

MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING TUESDAY 24th AUGUST 2010
7.30 p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: B S Ing (Chair), D W Payne, H Abdullah, A Turnbull, P A Manser, P J Nudds
Cty Cllr Jenkins, Dist Cllr Mason, Histon Parish Cllr M Parish

Clerk: Angela Young

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MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

P10/60 **Disclosure of interest**

The following disclosures of interest were received: None

TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 20th JULY 2010

P10/61 All agreed to sign as true record

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

P10/62.1 58.3 Monthly Planning Policy update copied to all. Cambs & Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 details available for all. Lengthy discussion followed on seeking clarification as to "saved" policies in place

62.2 58.5 South Cambs Awarded Drain 164 and Culvert Dist Cllr Mason working with Clerk on draft response to Steve Dighton, Bridge Manager. CCTV planned Autumn 2010. Noted Cambs County Council and SCDC had acknowledged the need to work together with regard to the culvert in Water Lane. Dist Cllr Mason outlined the content of the Great Ouse Catchment Flood Risk Document with regard to Histon and Impington and technical problems with access. Cllr Ing suspended standing orders with agreement of committee to allow Max Parish to take part in discussion. General discussion followed on:

- Costs
- Possible closure of B1049 if work required
- Parish Council felt no need for CCTV survey as already carried out. – Parish Council need to ask for details of the strategy
- District Council responsible for free flow of water in the awarded water course
- Cambs County Council responsible for structural maintenance and discharge.

Draft response delegated to Dist Cllr Mason and Clerk via Planning Chairmen and Parish Chairmen, to be a joint response. Immediate response regarding a challenge to reasons for requiring a further CCTV survey and plans once results received to be made

62.3 58.6 Welcome Pack Draft proposed welcome pack for new residential developments available to view. Possibility of:

- Estate Agent involvement
- Contribution of cost from developers
- Electronic distribution

When welcome pack drafted, to be circulated to all Cllrs and topic at following Planning Committee

62.4 58.7 Parish Online details for signing up received

62.5 59.1 Meeting due 10 August had not taken place

With agreement of Committee, Chairman brought forward items 65, 69 and 70 (agenda order retained) Cty Cllr Jenkins, left after these items, Cllr Parish remained for 65 and 70 only. Standing orders were re-instated after these items

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P10/63.1 Cllr D Payne declared a personal interest (resident of Impington Lane)

63.2 S/1217/10 Almaren plc, plots 4 & 5 Unwins Former Factory site, Impington Lane – erection of 2 single garages, associated driveways and landscaping to plots 4 & 5. Following careful inspection, proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded D Payne to **RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on grounds that whilst appreciating the attempt to reduce ingress from a busy road:

- Plot 4 no longer has 2 adequate safe parking spaces
- The Parish Council feels there are alternatives garage designs including possibly a double garage which would result in maintaining the same equivalent safe off road parking as the original design.

REFUSALS AND ACCEPTANCES

Parish Recommendation

Granted:

- P10/64.1 S/0826/10/F Mr R Howes, Land to north of 4 Burgoynes Farm Close – Change of use of land from agricultural land to form part of garden land. **Approval**
- 64.2 S/0917/10/F Mr & Mrs Campbell, Mereway Farm, Milton Road – extension and 8 dormer windows **Approval**
- 64.3 S/0876/10/F Mr & Mrs Savage, 70 Cambridge Road– extensions **Approval**
- 64.4 S/1040/10/F Ms Debbie Dulson, 35 Lone Tree Avenue – extension **Approval**
- 64.5 County Council application:
F/0201/07/CW Waste Transfer station and skip storage area and associated traffic, land at Witcham Meadsland Quarry, Block fen Drove, Mepal

GUIDED BUSWAY ISSUES

- P10/65.1 Cty Cllr Jenkins chasing queries raised regarding parking issues at Station Stores through Council. Also to contact Bob Menzies with query on timings for planting
- 65.2 Clerk contacting David Hamilton to press for sight of Landscaping report. Cllr Nudds to similarly chase for report and audit.
- 65.3 Cllr Nudds reported issue of Exit Certificate on Copse land remained on hold pending contact from Bam Nuttall.
- 65.4 D Cllr Mason reported on planned inspection of accounts for Busway.

