

**MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT and BURIAL GROUND
COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2009
7.30 p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington**

Present: Cllr Pene Nudds (Chair), Denis Payne, Hooda Abdullah Trevor Silk	Clerk: Angela Young	Pages: 3
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Alison Turnbull (family). Allison Conder and Ken Doyle

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 19 MAY 2009

All approved and signed as correct record

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Grass Cutting Trevor Silk now acting as liaison

Monitors for HICCA Purchased at £652.17

Coppice Deeds yet to be copied for Cllr D Payne

Anglian Water Landscape Designer opinion sought

Histon Football Club notes to be finalised, Cllr D Payne to provide

DWP

Gatekeepers Hut Cllr Nudds had briefed Full Council

Fly Tipping, Litter and Dog Bins, TPO issues, recycling items discussed at meeting with Dist & Cty Cllrs 29 June. Notes of meeting to be forwarded to all Committee members. Cty and Dist Cllrs have some actions outstanding

5. SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL and CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL

SCDC: Litter Bin, New Rd (adj to bus shelter) SCDC confirm will be replaced

Dog Bin, The Dole SCDC will remove pending agreement of new site. Clerk to chase Becky Gane SCDC for ideas for siting within the Homefield estate

CCC: Cllr Nudds reported on any up-date on highways matters specifically covering traffic islands now painted white; Cambridge Road tree works still outstanding, Matt Pickering now on leave till 10 August; brambles over footpath in Villa Road/Place to be added to outstanding list. Copy letter from Police to Stagecoach received. Walkabout dates requested from Matt Pickering. Discussion on private work carried out in front of Station Stores Finish unsatisfactory at present. Cllr Nudds briefed members on issue between County Council and Bishops DIY on illegally laid path to shop and work carried out by Probationers with verbal permission from County Council. CCC to be requested not to tarmac as discussed. Burrough Field Laurels require removal. Cllr Nudds to gain permission from Matt Pickering in writing. Pine Court Agreed to contact management re fallen plums on pavement

6. TREE WARDEN REPORT

Allison Conder provided written report covering: Burial Ground: deemed consent granted by SCDC to remove diseased ash. Quotes awaited, Clerk to progress.

District Council to be asked if ash is T1 or G1 on TPO map. Survey Copse/Coppice

Quotation accepted in sum of £2,245 from Haydens, work to commence 5 August.
Allison Conder and Cllr Nudds to oversee on site. **AC/PJN**

Noted 2 horse chestnuts in Cambridge Road may be dying. Commemorative Trees
Bridge Road looked unwell but may recover. Parish Planting Scheme opportunities
discussed, to include these trees, Burial Ground, Clay Close Lane and Homefield Park
replacements; Doctors Close, Milton Road entrance to village. Allison Conder and Cllr
Nudds to discuss and decide on schemes to put forward to SCDC **AC/PJN**
TPO Issues Discussion on points over process raised with Dist Cllr Chatfield. Clay
Close Lane stump outside No 9. Clerk to request up-date on action required from Mr
Grimmer SCDC. Other Tree Surveys Agenda item for decision when budgets
discussed for 2010 – 2011. **Future agenda**

7. HICCA

Ken Doyle to provide written report to up-date all but had left copy email re solar
photovoltaics for Recreation Ground Centre. Cllr Nudds had expected an audit rather
than survey provided and it was stressed that any proposals would go to Recreation
Ground Committee as facility managers and providers, prior to any Full Council
discussion. Even if grant funded, there were long term maintenance issues.
Discussion on possible replacement of fluorescents in office with LED

8. GRASS CUTTING REPORT

Trevor Silk now liaising with Buchans Landscape on behalf of Impington Parish
Council and was carrying out spot checks. He reported on good work. Strimming
work required now in hand.
Cllr Nudds advised wildflowers in Clay Close Lane would be posted next year to avoid
strimming down too early
Agreed to re-affirm with Buchans Landscapes that cow parsley to be cut down with
daffodils **TWS**
Gates at Milton Road – grass needs cutting just outside of this area **TWS**
Ambrose Way Terry Farr had strimmed next to ditch
Burial Ground Cut may have been missed. Trevor Silk to visit Burial Ground **TWS**

9. PLAYGROUND INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Trevor Smith currently on sick leave. Site & Maintenance asked to report any
problems with equipment/boundaries
Cllr Nudds to visit and carry out any necessary work on brambles **PJN**
NIAB fence broken down again. Agreed to write offering to work with them to resolve
problems
Gate to area not locking. Site & Maintenance to deal

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No written report. All pegs for Burial Ground site received from Cllr Eade. Ceremony
to mark plots suggested.
Clerk still to contact local landowners re possible allotment provision in Impington
Enviro Volunteers & Probation Service. Cllr Nudds outlined on-going work. Probation
Service probably unavailable after mid-August
Wild Flowers and Bulbs Agenda item next Committee meeting **Next agenda**

11. RECYCLING POLICY

Discussed with County and District Cllrs at recent meeting. Outcome awaited

12. BUS SHELTER PROVISION

Suggested sites included: IVC; Cambridge Road (near Coppice); Lone Tree Avenue; outside Whaling Commission

All agreed IVC not appropriate as within the curtilage of Listed Building. All agreed problems with siting at Cambridge Road, plus natural shelter from trees, also an issue. Lone Tree Avenue, currently no bus stop. All agreed outside Whaling Commission the only viable option and agreed to obtain quotes to install a shelter similar to one in New Road

Discussion on cigarette bin provision

13. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Items in minutes 19 May reviewed, all requiring progression. Discussion on possibility of raised beds near to the Station site; planters on islands/bollard areas. Unwins planning application contribution for public art considered. Agreed to chase for information on possible Public Art contribution from NIAB application

14. OTHER REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Woodcraft Folk request an area for occasional bonfires/open camp fires. Cllr Nudds had discussed idea with PCSO Martin who was supportive of a designated area. Following discussion, suggested Doctors Close open space area may be suitable and safe. Agreed to give permission to the Woodcraft Folk to use on provision that turf is removed, and replaced afterwards, and nearest residents are leaflet dropped prior to the session

Community Noticeboards Histon PC had been approached re provision of community notice boards. Noted such a board may be appropriate at Guided Bus Stop area

15. BURIAL GROUND

Policies, management plan, future employment, tap cover all deferred to next meeting

Next agenda

Painting of Shed Quotes required, spec to be set at forthcoming walkabout

Downpipe Repairs Quotes required, spec to be set at forthcoming walkabout. Needs to be cast iron

BG Walkabout

Meeting closed 9.26 p.m. Next meeting Burial Ground Walkabout **Thursday 20 August 4.30 p.m.**, then Committee meeting **Tuesday 8 September 2009**