

**MINUTES - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND BURIAL GROUND MEETING
TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011 7.30p.m. at Parish Office, New Road, Impington**

Present: Cllrs Pene Nudds (Chair), Hooda Abdullah

Also present: Ken Doyle

Clerk: Angela Young

Pages: 2

2 Appendix sheets attached to these minutes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

E/11/47 Cllrs D W Payne (personal), T W Silk (personal).
Noted Trevor Silk had written resigning from Environment Committee. Noted Annual General Meeting IPC 16 May would re-elect Committee members. Ken Doyle confirmed willingness to continue as co-optee

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

E/11/48 **Disclosure of interest**
The following disclosures of interest were received: None

TO ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR 2011-2012

E/11/49 **Agreed** Cllr Nudds to chair until May election. Willing to continue after Annual General Meeting if uncontested

TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2010

E/11/50 **Agreed** to accept and sign as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

E/11/51 Outstanding list attached, provided for all (**Appendix 1**)

TREE WARDENS REPORT

E/11/52 Report copied to all and accepted
32 St Georges Way – request from Insurer to confirm ownership of trees part of subsidence claim. Cllr Nudds has informed County Council trees appear to be in ownership of CCC but commented on possible work required and replacement planting preferred. Cllr Nudds to discuss further with Wayne Stewart at CCC and Andrew Grimmer at SCDC
St Georges Way – Tree Surgeon reports on works requested on verge, believed to be in ownership of resident. Cllr Nudds has been advised
1 Burrough Field – email of concern over condition of trees opposite to property. Cllr Nudds to write to all residents in row of houses explaining restrictions on the tree works for light gain etc
3 Burgoynes Farm Close – Tree works allowed by SCDC
Cherry Trees in Homefield Close – up-date on on-going investigation
The Coppice – Acacia have carried out works, yet to be complete, Clerk to detail unfinished works. Payment withheld pending completion.. 2nd phase to be ordered Autumn 2011
Tree Surveys for remaining areas – Surveys on Clay Close Lane, Doctors Close and Burial Ground. Under Clerk's Delegation **agreed** to proceed with Surveys by Haydens (contractor carried out last 2 surveys satisfactorily, and quotes previously considered), for Doctors Close, Clay Close Lane and South Road. Burial Ground survey on hold pending review of budgets.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

No written report

E/11/53.1 Cycleway issues B1049 Cllr Nudds had reported separately on meetings with CCC, Steve Lander and Alex Alexander. Noted Alex Alexander now retired, Mike Davies Project Managing. Burial Groundsman had been asked to water new hedging, plants and stored trees as required. **Agreed** to purchase 150m of hosepipe on a caddy (cost approx £100)
53.2 Enviro.volunteers report. Noted St Georges Day event organised at Crossing Keepers Hut successful, with awareness of Hut and Copse amenity growing
53.3 Crossing Keepers Hut With benefit of several community uses now held, Cllr Nudds considering design for canopy, and new idea for shelter structure to side instead. Fence issues and access discussed, especially thoughts on open access or locked and glazed with unbreakable material.

- 53.4 Grass Noted seeds and plugs ordered and planted March 2011. Buchans had commenced grass schedule. Clay Close Lane needing a different approach so wildflowers can be seen easily.

HICCA REPORT

- E/11/54 Written report provided and accepted by all (**Appx 2**)
Discussion on Village Energy Project and drop in wattage system prices.
Land for Community Garden Scheme and Demonstration Small Holding: Committee confirmed extra allotment land is being sought in village and fund had been established. Cllrs felt the concept of Community Garden scheme/demonstration small holding did not mix with allotment provision legally, but suggested ideas for possible location and offered to assist in putting pressure on CCC or SCDC to make suitable land available to HICCA, who would need to identify a "driver" for such a scheme to succeed

PLAY AREA REPORT

- E/11/55.1 Cllr Nudds outlined proposals to resite Rocking Horse (equipment stored in local farmers' yard) at South Road; store igloo at Burial Ground for possible future enviro.volunteers project use at say Homefield Park; and dispose of climbing frame and rope by scrap or donation.
- 55.2 Rocking Horse quotes received for renovation, wet pour and installation from Stadia Sports and Fenland Leisure at £4,600 and £3079 respectively. Further Fenland Leisure quote for safagrass matting renovation and installation at £1275. All agreed wet pour more suitable for South Road, to match existing climbing frame, and noting budget set of £3500. **Agreed** to order for installation as soon as possible, to site behind wooden climbing frame. Colours to remain as existing, unless Fenland Leisure advises otherwise
- 55.3 Playing Field newsletter received from ACRE. Cllr Nudds reported on usage of Doctors Close for woodcraft folk. ROSPA inspection due April 2011

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- E/11/56.1 Bus Shelter Requests noted 3 requests in recent years: Coppice (Cambridge Road), IVC, outside Whaling Commission. £4000 budget available. Noted possibility of widening verge at Coppice to more easily facilitate installation. Next agenda, IVC to be asked for views
- 56.2 Double Yellow Lines New Road (Histon Football Club discussions) no further information on funding issues
- 56.3 Replanting at HFC Cllr Nudds reported on SCDC position on enforcement
- 56.4 Cambds County Council Public Rights of Way Noted reduction in CCC budget of 26% resulting in 2 cuts May and July for Public Rights of Way. Residents complaints about a overhanging hedge in The Crescent and parking on verges College Road forwarded to Steve Thulborn at CCC
- 56.5 Highways Warden Information on pilot scheme. No interest registered
- 56.6 Highways Department SCDC – trade refuse collection costs and recycling services. Trade waste now costs £597 pa. Noted Donarbon charge of £429 pa. **Agreed** to consider switching 2012-13

BURIAL GROUND & ALLOTMENTS REPORT

- E/11/57.1 Clerk to suggest Burial Ground fees increase for Full Council meeting June 2011, for introduction July 2011. Last reviewed January 2010
- 57.2 Allotment Fees require 12 month notice of increase. New rules due to commence September 2011 with any increase on current £7.50 to be advised for commencement September 2012
- 57.3 Fencing on North West boundary Burial Ground Quotes sought. **Agreed** Clerk to use delegated powers to ensure installation as health and safety matter. **Agreed** to retain the old picket fence in case of need in future. New 33m fence from compost bin to allotment site to be chestnut paling.
- E/11/58 Date of next Meeting 26th July 2011

Agenda to Include:

- Water supply for allotments
- Recommendations for improvements to administration of Burial Ground

Close of meeting 9-10 pm