

Impington Parish Council Environment & Burial Ground Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 24th March 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
Mr T W Silk; Mr K Doyle, HICCA
Clerk: Mrs A Young

Pages: 2

Action By:

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Cope (illness); Allison Conder. Standing orders suspended

2. Members Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes 24 March 2009

All in favour and to be signed as a true record

4. Matters Arising

Grass Cutting meeting held 11 March. Contract finalised with slight changes to start date and Doctors Close now green area

Community Chest grant application prepared by Ken Doyle and bid made for funding for Energy Monitors. Agreed by South Cambs Local Strategy Partnership. Terms and conditions accepted.

Greening Campaign had launched. Report on mobile shredder provided free of charge by Acacia 28 Feb and plans to re-run in late 2009. Agreed write to Acacia and thank them for their part. Feedback indicated more sites or home collection would be welcomed. Committee to investigate

Coppice Review of land ownership not yet complete

DWP/Clerk

Anglian Water response awaited. Further contact to be attempted before formal complaint

Probation Team letter now prepared. Team had returned to Impington for foreseeable future, with work in Clay Close Lane already completed

Histon FC meeting held 19 March. Cllrs Payne, Ing and Nudds attended. Notes to be provided. Cllr Nudds confirmed tree planting would take place in due course, with some amendments having been suggested. Other subjects covered included: parking; liaison with Parish Council and Recreation ground; recycling; bike rack provision; drainage proposals

5. SCDC and CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

SCDC

1 South Cambs LDF Supplementary Planning Documents consultation – Biodiversity and Listed Buildings – agreed no comment to be made. Noted Trees & Development Sites SPD adopted in January 2009

2 Broken street name signs should be reported to Diane Duncan at SCDC

CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL

Street light columns – Chris Sproston, via Cllr M Bradney, had explained problems leading to non-removal of redundant columns, specifically in Hereward Close

Overhanging Trees & Hedges should be reported to Matt Pickering at County Council. He had written to several addresses in Histon and Impington asking for vegetation to be cut back. Cllr Nudds reported on repairs and actions by Matt Pickering (see Appendix 1, *copy awaited at time of preparation of minutes*)

Highways issues in Station Rd, sunken pathway in Cambridge Road (outside Mace shop) reported to County Council. Recent bollard replacement necessary opposite Railway Vue and Cllr Bradney had been asked to help in bringing forward lighting of Guided Bus lamp standard to make area safer

Countryside Access Letter from Team regarding programmes set up. Noted

6. Tree Wardens Report

Tree Works application 1 Villa Road – Tree Warden to comment
Allison Conder provided short written up-date

Tree Survey Quotes 2 received. Third awaited with deadline 27 March. All agreed Cllr Nudds, Tree Warden and Clerk to consider quotes and accept as appropriate. Budget for this work to be carried forward from 08-09 into 09-10

PJN/AC

Tree Works already carried out at Copse and Coppice by Acacia Tree Surgery (£980), one more tree yet to be felled. Invoice awaited. Invoice also awaited for work by Richardsons earlier in year
Clay Close Lane problems with tree felling in Conservation Area. Permission now being applied for
Other issues raised:

Impington Lane Unwins TPO concerns still not resolved

Fixed Penalty Fines for tree works without permission. Committee to approach Cllr Chatfield for clarification and a way forward

Horse Chestnuts Clay Close Lane removed by Enviro Volunteers, replanting to take place. Cllr Nudds investigating Parish Planting scheme. Other areas could benefit but noted on-going maintenance costs

PJN

7. Chairman's Report

Appendix 1 attached, *not received at time of preparation of minutes*

Discussion particularly on complaint to Nuttalls over removal of timber by permission of foreman.

Agreed to write again for response

Meeting held by Cllr Nudds with John Ely re Copse, noting re-instatement issues; lights; resurfacing; barrier. Next 6-8 weeks should see action required including black top in line with Stebbings Funeral Parlour. Change of plan in replanting at Guided Bus site being investigated. Discussion on siting of kissing gate at Bridge Road end of Copse and replacement of barrier (lost by Guided Bus team) with timber gate

Gatekeepers Hut – proposals for re-siting and proposals to resite fence. Planning Committee to be consulted

Maintenance Issues at the Coppice Poor quality of fitting of seat reported, with concrete deposits left on seat feet

IVC meeting with Rob Campbell Cllr Nudds had discussed opportunities to work together on litter; recycling; art. Further meeting due after Easter

Homefield & Hereward Residents had raised issues of litter; vandalism; language; uneven footpaths

Enviro Volunteers up-date

Fly Tipping Clay Close Lane reported to Police. Agreed to investigate how tyres on wheels can now be properly disposed of

Bus Shelter Report Poor quality of repair of bus shelter New Road reported, with missing bolts; missing seat leg fixing

Bin at New Road bus shelter left in dangerous state. SCDC responsible. Clerk to remind Mr Harwood-Clark of need

Recycling Discussion on comparted bin for plastic, metal, ordinary litter. Agreed to challenge SCDC Recycling Officer on their recycling policy on segregated collection thoughts. Noted statements from local businesses that low volume commercial uses make it not cost-effective to recycle at present. Discussion on possible shared facility between traders

8. Playground Inspector's Report

ROSPA report due April 2009

South Road Cllr Nudds reported hole in new NIAB fence. Report to NIAB

9. Other Reports and Correspondence Received

Various brochures and Reports received

Sustainable Parish Energy Programme Mr Doyle had attended to learn about a 1 year programme to support Parish Councils in how to reduce CO2. HICCA will be looking to apply for funding via the Parish Councils

Donarbon Mulch supply. Still available but charge for delivery. Official information awaited

Tree Plaques for new tree Bridge Road. Cllr Nudds to chase

PJN

10. Burial Ground Report

Allotment fees due end of March. Waiting list

Cllr Nudds to visit Groundsman 3 April to discuss work outstanding at Ground

End of Year Figures to be produced once all payments made

Summer walkabout date to be set

Health & Safety report due. Clerk to contact Cllr G Payne to arrange date

Meeting closed 9.10 p.m. Next meeting 19 May 2009