with surroundings
- No drainage provision

## 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes 3 October 2007

All in favour and to be signed as a true record

## 4. Matters Arising

Tree Works October The Coppice complete. Additional works in The Copse now also complete  
Village Sign Back in place

NIAB had responded that review taking place on security of boundaries. Agreed to chase

Daffodils had been planted

Coppice Gate “hats” fixed

Ex-SCDC Street Lights Request for maintenance payment received. 2007-08 payment made, not to include 2 St Andrews Way car park lights. No request received for 2006-07

Tree Warden Allison Condor had been appointed. No training yet identified

Bus Shelter Request Coppice. Minor Highways Improvements Scheme application, decision February  
Gate South Road No work required. Climbing frame treated

Northstowe Public Rights of Way project Agreed to invite Peter Duthie to next Environment meeting 8 April. Agreed to bring forward item 8

## 8a. Quotes – adjacent 7 The Coppice

Work identified by resident had been quoted for at £204 Acacia, £360 Eastern Landscape Services. Agreed Cllr Nudds and Tree Warden to inspect and assess whether volunteers could undertake this work. Back to Full Council for decision on any spend

**PJN/AC Full Council agenda**

## 8. Trees & Hedges

Guided Bus Report on The Copse Meeting notes discussed at Full Council January 2008. Cllr Nudds to discuss role of Trees & Landscape Officer with Dist Cllr Chatfield. Cllr Nudds outlined plans for timber. Cllr Nudds/Tree Warden to phone Ros Richardson to discuss issues raised **PJN/AC**  
POS Management Outline paper supplied by local RSPB officer, covering The Copse, Coppice, Homefield Park and Clay Close Lane. Some discussion on possible work to positively manage the Coppice and other areas. All appreciated the need to identify funds in the budget to cover such costs. Agreed removal of trees at rate of 5 per year sensible in any rolling plan

Churchyard Tree Warden to contact St Andrews Church to discuss replacement planting **AC**

Percheron Close Deemed consent order to be checked for any replanting conditions

Homefield/Hereward Housing Estate Cllr Nudds reported on various email contact with SCDC, Dist Cllr Chatfield and PCSOs including motorbike problems, honey fungus, and hedge/tree clearance. No further progress.

Commemorative Tree Trevor Silk. Tree Warden had preference for a hornbeam on side identified on B1049 entrance to village. County Council yet to confirm permission. Cllr Nudds to chase Matt Pickering **PJN**

Probationary Team Cllr Nudds had liaised with Team Leader on possible projects in Impington. Discussion on suggested use of surplus soil elsewhere and re-sale values e.g. paving slabs; timber **Budgets** Noted total £5,000 in for trees and hedges 2008-09

Crier/Newsletter Wording from Cambs County Council on responsibilities of owners for overhanging trees and hedges provided. Agreed to submit as is for Histon & Impington Crier next issue and send to Cllr G Payne for Newsletter due in April

## 5. Byelaws

Cllrs Payne and Nudds had worked on model. Histon PC agreed new joint Byelaws, Cllrs Payne and Nudds to work with Histon PCllr Parish and bring recommendations to Full Council **DWP/PJN**

## 6. Budget Review & Precept Request 2008 – 2009

Noted £20,000 agreed at Precept. New headings/figures to be drawn up. Next agenda **Next agenda**

## 7. Litter Bins / Dog Bins Requests – Consultation Response update

SCDC advise Option 4 agreed. District Council to provide full service (provision, siting, emptying and maintenance of all new and existing bins on public highway). Feedback sought on source of litter necessitating each bin and any abuses e.g. fire, graffiti, fly-posting. Agreed to request litter bins at Station Road (outside Whaling Commission), Lone Tree Avenue/Cambridge Road junction and Dog Bin at Villa Road (near to SCA). Also to request permission to put a dog bin at the Copse entrance (B1049 end) and dog sign Mill Lane, Impington

Commercial Waste Serviced Landfill Directive Intention to start one-stream recycling collection and feedback sought. Agreed paper currently 60% of waste type from Impington PC

## 9. Bus Shelter Request

Request from Vision Park employee via David Howarth MP for bus shelter in Station Road, opposite Vision Park. Noting cost in order of £2,500 and no budget allowance made, agreed to respond with sympathy for the request and advise would monitor the situation

## 10. Environmental Plan and Mission Statement

Cllr Nudds reported on meeting held 13 November and HICCA meeting “Beyond The Gridlock”. An open letter to Parish Councillors had been written and copied round. Cllr Nudds intended to approach Histon Parish Council to accept the plan as she felt purchasing changes required at the Parish Office. Item to be permanent Agenda item for Environment Committee **Next agenda**

## 11. Chairman’s Report

Clay Close Lane Ditch Cllr Nudds declared personal interest (resident). Chivers Farms to be contacted for further discussion and to arrange a meeting, with a view to work Autumn 2008 **PJN**

Walkabout Report Cllr Nudds reported on meeting held with Matt Pickering and would provide list of outcomes for file. Some discussion on potholes identified on Milton Road and outside IVC; flytipping problems; soakaway outside Recreation Ground entrance; New Road bollards. Cambs County Council had carried out some work on trimming back and siding out grass **PJN**

Gatekeepers Hut Cllr Nudds reported on issues raised at Forum and ideas to include the hut on the platform arrangement. Public Art/Heritage contributions to be followed up. Suggested some £5,000 - £7,000 may be the cost to build. Committee agreed to give thought to possible use **PJN**

Milk Float No further progress

Enviro Volunteers Cllr Nudds outlined recent work on website links and hit rate aims.

Recommendation to describe as Histon and Impington Enviro Volunteers. Cllr Nudds sought understanding of how Impington Parish Council viewed the Volunteer Group. No account yet opened so cheque for grant funding not yet cashed. Cllr Nudds had personally funded all costs and would be looking for some reimbursement of costs. Agreed to add line “Enviro Expenses” in budgets 08-09. Cllr Nudds intended to approach Histon Parish Council for endorsement of Group

## 12. Playground Inspector’s Report

Trevor Smith carried out weekly inspections and reported to Assistant Clerk. Cllr Abdullah to investigate Deed of Dedication issues

**HSA**

### **13. Grass Contract**

4 indicative quotes received Herald Contract Services, SP Landscapes, Buchans and Greens. Some confusion over marked up areas. Agreed Clerk to contact Buchans and Greens to check proper understanding and obtain references. Full Council acceptance of tender February meeting **Feb agenda**

### **14. Other Correspondence**

Guided Bus Junction Planning Committee 6 February. No Councillor due to attend

Cambridgeshire Access Newsletter and Invitation to apply for Parish Paths Partnership. Agreed no application

Bench at The Coppice Request for resident of Cambridge Road to remove due to late night noise. Members felt inappropriate to remove this well-used disabused seat and agreed to forward concerns to PCSO King

British Legion wrote to thank Parish Councils for cleaning and restoration work in November  
Seat Cambridge Road damaged. Agreed to ask Site & Maintenance to sand down damaged slat and turn at maximum cost £40

### **Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.