

**Draft Minutes of the Ipsden Parish Council meeting held at Ipsden Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 19 March at 6.00pm**

1	<p>Present: Members: Mr Nick Miller (Chair) – NM, Mr John Jeffery – JJ, Mrs Wendy Clark – WC, Mrs Heather Llewellyn - HL Clerk: Mrs Amanda McCrea – AM OCC: Cllr Mark Gray – MG SODC: Cllr David Nimmo-Smith - DNS Public: Mr David Coldwell - DC, Mrs Sheena Coldwell</p>	Action
2	<p>Apologies: None</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting of 5 February 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.</p>	
4	<p>OCC Report: A4074: Cllr Gray reported that he has been speaking to traffic officers at OCC about the A4074 safety issues and has resolved to push for more to be done to help Ipsden in their quest for a safer stretch of this road as it passes the village. It was felt that many of the accidents which occur here are not reported and consequently, traffic officers are unaware of the full extent of the problem. The recent serious accident was discussed which, whilst there were happily no fatalities, has highlighted once again the need for safety measures to protect drivers exiting the village and on to the highway. Cllr Gray promised to arrange a meeting between the appropriate OCC staff and IPC members to discuss.</p> <p>Council Tax: there has been a 3% rise in council tax due to increased demands on services namely, children's care and elderly services.</p> <p>Street lighting: new street lights are to be installed throughout the county due to deterioration of existing lighting. The new lights will be LED, which uses less electricity, and will have paid for themselves within 7 years.</p> <p>SODC Report: Council Tax: Cllr Nimmo-Smith reported that the district council has increased council tax by 4% approx which is about £5 per band D household per year.</p> <p>Planning: The Local Plan is at the final consultation stage but this will not affect Ipsden since it is a rural area in an AONB. Major growth will be to the north of the district where economic growth is centred thereby ensuring maintenance of the district's rural areas of outstanding natural beauty.</p> <p>Planning Enforcement is recognised as an issue therefore SODC have recruited another enforcement officer to facilitate non-infringement of planning regulations.</p> <p>Parking: The question of lack of parking in Wallingford was raised. SODC are aware of this issue however their policy is to try to wean people off driving their cars by using public transport or walking.</p> <p>Recycling: South Oxfordshire is one of best districts in the county and Oxfordshire is the best county in the country with regard to recycling. However, the reduction of waste in the first place is a still more important end to achieve.</p>	MG
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>5.1 A4074: Clerk reported that OCC Traffic Management have not agreed to the white gate legend suggested by IPC. Since Cllr Gray is going to arrange a meeting to discuss the entire safety issue, it was agreed to postpone go-ahead of any of the intended safety measures until after this meeting.</p> <p>5.2 Playground: Mr Coldwell reported that overhanging beams on the climbing frame had been removed and that he plans to install the agreed protective barrier at the base of the unit within the next few weeks.</p> <p>5.3 County Councillor's Priority Fund: Clerk referred to the application submitted for CPF grant funding in order to help with purchase of the proposed VAS for the A4074 and reminded members that the promised second tranche (£1000) would be forthcoming during the 2019-20 financial year.</p> <p>5.4 District Councillor's Community Grant: Clerk referred to the application seeking a contribution to the purchase of white gates for the A4074 and reminded IPC members that the first half of the funding had been received and that the second half would be paid on completion of the work.</p> <p>Clerk had submitted a further grant application to Cllr Charles Bailey but nothing has yet been forthcoming.</p> <p>5.5 Ditch Maintenance: JJ reported that clearing of the ditch at Drunken Bottom has now been completed.</p>	DC OCC SODC SODC

<p>5.6 5.6i 5.6ii 5.6iii</p>	<p>Correspondence: A query has been received from the Countryside Records Officer with regard to whether a way between Hailey Village Street and Well Place road is an ancient public bridleway and should be recorded on the Definitive map as such. Mr Vaughan Williams has provided some useful information to the contrary which will be forwarded to the Records Officer.</p> <p>A joint letter from the PCC and Ipsden Church Friends has been received reporting progress on their project to install a disabled access wc in Ipsden church. The reason for the letter is to request an extension to IPC's promise of a £1000 donation to this project which was originally made on the proviso that that the work is completed within a year of the offer. IPC members agreed that it was reassuring to see evidence that preparatory works are underway and that they would be happy to reconsider the offer, within six months, once the PCC have contracted a building firm to carry out the work. Clerk to respond accordingly.</p> <p>IPC have received an email from Mr Vaughan Williams querying the cost of the intended A4074 safety measures as well as the necessity for such an initiative.</p> <p>The clerk summarised once again that having successfully obtained grant-funding for the majority of the work, the final cost to the parish council would be £3821 and that £2000 of this has already been covered by the last two years' precepts leaving a final figure of £1821 which will be drawn from reserves.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that a petition amassing 303 signatures was gathered in the summer of 2016 illustrating the strength of feeling within the local community that traffic calming measures on this stretch of road were of the utmost importance.</p> <p>The Chair will respond to Mr William's email.</p>	<p>AM AM NM</p>														
<p>6 6.1</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Payments for approval: Clerk reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="185 1014 928 1111"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Litter picking – February 2018</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OALC subscription</td> <td>138.97</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Council members approved payment of the following invoices:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="185 1205 928 1330"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Litter picking – March 2019</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ditch maintenance</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground maintenance</td> <td>146.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The current account balance is £5229.73 as at 19 March 2019 and the deposit account balance is £5583.58.</p>	Item	£	Litter picking – February 2018	40.00	OALC subscription	138.97	Item	£	Litter picking – March 2019	40.00	Ditch maintenance	30.00	Playground maintenance	146.25	
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<p>6.2</p>	<p>Council approved Clerk's invoice for the period 6 February to 19 March 2019 (6 weeks) - £270, website maintenance for Feb/March 2019 (6 hours) - £90 and office service charge for Feb/March 2019 - £40.</p>															
<p>7</p>	<p>Planning: Clerk reported that IPC had submitted an objection for the following application:</p> <p>P19/S0443/FUL – to erect a new steel framed agricultural building at Larkstoke Farm, Church Lane.</p> <p>The objection was on the basis that the existing barn has recently converted to housing, thus evidencing no requirement for a barn. The application for a new barn is likely to give rise to yet another housing conversion request in an agricultural area, outside the village envelope, and in an AONB.</p>															
<p>8</p>	<p>Any Other Business: The forthcoming elections were discussed. IPC members have all agreed to stand for another term. Clerk agreed to distribute the necessary paperwork accordingly.</p>	<p>AM</p>														
<p>9</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Ipsden Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21 May at the later time of 7.30pm in the Ipsden Memorial Hall. The Annual Meeting will also be held on this date.</p>															
	<p>The meeting closed at 18:51.</p>															