JAG & NORTHSTOWE ISSUES

- P10/66.1 No report. Northstowe planning forum due 13th October

A14 CONSULTATION AND INQUIRY

- P10/67.1 Noted new announcement may be forthcoming November 2010. Agreed to call meeting of Chairmen of Histon, Impington, Girton and Orchard Park to discuss a plan of action; if agreed, to proceed with professionally carried out noise measurements. Agenda item IPC September 2010 to agree budget for A14 Inquiry (previously deferred)

OTHER PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

- P10/68.1 Consultation Document on Council Tax "Local Referendums to veto excessive Council tax increases" (Communities & Local Government) – response required by 10th September. Agreed to delegate response to Cllrs B Ing, D Payne and Clerk, being broadly happy with CPALC response made.
- 68.2 Land adjacent 57 New Road – application to purchase from SCDC. D Cllr Mason outlined his own comments regarding "clawback" clauses in case of future development. IPC had no objection.
- 68.3 Crossing Keepers Hut – Cllr Nudds listed invoices outstanding to pay and advised 1st phase (not including canopy for which grants would be sought) seemed likely to be 60% below budget at current estimates following astounding generosity from public. £8,983 in budget, including donations from Village Society and Histon Parish Council. Cllr Nudds outlined items currently out to quote, or required, and agreed to provide costing list. Noted and agreed proposal to include a stone stating "Re-Built 2010" at approximate cost of £140. Agreed to pay all outstanding invoices and report to next Full Council. Conditional notice of approval under Building Regulations received.
- 68.4 SCDC Planning and Planning website – Cllr Mason reported on Scrutiny Committee involvement, with meeting due 3 September 2010. Changes in staff at Planning Department were unclear. New website system still problematic. Agreed to write to SCDC outlining concerns, Cllr Ing and Manser delegated to draft with Clerk
- 68.5 Camb & Peterborough Minerals & Waste – formally submitted to Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government – notice received
- 68.6 Tree Works applications: 1 Clay Close Lane, 23 Percheron Close – Tree Warden has no objection
- 68.7 Design Code questionnaire: Agreed no response
- 68.8 Monthly Planning Policy Update (August) copied to all
- 68.9 Various leaflets available for all
- 68.10 NALC "Community Right To Build" consultation. Response made

LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW

- P10/69.1 To consider action on library service review – appraisal from County Council of the Cambs Library Service Review and its potential impact on services, staff and customers. Questionnaire to be returned by 30 September by individuals.
- 69.2 Cty Cllr Jenkins outlined proposals for transformation of service and possible additional reductions to make savings. Discussion followed on current service and needs. Possibility of input from JAG or CPALC discussed.
- 69.3 Discussion on communication with residents on topic, via website, Courier etc. Issues raised:
- Opening hours a limiting factor to use
 - Rental costs in Histon against advantage of residents north of Cambridge not needing to travel into Cambridge
 - High usage of Histon Library – feast magazine article 2010 provided detail.
 - Social importance of libraries for elderly, young families. Book clubs; Discussion Groups; Reading Schemes (which Parish Councils are pleased to support as a measure of appreciation of service)
 - Proposals as stated only work to a certain level – especially use of volunteer staff
 - IPC value the Library Service and value the presentation of reading material
 - IPC value its local information point and as a source of dissemination on behalf of all tiers of local government
- Agreed to draft response to Cambs County Council Libraries, Learning & Culture, circulating to other local Parish Councils for support (perhaps via CPALC)

WINTER SERVICE GRITTING ARRANGEMENTS

- P10/70.1 Cty Cllr Jenkins outlined County Councils proposals
- 70.2 Cllr M Parish outlined Histon PC's decision on response.
- 70.3 All agreed Clerk to prepare draft joint response covering:
- Precautionary Network Issues
- Agree to request extension of red route to include Impington Lane to IVC, New Road from IVC to B1049: school route; Police Station; Hospital. (as Histon PC)
 - Strongly support all current blue routes
 - Request Chequers Road – Vision Park be included in red route: (HGV route and Route to school)
 - Request War Memorial to Station Road be added to route: Part of bus route
 - Request Burgoynes Road replace Clay Close Lane on route: Normal route

Cycleways and Pedestrian Areas

Noting HPC's comments agreed to:

- Support Histon PC's query on liability issues and comment on review of policy on approach for any prolonged freezing of pedestrian areas as in 2009 when elderly residents had been unable to get out to shops etc.
- Check own insurance for cover
- Check what "supply salt" means
- Ask why specification of gritter high (over-specified)
- Comment on non-joined up thinking of roads/cycle routes (cycle routes after 5 days appears to be policy)
- Ask what happens to cycle routes in bad weather

Provision of Grit Bins

- Noted any comment dependant on clarifications as above. Storage options for bagged salt noted

Resilience

- Noted reviews. Agreed to provide list of known farmers in Histon and Impington. Agreed to ask for a definition of "typical season" and specifically request what tonnage figure would be required for a "bad winter". Impington PC would suggest planning for a 1 in 10 year provision of salt. The County Council would be asked what the next stage will be and what feedback would be given to parish councils

P10/71.1 Next Planning meeting due **Tuesday 7th September 2010.**

Meeting closed 9.50 p.m.