

Impington Parish Council Environment & Burial Ground Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 3rd February 2009 7.30 p.m.

held at The Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllrs P J Nudds (Chairman), H S Abdullah, D W Payne

Histon Cllr A J Eade; Mr T W Silk; Ms A Conder, Tree Warden; Mr K Doyle, HICCA

Clerk: Mrs A Young

Pages: 2

Action By:

1. Apologies for Absence

None. Cllr Cope was absent. Standing orders suspended

2. Members Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes 2 December 2008

All in favour and to be signed as a true record, also "In Committee" minutes

4. Matters Arising

Budgets accepted (Appx 1). Noted agreement to carry forward unspent as ringfenced for 2009-10.

Year 3 to be future agenda item

Future agenda

Bus Shelter 2 responses received as result of recent newsletter article on siting. No support for bus shelter at "Whaling Commission" site as yet. Request for shelter at IVC and at The Coppice. Agreed to continue to collate any responses

Future agenda

Grass Cutting Meeting yet to be arranged with Buchans. Further work on maps to be done

PJN/TWS

Duplicate street lights still in place. Cty Cllr Bradney to be advised duplicates in Hereward Close

now both out. Cllr Nudds to report broken street name signs to SCDC Officer at Hereward/Homefield

Residents meeting 4 February

PJN

Plaque for Commemorative Tree Nothing yet received. Cllr Nudds to chase supplier

PJN

Solar Powered Lights payment to be made to Orchard Park

CPO Guided Busway The Copse as reported at Full Council £1,000 to be paid in compensation

HICCA Ken Doyle present at meeting as a result of item

5. HICCA / Parish Partners – Green Issues

Ken Doyle of HICCA outlined plans by SCDC (Parish Partners) to promote consciousness of energy and climate change, including proposals to sponsor up to 12 parishes (2 to be funded to any real extent). Impington had put themselves forward for the initiative, fitting in well with the Council's published Environmental Statement, and Ken Doyle had been in dialogue with Richard Hales at SCDC (Sustainability Officer) for some time. Initiative due to start 1 April with meetings with Parish Councils due in the meantime

Proposed Cllr D Payne, sec Cllr Nudds, all in favour, to formally co-opt Ken Doyle as member of Impington Environment Committee

Agreed Ken Doyle to sketch up a proposal for a bid to be sent to SCDC via Cllrs Payne and Nudds, by the Parish Council

KD/DWP/PJN

Discussion followed on the Greening Campaign, with launches due 21 February (Histon FC) and 28 February (Baptist Church)

Agreed to proceed to hire a mobile shredder for 28 February (budget in place £200 or within overall Environment Committee budget) with 7 sites suggested. Cllr Nudds liaising with tree surgeons for possible sponsorship. A5 leaflets to be funded from Print Out to be delivered to all households together with Greening Campaign information

Cllr Eade (Histon PC) to take back message to Histon Environment Committee of a keenness to work together on an environmental strategy covering at least shared premises/facilities e.g. recycling policy
Cllr Eade and Mr Doyle left the meeting

6. SCDC and CCC Issues

SCDC: Dog Bins SCDC confirmed red their choice of colour district-wide; Mill Lane bin not to be relocated/increased in size but monitoring continues; no dog bin to be installed at Doctors Close, felt unjustified.

Litter Bin New Road (bus shelter) had disappeared, possibly hit and removed. District Council had been asked to replace

CCC: Walkabout review required. Discussion followed on possible use of various development sites for community use and recent lost opportunities

7. Tree Wardens Report

Status of agreed tree works required reviewed. All works/quotes in progress. No permission required as all allowed under deemed consent.

Agreed to ask Richardsons to pollard fully in any future similar work undertaken

Chairman/Clerk to review land ownership and mapped information on The Coppice **DWP**

Hazel to be coppiced. Agreed to ask for all materials to be left on site, for possible use on project with Guides/Scouts

Tree Preservation Orders requests. Ms Conder reported on response from SCDC and agreed to follow up points made. Electronic TPOs still being sought. Cllr Payne to make further enquiries at SCDC
Cllr Payne to supply maps showing Conservation Areas to Cllr Nudds and Ms Conder **DWP**

Guided Busway at The Copse Cllr Nudds continued to chase answers on queries regarding replanting and replacement of barrier. Agreed to write formal complaint to Nuttals regarding loss of wood via open access, being kept for a purpose

Cambridge Water Company – Reinstatement at The Copse Clerk to chase for action. Formal complaint to be registered if no response

8. Chairman's Report

No written report

Homefield/Hereward Residents matters Cllr Nudds attending meeting 4 February. Short report given on grant funding opportunities followed up

The Dole Hedge re-instatement made

Histon Football Club Cllr Nudds attending meeting 12 February. Replanting a Planning requirement

Volunteers up-date on recent activity and third anniversary

Probation Team work. Over 1000 man hours spent in Impington recently. Letter of appreciation to be sent

9. Playground Inspector's Report

Mr Smith reported each week following inspection

10. Quotes for Repair to Bus Shelter, New Road

Following vandalism, quotes from Site & Maintenance (£268) and Autocross (£370) received.

Autocross could repair free of charge if a new shelter ordered at same time, alternative quote also to revamp shelter detailed. All agreed to accept quote from Site & Maintenance

11. Other Reports and Correspondence Received

Various brochures and Reports

12. Burial Ground Report

Confirmed new contract drawn up for Burial Ground and to be signed with effect from 1 April

Indicative quotes for footpath received. Agreed to obtain exact quotes for 3 shorter paths. Cllr Nudds to review spec to be drawn up **PJN**

Part of paling fence required replacement for safety reasons. Agreed to accept quote from Site & Maintenance for fencing to match as closely as available at £340

Next meeting 24 March. Then 2 June, 8 September and 1 December. More frequent meeting programme being considered by Cllr Nudds **PJN**

Meeting closed 9.10 p.m.