

Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 14th September 2006 7.30 p.m.

held at The Parish Office, New Road, Impington

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

Clerk: Mrs A Young

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Action By Clerk/Cllrs:

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Members Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nudds – Personal Item 9 – Clay Close Lane quotes for tree works (resident)

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes 5 June 2006

All agreed to sign

4. Matters arising from minutes 5 June 2006

Clay Close Lane ditch No date from Caroline Chivers

Walkabout All Cllrs to advise Clerk of any matters for walkabout list. Cllr Nudds to draw up list of outstanding matters from 2005. Date to be set in October **All Cllrs / PJN**

Verge Parking Cllrs Nudds and Payne had held discussions on Byelaws for north of A14 and continued to investigate formal process. Clerk to ask HPC at Legal & Property meeting 27 September if new joint set should be considered. Byelaws model did not cover Burial Grounds not allotments. Clerk to purchase ABA guide for Burial Grounds at £25 **Clerk**

Home Zones No further report

Hilton Maze Cllr Nudds had visited. To be considered in future plans

Dog Bags Dist Cllr Chatfield had written to SCDC

Herald Contract Services Letter offering 20% discount on winter period works. Volunteer party working on project for Church verge. HCS had been asked to recommence cuts

ROSPA Cllrs Abdullah and Silk reported. Items raised had been considered and agreed football posts safe; all fencing satisfactory; branch on eastern boundary required lopping (Volunteer group to deal) Cllrs Abdullah and Silk had discussed possible siting of skatepark

Copse No cheque received Histon FC Holdings Co. Agreed to write again. Barrier now hinged for better access **Clerk**

Environment Group and Litter Pickers Possible sponsor for Hi Viz vests identified. 10 litter pickers purchased. Cllr Nudds still to enter expenses claim. Cllr Nudds to identify first aid kit **PJN**

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Nudds reported verbally:

Public Art ideas for introduction, funding possibilities. All in support, cost dependent

Environmental Plan ideas for policy on recycling, carbon footprint, contractor choice. All in support. Item on Forward Planning 18 September Full Council included such a plan

Bulbs Agreed to purchase 5 sacks mixed daffodils from Peter Graves, for planting at end October onwards **Clerk**

6. Health & Safety and Risk Assessments

Report from Cllrs Abdullah and Lawton provided to Finance Committee. Assessment Nos 3,5,6 and 7 referred to Environment Committee. Noted Lone Worker recommendation for regular phoning system, training requirements e.g. use of ladders/steps. Book to be raised to record checks by staff and Councillors (e.g. condition of fences, seats, bins) **Clerk**

7. Budgets and Forward Planning

5 year plan to be up-dated. Tree works likely to be costly and virement required. Following discussion on possible actions, agreed to move removal of bus shelter in Milton Road (and possible replacement) to year 3 and bus shelter for Cambridge Road to Year 2. This year quote for securely fixing loose panel and wood preserve. Also agreed to purchase post mounted dog bin (to £200) for Clay Close Lane following discussion with SCDC Dog Warden, and new litter bin (to £200) for Cambridge Road bus stop opposite Highfield Rd. Cllr Nudds and Clerk to prepare new 5 year plan accordingly **Clerk / PJJ**

8. Coppice Issues

Letter from resident thanking Volunteer Group for work and efforts on footpaths and hedges. Cllr Nudds reported group would look at removing fallen post, Report from Forest Research on horse chestnut leafmining moth received. Discussion on possible inclusion in newsletter

9. Tree Quotes

Quotes not yet to hand for Coppice and Copse Agreed SCDC to be asked for Trees & Landscape Officer to meet Cllr Nudds and Waters to discuss survey **PJJ / GBW**
Cllr Nudds declared personal interest Clay Close Lane. Quotations received based on work identified by Acacia Tree Surgery on request:

- Acacia Tree Surgery £945
- Town & Country £760
- Eastern Landscapes £1,070

Following full discussion and noting previous quality of work by ATS, prop Cllr Nudds, sec Cllr Waters, all in favour and agreed to recommend to Full Council acceptance of ATS quote. Agreed Terms of Reference to be prepared to enable Committees to spend up to their budgets within each heading in future

10. Replacement Seat Up-date

Not all Cllrs had accepted design supplied by Site & Maintenance for bespoke metal seat for Crescent/Villa Road junction. Discussion on environmentally friendly materials available. Agreed a seat to be identified by Clerk and referred to Full Council 18 September for immediate order. Arm rests required. Noted budget for seats and notice boards £260 with £25 spent. Virement required, from bus shelters/stops (£3,470 - £93 spent) **Clerk**

11. Bus Shelter Clean

Deferred to next agenda **Next agenda**

12. Village Sign Condition

All Cllrs had inspected sign and noted poor condition. £535 paid following work carried out in 2002. Cllr Nudds had investigated:

- 1 New signwriting by pub signwriter
- 2 Laser cut metal with Perspex stained glass effect
- 3 wrought iron and metal tree "sculpture"
- 4 wood carving
- 5 art form by special needs students

Grant funding available (public art). Siting discussed and possibility of other smaller logo's signs around the village. Cllr Nudds to continue investigations, especially 1 and 2. Area surrounding village sign also requires work on tidying **PJJ**

13. Any Other Business

Letter from resident requesting an “English Heritage Blue Plaque” near to site of Impington Hall. All present enthusiastic. Next agenda **Next agenda**

Terms of Reference Cllr Payne to draw up for next agenda **DWP**

Notice Board New Road (outside recreation ground) Agreed to request quote for painting

War Memorial Histon PC meeting grass contractor to request re-turfing on boundary B1049

Weed Growth Cllr Nudds to contact David Gilkes to discuss weedkill. SCDC to be asked for facts on SCDC Road Sweeping Programme **PJN**

Neighbourhood Clearance Discussion on possible local initiative

Date of next meeting

29th November 2006 .

Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.