

# Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Notes of Meeting, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 8.45 p.m.

held at Parish Offices, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllrs P J Nudds (Chairman), T W Silk, D A Starling

Clerk: Mrs A Young

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**Action By Clerk/Cllrs:**

## 1. Apologies

Cllr Payne (personal) Cllr Waters (personal)

## 2. Matters Arising from meeting 13 July 2005

Bee Orchids Grass had still not been cut. Clerk to ask HCS to deal. Cllr Nudds then to organise working party to clear cuttings.

**Clerk/PJN**

Maintenance and Management of wooded areas Cllrs to meet with John Hellingsworth 23 September to discuss.

**PJN/DAS/GBW**

Susannah O'Hanlon Nothing yet heard. Cllr Nudds to contact SO'H to chase.

**PJN**

Walkabout Copy deeds for the Coppice to be provided for inspection on site. Cllr Nudds undertook to walk route and provide final version for walk 4 October 8.30 a.m. PCSO Page and WPC Carrington to attend part of the walkabout as part of a regular environment walkabout for the police

**PJN/DAS/TWS/GBW**

Grass Cutting Contract HCS to be asked to call and sign contract finalised by Cllr Nudds following input. All agreed Cllr Nudds to take on direct liaison with HCS in future on the contract. HCS had written explaining employment difficulties faced recently and hopes for a good relationship in future. Noted the HCS invoice recently disputed was now to be paid

**PJN**

Homefield/Hereward Close Residents meeting Cllr Nudds reported work had been undertaken by SCDC in the housing estate, with further work outstanding with Pat Daniels. Cllr Nudds continued to liaise with Tony Hull regarding street lamp column work. Recreation Ground Committee to be asked to deal with an elder growing from Homefield Park into a street light

Doctors Close Chivers Farms Limited confirmed agreement in principle to a change of use.

## 3. Review of Dog Bins and Litter Bins

Agreed to make some provision for budget in next year's precept in case of need

## 4. Quotes for Cutting Back in Play Areas

Quotes received from HCS and S&MS. Agreed to approach both for a quote to incorporate cutting back overgrowth along The Copse boundary from beyond Histon Football Club Holdings gate to Notice Board. Cllrs Nudds and Silk to put in markers to area to be cut back. Separate quote to be sought for cutting back along Cambridge Road footpath and down Burroughfield. Cllrs Nudds and Silk to provide all specifications

**PJN/TWS**

Cllr Nudds was thanked for work cutting back brambles in Cambridge Road

Strimmer The Committee discussed whether a Council-owned strimmer may be useful for Mr Smith to carry out small jobs in the parish

## 5. 5 Year Plan

Cllrs Nudds and Waters had inspected the bus shelter in Milton Road and although needing attention was not considered dangerous. All AGREED to put in Year 2 to remove the shelter (up to £750). Year 3 to include possible replacement although all present felt this was not a necessity.

Bus Shelter cleans Station Road and New Road. AGREED this to continue until further notice, currently carried out bi-monthly at £31 and representing good value.

## 6. Clay Close Lane

No progress with CCC/Chivers Farms on ditch clearance. Cllr Nudds to discuss with CCL residents. The residents had approached David Brace regarding damage in Clay Close Lane by heavy vehicles **PJN**

## 7. The Coppice – up-date

Letter received from family of residents recently confused about disposal methods. Resident of The Coppice had concerns about deterioration at the Coppice area. Cllr Nudds to visit resident **PJN**

## 8. Bulb Planting

Following discussion about possible use of crocus/cowslips in future years, agreed to purchase 4 bags assorted daffodils from Peter Graves. Areas to be planted this year: **Clerk**

- Milton Road, gateway entrance
- Outside Church (re-seeding work required by contractor following wall restoration)
- Mill Lane in front of D & T Holmes
- Chequers Road, going north
- Coppice Entrance

Work to be scheduled, by volunteers, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week October, 1<sup>st</sup> week November

## 9. Correspondence

PCSO Page had concerns over graffiti at The Coppice. Add to walkabout list **PJN**

Cambs Rural Forum Stakeholder event 20 September. Invitation

CCC Cambs Environment Report 2005 details held on file

Weedkilling/sweeping of traffic islands Exchange between PC Chairman, Dist Cllr Chatfield and SCDC Street Cleansing Department held on file

CCC RECAP waste consultation event details 21 and 29 September

Father of resident of Impington suffering from debilitating illness had requested help with garden work. Details to be provided to youth group

## 10. Any Other Business

Next meeting 28 November 2005.

Meeting closed 10.10 p.m.