

**MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT and BURIAL GROUND  
COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010**

**7.30 p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington**

Present: Cllr Pene Nudds (Chair), Hooda Abdullah, Alison Turnbull

Co-Optees: Trevor Silk, Ken Doyle.

Clerk: Angela Young

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**Action By:**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Denis Payne (personal)

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2009**

All approved and signed as correct record

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Maintenance work quotes accepted with Site & Maintenance reported

Andy O'Hanlon new meeting due 10 February

**PJN**

CCC Walkabout Keith Fauch temporarily in role vacated by Matt Pickering. Pene

Nudds to report vegetation round street lights in Water Lane

**PJN**

Budgets for Precept put forward

Street Lighting improvements clarification of position from Chris Sproston

Notices for inappropriately parked cars provided. Available for Cllrs from Clerk

Elizabeth Woodcock Memorial had been re-instated by Chivers Farms

**5. SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- 1 Graffiti and Community Clean Up Fund. Committee recommend to Histon PC that Councils buy kit at £75 for use by Recreation Ground staff/village litter picker. Grants for litter picker equipment to be followed up with Paul Quigley. Other graffiti in parish to be reported to SCDC for action

Recycling for Businesses Cllr Chatfield has outstanding question with Cabinet. Agreed to ask to additionally raise issue of smaller wheelie bins choice/availability for householders. Discussion on sorting measures available at Donarbon

**6. CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL**

Following loss of £6million funding causing termination of countryside access projects (including Mere Way improvements), Pene Nudds flagged up possible opportunity for part funding new Rights of Way in area

**7. TREE WARDEN REPORT**

Tree Warden written report received and accepted. Noted:

- Allison Conder had resigned from post of Tree Warden
- Tree Warden meeting planned for Sat 6 March
- Deemed consent for work at Copse. Richardsons had quoted successfully
- Cambs County Council planning to plant a woodland between Oakington Girton and Histon. Community being asked to help plant trees
- Tree & Hedge Pack application – Pene Nudds to collect 12 February **PJN**
- Buchans request overhang of trees/hedges at South Rd play area be cut back ready for next season. Quotes to be requested

## 8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"Outstanding items" list (Appx 1) accepted. New Terms of Reference and Delegations accepted (Appx 2). Written report received, noted:

Enviro.volunteers application made to Feast Committee for new hand tools, also request to sponsor new gateway for Homefield Park. Several working parties held since last meeting. Volunteers would like to plant hedge in place of dilapidated gate in New Road, AGREED IPC make a request to HFC Holdings to remove gate and old electricity box and allow this work.

Probation Service New system has hampered direct communications with supervisor; more difficult to co-ordinate activities with enviro.volunteers. Works included hedge clearance along Dole footpaths and clearing fallen Holm Oak Homefield Park

Free Labour TNG, a privately funded company working with the DWP delivering back to work services, currently running a new scheme via the job centre for 18-24 unemployed for 6 months or more and tasked to work within local community to do placements and projects that benefit the community. IPC would only have to provide cost for materials. Pene Nudds had met with James Ing and Committee AGREED to utilise service for unskilled work. Crossing Keepers Hut work not felt to be appropriate as skilled

Play Ground equipment Resident's request to re-use old equipment from the rec in Doctors Close Play Area. Issue of RoSPA, insurance, maintenance and possible future plans raised. AGREED to ask Recreation Ground Management Committee to attempt to ensure sensitive removal and storage. Rocking horse of special interest to IPC, but preferably at South Road

Public Art Ideas: Village Trails using pavement inserts; Rowan Wood carving; Phone Box; Elizabeth Woodcock Memorial; Bollards; Crossing Keepers Hut; Maze; Statue at Guided Bus stop

## 9. HICCA REPORT

No written report.

SCDC Community Chest Evaluation form, all funds now spent. **KD** to complete Lift-share programme offered via SCDC, HICCA interested to pursue for Histon and Impington, with hopes for community-building benefits

Car Pool Also being investigated

Stagecoach/Citi 7 **KD** to explore ways of HICCA pressure on Stagecoach to stop plans for route changes in Impington thus increasing car usage

## 10. GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding still required for crossing keepers hut and public art ideas. **AT** to lead on progressing applications

## 11. BURIAL GROUND REPORT

Agreed Clerk to attend SLCC seminar on Burial Rights 21 April  
PJM working on policies. Ideas for improvement of groundsmanship involving soil use discussed. In the meantime Mr Farr to be asked to remove chippings from new areas and to tidy up remaining chippings and deposit in compost bins

## 12. CROSSING KEEPERS HUT

Articles due in next Courier. Approx £8,000 expected to be available from Environment Committee budget 2010-11. Some aspects of rebuild not yet costed. **PJN** obtaining 2-3 quotes for bricklaying, suitable one to be accepted.

**13. OTHER REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Cambs Horizons – Green Infrastructure Strategy consultation events details  
Courier KD encouraging Parish Councils to supply photos in reports

**14. Items for Next Agenda**

None suggested. Date of next meeting 11 May 2010. Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.