

MINUTES OF IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2004 7.30P.M. AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, BURGOYNES ROAD, IMPINGTON

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr D W Payne, Vice Chairman Cllr T W Silk, Cllrs H S Abdullah, C M Cole, P D Gooden (also County), M R Lawton, J P Teague, G B Waters, M Withers Dist Cllrs N S Davies, J P Chatfield (in part)
Histon Parish Cllr Mason (in part) Mrs A Young Clerk

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

201 Cllrs Unwin (personal) Starling (Council business) Dist Cllr Muncey (working), Dist Cllr Chatfield would be late

2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

202 Cllr Cole (personal) on item 7(b) Arbury Camps, Cllr Withers (prejudicial) on item 7(a) Hogger Homes

3 OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

203 No members of the public present

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2003

204 Approved and signed following deletion of "resident", insertion of "residents' representative" in item 191.1 line 2.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

205.1 a) Item 181.2 Network Rail proposed work by Cast.Iron now on hold

205.2 b) Item 188.2 Ways of Working Together Parish Council Chairmen had not yet met to discuss

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205.3 c) Item 196.2 Lorries in Cambridge Road Letter not yet sent to County Council. Environment Committee to discuss state of verge at meeting due 29 January

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6 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES / OFFICERS

206.1 a) Vacancy on Joint Standing Committee. Cllr Gooden duly elected, all in favour

206.2 b) Health & Safety Officer. Cllr Lawton duly elected to advise Council on areas, particularly concerning the cemetery, all in favour

7 PLANNING

207.1 Cllr Withers declared a prejudicial interest on item a) Hogger Homes (lives at rear of site) and left the room at the appropriate time. Cllr Cole declared a personal interest on item b) Arbury Camp (works for prospective office agent) and did not speak on this item

a) Committee Reports

207.2 Committee Report 13 January 2004 copied for all and accepted.

207.3 S/2489/03/CC Cambs CC, IVC, New Road – 2 storey extensions 2 copy letters objection received from neighbours, 2 Cllrs had given input. Planning Committee to be called to formulate appropriate response

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207.4 S/1684/03/F Hogger Homes Agreed to reiterate comments previously made on 0609/03 continuing to strongly oppose with additional comments on conditions sought if approved. District Council to be asked for advice.

b) Other Planning Matters

207.5 Arbury Camps Cllr Payne up-dated Council on recent meetings with CCC Officers and Jane Thompson (SCDC Community Partnerships Manager). Appeared County were now unlikely to deliver the community wing to an extended school and 2 separate buildings seemed likely, one changing room/storage/office and the other a Joint Service Providers building. Maintenance costs being collated, incomplete at present. Discussions on likely costs took place. Agreed to invite Jane Thompson to next Council meeting 16 February. Stressed Planning Committee at South Cambs had given delegated approval subject to terms being agreed by Local Members and felt a process should now be put in place. Jane Thompson, Cllr Payne and local members due to meet in February. Maintenance costs to hand held by clerk. Clarified the Section 106 agreement would need to be re-negotiated if the proposed school was replaced. Extended discussion on this and school provision in North Cambs followed.

8 PLAYGROUND INSPECTORS REPORT

208 Cllrs Silk and Abdullah had no problems to report.

9 RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

209 No meeting had taken place. Next meeting due 11 February 2004.

10 CLERK'S REPORT

- 210.1 a) Crime figures Dec: cycle theft (3); theft (6); vehicle tampering (1); drugs (1); assault (1); criminal damage (1)
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copied for all. Discussion on recent spate of wheelie bin thefts and flytipping took place. District Council currently would collect reported dumped rubbish. Chairman reported on recent attempts to break into properties in Impington Lane area, and car windows broken in St Andrews Way area,
- 210.2 b) Burial Ground shed up-date Informal Risk Assessment carried out on shed. Burial Ground Committee now to consider matter of power for shed. Amount of £1,000 put into budgets to cover possible spend *BG Committee*
- 210.3 c) Tree Works at The Coppice SCDC had confirmed at least 2 quotes were required for consideration of grant, although any grant was not guaranteed. A Tree Surgeon had been identified who would quote, but this was likely to take several weeks in view of size of work. As previously discussed, due to safety issues and previous competitive pricing and good work by Acacia, order to be placed for work this financial year and before nesting and leafing issues interfered with timing. Council were disappointed at problems seen in getting quotes and agreed to go out for quotes to a wider catchment in future.

11 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

- 211 Cllr Davies reported the planning application for 57 houses at Kay Hitch Way had been refused. The District Councillors continued efforts to ensure the law was upheld at Moor Drove, Histon. Cllr Chatfield reported that Cleanaway were purchasing larger vans following difficulties in keeping to timetables for green box collection in January. SCDC were to review the wheelie bin system in July and residents should be urged to get comments in writing prior to this date. The tax credits for the green box scheme were being chased at South Cambs. SCDC were looking at modernising the committee meeting system.

12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- 212 A14 Sound barrier. Mr Chenery (Highways Agency) had not yet contacted Cllr Gooden. City7 bus. Cty Cllr Gooden continued to get representations from residents regarding the service. Meeting sought with County officers/Stagecoach. *PDG*
Update on County Council Tax Consultation All Councillors were urged to respond to the consultation. Some discussion on education budgets and the vagaries of dates for meetings to discuss budgets took place. Reported that Charles Clarke was visiting IVC in February.

