

Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Notes of Meeting, Tuesday 15th March 2005 8 p.m.

held at Parish Offices, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllrs P J Nudds (Chairman), D W Payne, T W Silk, G B Waters

Clerk: Mrs A Young

Pages: 2

Action By Clerk/Cllrs:

1. Apologies

Cllr Starling (illness)

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Starling wished to stand down as Chairman. All agreed Cllr Nudds to Chair the meeting with Chairman for the year to be elected at next meeting **AGM**

3. Matters Arising from meeting 7 September 2004

Mapboard had been relocated

5 year plan Next agenda to show new year 5 and discuss and formalise plans for

Milton Road bus shelter

Next agenda

Bulb Planting had been completed. TS and GW to photograph areas. Problems seen with parking by contractors reported

TWS/GBW

Unwins Tree GW to check tree for bud in next month and report back to clerk

GBW

Saplings New Road Mr Smith had dealt with removal

4. Review of Dog Bins and Litter Bins

Clarified budget of £450 in next year's precept for seats, notice boards, and litter bins. Dog budget NIL (plus any carried forwards yet to be identified). Council litter bins opposite war memorial, at Coppice, Dole and 2 in New Road. Dog bins 2 at Coppice, 2 at Homefield Park (Rec Committee) and Mill Lane. Phone call from resident suggested further litter bins for The Dole. Letter on behalf of Homefield Close/Hereward Residents Association requested additional litter bins and dog bins. Kings Meadow resident had contacted council regarding dog bin located White Rose Walk which she wished relocated. PJN reported improvements in litter in Burgoyne's Rd /Clay Close Lane following additional bins at IVC. Agreed:

- PN and DP to attend Hereward/Homefield Residents Association meeting to discuss request, together with additional lighting, noticeboard/street number signs/Council surgeries **PJN/DWP**
- Clerk to contact SCDC Environmental Health re non-emptying of dog bins at Kings Meadow. Review again next agenda **Next agenda**

5. Walkabout with County Council 2005

Agreed PN organise audit of previous list. Clerk to forward outstanding items to David Gilkes, CCC. New walkabout scheduled Sept /Oct 2005. Noted land at Birdcage Walk now purchased by resident, GW to check on current state of ditch South Road, now sold as part of Cadburys Schweppes portfolio sale. **PJN/Clerk**

6. Grass Cutting Contract

4 quotes considered, discounting 2 quotes SP Landscapes and Sid Bibby, due to cost. Committee felt references necessary on Buchans before informed decision made between Herald Contract Services and Buchans. Full Council agenda item Monday 21 March 2005 for final decision. Chairman reminded Committee they were not bound to accept lowest price but had a duty to justify and obtain "best value"

7. Tree Works at The Copse

2 of 3 companies approached had quoted for identified work. Proposed Cllr Payne, sec Cllr Silk that the quote from Acacia Tree Surgery to be accepted, to exclude

work on ivy management to trees owned by HFC Holdings Co and foliage line along New Rd. This amounted to a £2,134 order. Noted budget would need to be carried forward from current year, as set out in Precept figures. Agreed to request a quote from Site & Maintenance Services for foliage work (brambles and hedging) together with a separate quote for similar work along Cambridge Rd/Coppice footpath, noting work may be to lesser spec than provided by Acacia TS and Eastern Landscape

8. **Clay Close Lane**

Cllr Nudds confirmed owners of land at Clay Close Lane and therefore responsible for the ditch at that site had been identified. Names and details to be provided to David Gilkes for action on clearance. Cllrs concerned about 2 new drains into ditch next to Council's amenity area as a result of traffic calming works. Arrangements for clearance of parish council maintained section of ditch on next agenda **Next agenda**

9. **Apple Orchard**

No up-date to hand

10. **Correspondence Received**

Cambs County Council – Lost Highways Project details to be forwarded to Village Society. Countryside Services Team Annual report 2004 available on file Parish Paths Partnerships details held on file defra "Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill" details held on file. It was understood PCSOs may be appointed as Parish Council wardens to undertake new powers in issuing fixed penalty notices CCC Improving Countryside Access consultation deadline date 9.5.05 on Rights of Way Improvement Plan and access to the Cambridgeshire Countryside. Cambs ACRE details of Village of the Year 2005 competition. Histon Library held an oak noticeboard, possibly funded by the Parish Councils in the 1970s. Clerk to inspect to see if any use could be found for the noticeboard Various leaflets regarding play areas held on file, ROSPA inspection due April 2005 Brownies had asked if any areas could be found to plant 24 trees for an award scheme. Cllr Nudds to contact the Group re land at Clay Close Lane. No other suitable site identified Youth Group at Baptist Church had offered to help with community projects. Agreed to suggest contact with Queenie Davies (litter pick co-ordinator).

Discussion on communication with residents followed. Many offers of help were coming forward and Cllr Payne continued to press for subscribers to free e-mail service giving up-dates on parish council and other activity in the villages.

11. **Any Other Business**

Coton Countryside Reserve Project Manager had offered to give a half day session to the Committee regarding management plans for larger areas of open spaces. Chairman to contact Mr Gohler if required at end of summer

The Coppice The Parish Councils litter picker continued to have problems with fly tipping in woodland and an elderly resident had been identified from paperwork in dumped rubbish. GW to ask Village Warden for advice on contact with resident

Parking on verges, particularly New Road DG to be asked for advice on wording for notes to be placed on windscreens

Orange Netting The Coppice Clerk to check deeds to see if land being planted was Parish Council land and to organise removal of unsightly netting in place now for several months

No Entry Sign Lone Tree Avenue triangle DG to be advised covered with green and cannot read

Slabs at base of village sign Mr Smith to be asked to clean in between slabs and scrape off grass with a shovel

Hedge outside Bishops DIY and flats growing across path. Clerk to contact DG

Meeting closed 10 p.m. Next meeting 12 July 2005