

**MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT and BURIAL
GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2009
7.30 p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington**

Present: Cllr Pene Nudds (Chair), Denis Payne
Allison Conder, Ken Doyle

Clerk: Angela Young

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Action By:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hooda Abdullah, Alison Turnbull (newly elected AGM 05 09). Trevor Silk

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nudds (personal interest) Clay Close Lane tree works issues (resident)

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nudds re-elected as Committee Chairman for 2009 – 2010

4. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 24 MARCH 2009

All approved and signed as correct record

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Grass Cutting contract had commenced. Cllr Nudds to contact Trevor Silk to ask him to be liaison with Buchans Landscapes

Community Chest Grant received, £1,000 from SCDC. Ken Doyle reported monitors identified as ideal, at cost of £750 for 30. Additional £250 to be used to purchase higher specification monitors for assessment in the community. SCDC supplied 15 owl meters at no cost. Energy survey planned, funded by HICCA
Coppice Land Registry papers obtained by Cllr D Payne. Further investigation required. Deeds of Parish Council ownership to be copied to Cllr D Payne to get information on area on south eastern end under question

DWP

Anglian Water, Copse Response from Jennifer Jones received following site visit 15 May stating no further action by Anglian Water. Cllr Nudds/Clerk delegated to respond pressing for work to prevent ponding and improve rutted grass. Dist Cllr Mason to be contacted for advice.

PJN

Histon Football Club meeting notes to be finalised

DWP

Nuttalls No further action

Gatekeepers Hut No application yet put together

PJN

Fly Tipping – tyre disposal. Cambs County Council policy received, stating recycling centres not licensed for tyres and other vehicle parts. Those picked up by SCDC can be recycled, but advice to resident is to contact recycling companies to dispose. Dist Cllr Chatfield to follow this matter up

Bin, New Road Bus Shelter No response from Mr Harwood-Clark on replacement. Dist Cllr Chatfield to investigate, possible Scrutiny Committee topic

Recycling segregated collection discussion

With agreement, Chairman brought forward items 7 and 10

7. TREE WARDEN REPORT

Clay Close Lane Tree Works Permission now granted and work carried out.

Resident of Clay Close Lane had written to SCDC regarding process for granting and timeframes. SCDC confirmed advertisements unnecessary. Tree Warden to contact Andrew Grimmer at SCDC regarding ash tree requiring balancing

AC

Unwins Site, Impington Lane. Condition on retention of frontage noted. Works carried out had been reported to Melissa Reynolds and Roz Richardson. Agreed to copy Andrew Grimmer

Procedures and Process of Tree Works to be discussed with Jonathan Chatfield at forthcoming meeting. Possible Scrutiny Committee item

SCDC LDF Trees & Development Sites Supp Planning Document – on file

Tree Warden reported on application for tree works at Villa Road

Conservation Areas & TPOs Andrew Grimmer had provided mapped information.

Agreed to thank him and request permission to print off at source

Survey Quotes Cllr Nudds, Tree Warden and Clerk to meet to discuss **PJN/AC**

Burial Ground Tree Works required. Agreed to delegate to Clerk under delegated powers. Tree Warden to comment first **AC**

10. **HICCA SUSTAINABILITY PLANS and PROPOSALS**

South Cambs Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership Ken Doyle clarified this was completely separate to the Community Chest grant received for energy monitor work in the villages. The aim of the partnership is to reduce CO2 emissions in villages, with funding of some £150,000 - £200,000 available. 8 Parish Councils had currently shown interest in participating including Impington. Agreed to encourage Histon to engage so work could be carried out in whole community. Conference due in June to include insulation deals. Booklets to be provided by SCDC for local modification and use. If successful the community would receive up to £70,000 to invest and make a difference with. Ken Doyle outlined plans for HICCA to screen film “Age of Stupid” and other HICCA projects. Committee asked Ken Doyle to discuss other ways the Parish Council can work through HICCA to involve the community e.g. energy surveys on parish owned property.

Cllr Nudds to discuss with Cllr Neil Davies

KD/PJN

Chairman returned to agenda order. Ken Doyle and Allison Conder left meeting

6. **SCDC and Cambs County Council**

SCDC Conservation Area Review No response on request for sight of draft documents. Dog Bin, The Dole Request from resident to SCDC for relocation and change to green, supported by Dist Cllr Chatfield

Cambs County Council Report on issues regarding overgrown lighting columns; verge damage. Notes of meeting between Pene Nudds and Matt Pickering 3 April copied to all. Committee noted web-based alert system “Elgin” for local roadworks

8. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

No written report. Cllr Nudds reported on enviro.volunteer activities (allotment hedge, Burial ground compost area; Coppice garden waste clearance)

9. **PLAYGROUND INSPECTOR’S REPORT**

NIAB fence to be inspected following Mr Smith’s report of “cut” fence. ROSPA report received showing no high level concerns. Copied to Cllr Abdullah for further comment

11. **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Cllr Nudds outlined a possible list of ambitions for 2009-10, accepting one-off support from outside of Council may be required

- Trees – protection, records, training

- Burial Ground – policies, management plan, future employment
- Environmental Action Plan and Waste Collection issues
- Crossing Keepers Hut
- Management Plans POSs – Equipment for Doctors Close?
- Public Art – Kirsten Lavers?
- Byelaws – Merger issues
- Public Rights of Way

12. **OTHER REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

King & Co advise Cambs County Council not willing to reserve access rights over land at the Copse following Compulsory Purchase Order. Agreed to proceed without rights

13. **BURIAL GROUND**

Notes of meeting held 3 April Cllr Nudds and Groundsman copied to all.

Allotments Agreed to approach Alan Eade re possible numbered posts as supplied at Histon allotments. Rents requested 09-10

Health & Safety meeting held 14 May with Cllr G S Payne. Noted shed and downpipe required painting. Terry Farr had made a good job tidying the site.

Tree Works as Tree Warden's report. If works carried out agreed to request shredding service for green waste currently stored on site (Terry Farr to gather together in advance)

Trade Waste Bin and Compost store. Quotes accepted from Site & Maintenance. Works underway

Burial Ground records Discussion on electronic (mapped) records required

Meeting closed 9.50 p.m. Next meeting 30 July 2009 (from 28 July as Tuesdays felt not suitable, noted Histon Planning meetings fall on Thursdays)