

Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Notes of Meeting, Monday 5th June 2006 7.30 p.m.

held at Parish Offices, New Road, Impington

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

Clerk: Mrs A Young

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Action By Clerk/Cllrs:

1. Election of Chairman

Prop Cllr Payne, sec Cllr Abdullah, all in favour Cllr Nudds be elected Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Abdullah was welcomed to the Committee

2. Matters Arising from meeting 27 March 2006

Black Gold Project Cllr Nudds reported on several visits to Impington by Matt Vernon

Clay Close Lane ditch Confirmation of cost and dates awaited from Caroline Chivers.

Clerk

Flytipping at The Coppice Residents and Cllrs had voiced concern. Agreed to ask Mobile Warden to offer service

GBW

Walkabout Route up-date

Cllr Nudds up-dated:

- New Road – new yellow paint and widened corner
- Potholes dealt with The Coppice, Hereward Close, Mill Lane
- Pavement repaired Hereward Close

Agreed to contact David Gilkes regarding overhanging tree near flats Cambridge Road

Clerk

Bus shelter clean Next agenda, to consider whether to change to R Hovells steam clean

Open Topped Skips Robert Roweth advised full details required including firms name and registration no to take any action

Verge Parking Had been covered at Neighbourhood meeting. Police indicated byelaws would help. Agreed to hold a Bylaws “Task Evening” to discuss drawing up new byelaws for Impington only, the existing ones being jointly with Histon Parish Council. To cover problems with trespassing also.

3. Home Zones

Cllr Nudds outlined previous discussions and thoughts and highlighted some aspects of Home Zoning. Team Building Company had approached Council regarding general projects in the village. Cllr Nudds had put forward 3 a) New Road (landscaping) b) Coppice (paved area along B1049) c) Homefield/Hereward (gardens) for consideration. Further contact awaited

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4. 5 Year Plan

No feedback received. Agreed to use current plan. Clerk to check current year against budget headings and add in ideas as discussed at Committee. No contact with Mr Moore regarding orchard. Cllr Nudds to visit Caxton to view maze

Clerk/PJN

5. Chairman / Clerk's Report

Committee reviewed file of e-mails

Cllr Nudds reported on:

- Dog bags provided by City Council. District Council did not provide
- Various discussions with David Gilkes on overhanging trees and highways responsibilities. Suggested that he be asked for a marked up map
- Copse boundary to be re-marked 9 June

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Clerk reported coronation seat in Cambridge Road had been removed, decay had set in, not repairable

6. Herald Contract Services Grass Cutting Contract

Maps/contract now ready for collection. Cllrs Nudds and Silk reported services currently unreliable, several areas being missed recently and daffodils cut down too early. Cllr Nudds had photographs of damage to verge

2 June by Motorway Maintenance lorries in Clay Close Lane which would make cutting difficult for Herald.
To be provided to David Gilkes and Robert Roweth, CCC

PJN

7. Correspondence

ROSPA report received. Play Area in South Road. To be copied to Playground Inspectors for further comment

HAS/TWS

Homefield Close Residents Group Cllr Nudds had attended 19 April and reported

SCDC Trade Refuse – Duty of Care Form to complete

Clerk

Resident of Doctors Close wrote regarding recent clearance work on footpath on Burgoyne's Road at end of Doctors Close. Thanks to Environment Group for work carried out but concerned the footpath would become overgrown. Agreed to write confirming Parish Council would continue to cut back their own part of the hedge, with other areas responsibility of Chivers Farms

The Copse Cllr Nudds reported a recent problem with scrambling bikes in The Copse. Byelaws to be investigated. Cllr Nudds raised problems of access for landrover carrying chippings or tree surgery equipment. Clerk to ask Site & Maintenance if existing barriers could be hinged for access. Cllr Nudds confirmed hedge at the Copse to be planted up in the Autumn

Clerk

Litter Pickers and Environment Group Resident of Histon had approached Impington PC re Health & Safety issues for volunteer litter pickers over B1049. Mark Lawton to contact resident to discuss and look at an assessment. Full discussion on possible actions and care taken by Environment Group run by Cllr Nudds and insurance held via National Trust following informal risk assessment on their work. Agreed to wait for report from Mark Lawton and if appropriate to order hi-viz vests for stock and further litter pickers (up to 10) as stock running low. Bags had recently been ordered from SCDC

Agreed Cllr Nudds to put in expenses claim to cover petrol/2 stroke oil and associated expenses for volunteers. First Aid kit discussed

8. Any Other Business

Feast Market Cllr Nudds to prepare display on Environment Working Party. Cllr Abdullah to arrange for photos of Litter Picking volunteer group

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Next meeting 12 September 2006 –
Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

post meeting note: **since changed to 14 September**