

Impington Parish Council Environment Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 1st March 2007 7.30 p.m.

held at The Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllrs P J Nudds (Chairman), H S Abdullah, G B Waters
Clerk: Mrs A Young

Pages: 3

Action By Clerk/Cllrs:

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Payne (CALC meeting)

2. Members Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes 22 November 2006

Accepted by Full Council. Chairman signed as true record

4. Matters arising from minutes 22 November 2006

Clay Close Lane ditch Still no date. Cllr Nudds to contact Caroline Chivers **PJN**
Hi Viz equipment and First Aid Purchased. Tweezers yet to be purchased. Cllr Nudds to provide details of expenses claim outstanding **PJN**
SCDC Trees & Landscape Officer Cllr Nudds to re-arrange meeting **PJN**
Seat, Cambridge Road/Villa Rd now fixed. Plaque to be re-fitted
Notice Board outside Recreation Ground Clerk arranging to re-locate to entrance, Site & Maintenance to move. Paving slabs then to be laid by agreement with Matt Pickering
Capital Grants Cllr Abdullah had responded
Assets and Equipment Lists yet to be reviewed
Homefield Park No management plan. Meeting being arranged for interested parties
Professional Services Cllr Nudds expressed disappointment that amount of £500 removed from budgets in precepting process. Noted if services required may require virement from other headings
Grass Cutting Cllr Nudds to meet Herald Contract Services for pre-season talks 9 March. Agreed to confirm plan for Clay Close Lane pathway layout with HCS for a further year **PJN**
Budgets Review next agenda **Next agenda**
Tree Works Coppice/Copse. Cllr Nudds to meet Acacia to discuss discrepancies noted **PJN**
Burial Ground Tree Works delays noted. Work now to take place 13 March
“Countryside Access Provision for Northstowe” General up-date, still no detail
Village Trails on website. Cllr Payne had put up and Village Society comment sought

5. Terms of Reference

Deferred to next meeting

Next meeting

6. Suggested Invitation for Co-Option

Prop Cllr Waters, sec Cllr Abdullah to invite Trevor Silk to be co-opted onto Committee as a resident. Noted quorum unaffected. Agreed Committee could continue with 4 Councillors and not to seek new Council member at this stage

7. Bus Shelter Cleans – Proposal for new Contractor

Mr Roper had left area. All agreed to ask Roger Hovells to clean 2 shelters using steam method employed previously for the Council, at £35 per visit, quarterly

8. Tree Works

Up-date All works now on order, under discussion, or complete
Horse Chestnut Coppice (adj lamp column 614) Acacia had identified disease, as suspected by Cllrs Nudds and Waters, and on list for clarification with Acacia at meeting due 9 March. Quote provided, agreed to obtain a second opinion (Cllr Nudds to refer to SCDC Trees & Landscape Officer). Then to ask second contractor for advice on what should be done and quote for the job **PJN / Clerk**

9. The Coppice – Use of Short Cut 6 The Coppice / Land at 20 The Coppice

6 The Coppice Deferred from last meeting. Noted new closed board fencing erected. Agreed to respond advising Committee did not feel able to re-route the path at this time

20 The Coppice request for transfer of land to facilitate planning application. Agreed to ask for a sketch plan of areas in question and arrange site meeting to discuss. Deeds for Coppice land to be copied for information of all Environment Committee members

10. Environment Plan and Mission Statement

Brainstorming event had not taken place. Cllr Nudds copied all with plan devised using guidelines from Envirowise (Appx 1) who would carry out audit free of charge. Discussion on use of Parish Plan; Village Design Statement in planning process. Cllr Nudds outlined interest from Sustainable Girton group; enthusiasm from HICCA; use of targets and goals; recycling issues. All agreed to take statement to Full Council March for recommendation and acceptance and continue to work on ideas for accompanying tables. If accepted, Environment Plan and Mission Statement to be agenda item each Committee meeting to note achievements. Suggestion for newsletter item for Spring edition.

11. Chairman's Report

Cllr Nudds reported verbally

Meeting with Matt Pickering, CCC Cllr Nudds reported on meetings covering highways issues including verge re-instatement and new installation of gully in Cambridge Road; drain clearance at Pepys Terrace

Enviro Group Hedgerow Planting and other projects Work had taken place in Homefield Park; Clay Close Lane; Guns Lane (Histon); Copse and allotment hedge. Professional advice received and followed from SCDC on hedgerow plating (spend of £75 confirmed). Funding requested from Feast Committee

CCC Footway Works B1049 Correspondence between CCC and resident of Coppice reviewed following recent work, felt to be poor quality. Cllr Nudds had requested white lines be re-instated (PC boundary)

Traffic Calming Bollard Design Cllr Nudds had been working with Cllr D Payne and HPCllr Max Parish in liaising with CCC on possible design improvement following recent collision incidents, near to Kay Hitch Way and Cambridge Rd. Suggested a meeting be arranged with David Brace's department and County Councillors to work towards a sensible conclusion. Resident of Cambridge Road (41) had requested bollards in verge outside property to prevent verge damage. All agreed not to support this

Dog Bin Siting List received showing all dog and litter bins in Impington emptied by SCDC. Agreed to now order 35 Retriever for Clay Close Lane in green. Residents had offered to site in most appropriate place

Request received for litter bin at bus stop outside Whaling Commission in Station Road. Agreed to measure for size and take possible design to next available Full Council meeting/Committee for decision

Guided Bus Reclamation Items Cllr Nudds reported on meetings with CCC and requests for items to use locally. Wildlife Trust advising on outline plans for a wildlife haven

Maps Agreed to ask SCDC for electronic copy of map showing Conservation Areas in Map Info Format

Donarbon site proposals. Cllr Nudds outlined proposals for new treatment centre

12. Village Sign Proposals

Full information not yet to hand. Agreed to take options to Full Council 19 March if information received by then, if not defer. Discussion on siting options

13. Byelaws

Deferred to next meeting

Next meeting

14. Correspondence

Graffiti removal Lists sent regularly to PCSO Lee Page. New site at D&T Holmes Mill Lane identified.

Recap Waste Consultation details

Milton Country Park view of SCDC Leader to be forwarded to all Councillors for information

Countryside Access Issues Noted

Histon Football Club meeting due 1 March with Recreation Ground representatives cancelled. Cllr Nudds to contact Gareth Baldwin to discuss items affecting Impington PC informally and report back
PJN

Date of next meeting

7th June 2007

Meeting closed at 10 p.m.