13 FINANCE

- 213.1 Paid in: Nil
- 213.2 a) Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Teague and agreed that the precept request recommendation from Committee for 2004-2005 in the sum of £70,000 be approved and submitted to SCDC. Increase in parish part of Council Tax for a Band D household would be approximately £3.40 p.a. Clerk felt the administration budget may be set too high. All agreed Youth Committee unspent budget to be carried forward to 2004-05. SCDC had revised the tax base figures, now to read Histon 1,740, Impington 1,501.
- 213.3 b) Confirmed payment of accounts. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Teague, all in favour
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| Open Spaces, section 137 Donation | £25 | £25 |
| Choir 2000, section 137 Donation | £200 | £200 |
| Victim Support, section 137 Donation | £100 | £100 |
- Noted these payments had already been authorised Items 199.2-199.4. Clerk to draft Financial Regulations for proposed adoption to cover this point
- 213.4 c) To approve payment of outstanding accounts. Proposed Cllr Teague, seconded Cllr Lawton all in favour:
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| Petty Cash Imprest | £17.33 | £17.33 |
| Print Out Stationery (on 30 day account) | £14 + VAT £2.45 | £16.45 |
| Baseline Promotions Skateboard & BMX facility 2.5.04 (Youth Committee budget payment as already agreed) | £600 | £600 |
| + VAT £105 (to be split on formula with HPC) | | £705.00 |
- 213.5 Clerk to draft Financial Regulations to cover payment of outstanding accounts for future agendas.

14 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION, PROPOSED BY CLLR PAYNE THAT "Impington Parish Council wish to pay travelling expenses, previously paid under the provisions of section 174 of the Local Government Act 1972, to be paid from 20th February 2004, under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, which derive from the Local Government Act 2000."

- 214 Seconded Cllr Abdullah, all in favour and therefore carried.

15 PARISH OFFICE ALTERNATIVES

- 215 Chairman reported that due to their rules, Football Foundation wished to know prior to the grant application for the pavilion at Recreation Ground whether Parish office to be included in plans. Development Group therefore

required an indication from the Parish Councils on whether to include it, by beginning of March. Cllrs Davies and Lawton advised Council of the current position with the Development Group, detailed plans to be available for

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circulation to all Parish Councillors within the next 2 weeks. Cllr Abdullah up-dated Council on the situation with Millennium Halls Limited who still intended to offer Parish office space as part of their proposals. Other alternatives were discussed. Following long discussion on rentals opposed to purchase; preferred position within the central areas of villages; joint office or single; Histon PC's discussions at January meeting; future extension to any pavilion; absence of any specific budget, agreed a process was required. Agreed to set up Working Party, comprising Cllrs Teague, Lawton and Withers to make enquiries and produce costings, list of advantages and disadvantages of each possibility, and recommendations. Agenda item February. Some Cllrs felt the planned workshop on Ways of Working Together may have assisted this process.

Working Party

16 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that “Council and its Committees, The Council, and all its Committees, will produce a medium term plan (a “3 year plan”). Committees and groups that the Council funds will be encouraged to prepare such plans and report them” Proposed Cllr Payne

216 Deferred to February agenda

17 RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

217.1 Circulating file available on request: Histon Parish Council minutes and various magazines/leaflets

217.2 CALC Agendas, minutes, papers and course details

217.3 Audit Commission survey on District Council for views

217.4 Stop Stansted Expansion up-date

217.5 Ladybird Play & Toddler Group. Letter requesting assistance with move of premises

217.6 SCDC Funding Toolkit, held on file

217.7 CCC Budget details for 2004 – 2005

18 OTHER MATTERS

218.1 (a) Highways & Traffic

i) Notes 8 January 2004 copied for all and accepted. Bus Service 110 was not intended for re-tender by CCC. Parish Councils had written objecting. JFMIS letter received advising Impington PC's bid had not been successful

ii) Guided Bus Scheme Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Lawton, 7 in favour, 1 abstention, that Council resolves as follows: ‘to take a robust line in objecting, where appropriate, to the whole scheme (or elements thereof), both in written representation and, if relevant, in appearing at anticipated Public Inquiry; to negotiate amendments to the scheme, should it proceed, to ameliorate the impact of the scheme on individuals and the community as a whole; to support individuals affected and assist them, within the limits of the Councils powers, in gaining the maximum compensation for any losses that may arise’. Discussion on the information available to date followed. It was hoped HT & T Committee members would report back to Council before putting in a submission, if time allowed.

iii) Traffic Issues Milton Rd Cty Cllr Gooden continued to press Phil Sharp for action on weight limit. Agreed Chairman to speak to residents regarding preparing a petition to present to the South Cambs Area Joint Committee. Cty Cllr Gooden agreed he would support this and speak to residents as necessary regarding process. ***DWP/PDG***

218.2 (b) Youth Advisory Body

Notes of meetings held 1 December and 5 January copied to all.

Youth Shelter was now erected in Histon and was being used.

Youth Club Police called to recent session following a disturbance. Committee in contact with youth club leader.

Youth Event 5/04 A mobile skate event and climbing wall were to be arranged, with SCDC paying 50% of costs ‘No Voice No Choice’ Local Democracy Project had been included in precept figures, a scheme enabling young people to put forward suggestions for projects, e.g. subsidised swimming, late night buses, with £10,000 being made available by the 2 Parish Councils (£4,000) and SCDC (£6,000) for schemes.

Committee yet to meet Geoff Redhead. Bids for development of skate club being made.

218.3 (c) Crime and Disorder

a) Community Safety. Deferred to March meeting

b) Bicycle Thefts. Paper explaining scheme copied for all. Events to mark cycles free of charge and proposal to maintain database. From a total of 291 cycles stolen in the city during a given period, 60 were stolen from Histon & Impington residents. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Lawton, all in favour, to provide £100 towards the scheme, noting a further £100 was in Precept budgets for year 2004-2005.

LGovt Rating Act 1997 (Crime & Disorder)

19 DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

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219 Next meeting Monday 16 February 2004 at St Andrew's Church, Burgoynes Rd, Impington, commencing 7.30 p.m.
Meeting closed 10.30 p.m.