

**MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND BURIAL GROUND MEETING
TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2010 7.30p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington**

Present: Cllrs Pene Nudds (Chair), Hooda Abdullah, Alison Turnbull, Brian Ing. Cllr D Payne (ex officio)
Co-Optees: Trevor Silk, , Ken Doyle (in Part) Clerks: Angela Young and Chelsea Presland
3 Appendix sheets attached to these minutes

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

E10/24 Alan Browning Tree Warden

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

E10/25 **Disclosure of interest**

The following disclosures of interest were received: None

TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 2 AUGUST 2010

E10/26 Agreed to accept and sign as a correct record

CO-OPTION ONTO COMMITTEE

E10/27 Alan Browning did not wish to be co-opted to the Committee

MATTERS ARISING

E10/28.1 Outstanding list copied to all and accepted (**Appx1**) . Noted:

- Staff to order bag aids for volunteers (4) immediately and fresh supply of litter pickers
- Planning Committee to consider photographic evidence of dumping in Green Belt land
- 1 bag of bulbs to be ordered; Pene Nudds to confirm amount of wildflowers plugs available within agreed budget

28.2 BT Kiosks – Noted now on hold until further notice. Reports in press of adoption figures noted With agreement of Committee Chair brought forward item 31, after which Ken Doyle left meeting

TREE WARDENS REPORT

E10/29.1 Report copied to all and accepted (**Appx 2**).

29.2 Horse Chestnut Trees at rear 1-3 The Coppice Resident had raised concern 29 August over 3 horse chestnut trees and requested confirmation no imminent likelihood of damage to residence. 6 September Chair gave a comprehensive response with details on actions already taken (including bring forward re-inspections) as well as explaining plans underway to seek professional reports and quotes. Following further email exchanges, Council outlined process to be followed (inc SCDC permissions), resident had advised on 4 October in an email expressing criticism of Parish Council's response and action, he would be undertaking an independent survey of the trees. Cllr Nudds updated Committee on discussions held with Alan Browning (Tree Warden) regarding survey and subsequent reports and quotations now received on these specific trees. Reports gave differing opinions on works recommended, but following careful discussion, Proposed Cllr Nudds, Seconded Cllr D Payne, all in favour, to accept advice to fell Tree No 170 (braced Horse Chestnut) as soon as possible and to continue to monitor Tree Nos 171 and 172 for the time being, bringing forward any decision on works to be carried out early in 2011. Delegated powers to proceed with best value quote and obtain necessary SCDC permission to fell. Noted report comments on condition of some trees adjacent to Parish Council land, in private ownership. Cllr Nudds to meet with Roz Richardson 15 October including gaining permission for these works.

29.3 Further resident raised concerns over height of Beech trees close to 15 The Coppice and nuisance of overgrown scrubland. Cllr Nudds would update resident that no works were scheduled to be carried out as result of survey findings, however these trees will continue to be monitored on a regular basis. Cllr Nudds and the enviro.volunteers would investigate concerns regarding the understorey planting and would either action or report back

29.4 National Tree Week early December 2010 Plans in place to plant trees currently stored at Burial Ground. Tree Warden meeting due 14 October. Noted community orchard idea for new development at Unwins site.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

E10/30.1 Report copied to all and accepted (**Appx 3**)

- 30.2 Noted introduction calling for a vision and strategy for public open spaces and amenities to use as a tool to move forward. Discussions on Parish Plans and co-ordinated approaches followed, including work already done by Station Design Group. Modular approach supported but accepted more resources would be key to success, involving the community as well as the Parish Council. **Agreed** to call a meeting with this as a specific single agenda item to look at scope and form a sub group. Cllr Nudds to prepare paper in advance.
- 30.3 Cllr Nudds to meet Steve Thulborn County Council to carry out walkabout 7 October. List provided for all and additions made

HICCA REPORT

- E10/31.1 Item brought forward at the start of the meeting, Ken Doyle reported on response to offer of free solar panels, with 73 signed up to date. **Agreed** to write to Recreation Ground Committee (cc HPC) actively encouraging it to adopt IPC environmental policy and working with HICCA on this initiative at the Recreation Ground facilities
- 31.2 Crossing Keepers Hut noted no provision for water or electric at present and possibilities there for alternative power
- 31.3 Ken Doyle to revisit idea for Flooding and Drainage issues Forum and suggest dates to interested parties
- 31.4 Cllr Nudds asked Ken Doyle to consider HICCA's thoughts on strategies required to deliver ideas. Mr Doyle left meeting and Chair returned to agenda order.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

E/10/32 None received

SOUTH ROAD PLAY AREA

- E10/33.1 South Rd Play Area Dog Sign – Cllr Nudds questioned need for “No Dogs” Sign, which felt excluding of some residents, and negative. Overall approach as set out in Chairman's report was preferred by Cllr Nudds.
- 33.2 Skateboard/BMX facilities letter received from resident calling for local facilities. Cllr Abdullah had contacted the young person (year 9 student) on behalf of the Youth Committee and to meet to discuss
- 33.3 Buchans – quote from Buchans (IPC contracted grass cutters) to flail hedgerow within play area, to cut back hedgerow within play area. **Delegated approval** for Chair and Clerk to progress with work. Clarification required on specification for quote

USE OF EX RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT

E/10/34 **Deferred** to next meeting

BURIAL GROUND REPORT

- E/10/35.1 Burial Ground Groundsman requested change to contracted-out grass cutting, with resulting decrease to worked hours, from February 2011. All in favour to **accept** quote for Buchans for extra cuts at £49 per cut and advise Mr Farr of resulting hours, 14 in summer and 12 in winter.
- 35.2 Walkabout Date to be finalised and circulated, photographic record to be undertaken
- 35.3 External hedge flail quote from Buchans (contracted grass cutters for IPC) delegated to Chair and Clerk for decision and to progress
- 35.4 Noted items for next agenda: water supply for allotments and recommendations for improvements to administration of Burial Ground
- 35.5 Cllr Ing outlined interesting research on war grave for Belgian serviceman in Burial Ground

E/10/36 Date of next Meeting 30 November 2010

Next agenda: Crossing Keepers Hut Briefing.

Close of meeting 9-05 pm