

**Minutes of the Ipsden Parish Council meeting held at Ipsden Memorial Hall  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.00 pm**

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1	<b>Present:</b> Members: Nick Miller (Chair) – NM, John Jeffery – JJ, David Coldwell – DC, Heather Llewellyn – HL, Robert Booth – RB, OCC Cllr Felix Bloomfield (part of time) Clerk: Moira Holloway - MH	<b>Action</b>
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Jo Robb, Cllr Lorraine Hillier	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Mrs Llewellyn excused herself from discussions relating to Item 10. Planning - Hill Barn.	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b> The minutes of the previous meeting of 28 July 2021 were approved by council.	
5	<p><b>SODC Report:</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from both Cllr Jo Robb and Cllr Lorraine Hillier.</p> <p>The District Councillor's report of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 refers to the ongoing negotiations with Biffa for the reinstatement of the Brown Bin Collections. Garden waste collections have partially resumed and full details of dates for collections are available at <a href="https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste/">https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste/</a>. Applications are open for Councillor Community Grants. Both Cllrs Robb and Hillier have Councillor Funds of £5000 to spend in the ward and encourage organisations with ideas for projects for which financial support is needed to get in touch.</p> <p><b>OCC Report:</b></p> <p>Mr Miller welcomed Cllr Bloomfield to the meeting and introduced councillors. Cllr Bloomfield was pleased to meet members of the Parish Council and learn more about issues in Ipsden.</p> <p>Following correspondence from Mr Miller Cllr Bloomfield has taken IPC's concerns to OCC Highways Officers regarding the reinstatement of important road safety markings at the A4074 Church Lane junction. Highways have advised that a section of the A4074 including this junction is due for major resurfacing early in the next financial year and that the red stripe and three turn arrows required at the junction will be completed at this time. As mentioned by District Councillor Robb at July's meeting there is an initiative to introduce 20mph zones to village communities throughout Oxfordshire. IPC to provide Cllr Bloomfield with the map indicating sections of road in Ipsden that would benefit from a 20mph speed signage. In the meantime, Cllr Bloomfield asked that he be included in communications to OCC regarding highways matters.</p> <p>Cllr Bloomfield's general report included an update on the current Covid-19 situation in Oxfordshire. Cases in the County are decreasing, but on the rise within the 5-14 years age group as the school term progresses. The message continues to be to take sensible precautions to prevent the risk of infection. Despite rumours, Oakley Wood waste facility is not closing but a consultation has taken place to explore how it might operate in future. Any incidents of fly-tipping should be reported directly to Fix My Street. From 1<sup>st</sup> November, OCC will take over responsibility from the Thames Valley Police for enforcing on street parking restrictions and issuing fines in South Oxfordshire in line with the rest of Oxfordshire. Cllr Bloomfield added that he has a Councillor grant fund of £10,000 available to award to community projects and would be interested to hear of any planned projects in Ipsden.</p> <p>Mr Bloomfield left the meeting at 7.00 pm.</p>	JJ/MH
6	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Playground:</b> Mr Coldwell thanked those who were able to attend the opening ceremony at the village playground for the new roundabout. There had been an incident of graffiti on Covid notices, but this has been removed.</p> <p>Mr Booth presented further details regarding the possibility of providing a small parking area at the lower end of the playground at a net cost of around £4,500. Mr Booth explained that there is still planning permission in place dating for a parking area from 2002 and that provision of parking would make the playground more accessible to people with children who are not within walking distance of the facility. Councillors also discussed the viability of creating a parking area at the top end of the playground and future budget commitments for replacing equipment. Mr Coldwell proposed that the viability of creating a parking area at the top end from a planning perspective be informally tested. Councillors agreed that Mr Booth will investigate the possibility of obtaining planning consent for a parking area at the top end of the playground. Clerk to provide budget projection for remainder of financial year.</p>	RB MH

<p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p> <p>6.6</p> <p>6.7</p> <p>6.8</p>	<p>There was a lengthy discussion and substantial disagreement amongst Councillors regarding the need for onsite playground parking, the location if it was proved that there was a need, the un-planned costs involved and the negative effect on money for playground equipment additions and replacements.</p> <p><b>A4074:</b> Item discussed and included with OCC report at item 5.</p> <p><b>Highways Maintenance:</b></p> <p><b>Passing Places:</b> Mr Miller has approached Mr Jackson regarding the repair of passing places along Well Place Road and Church Lane. Subject to approval of a favourable quote, Mr Jackson has advised that he can commence work in approximately three to four weeks' time.</p> <p>As ever, residents are encouraged to report highway maintenance issues at <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/my">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/my</a></p> <p><b>HRH Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Tree:</b> Following a suggestion for a Memorial to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in the form of a single oak tree, Councillors agreed a donation to a maximum of £150 towards the purchase of the tree. Clerk to advise.</p> <p><b>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:</b> Councillors discussed Oxfordshire's plans for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 over the extended Bank Holiday weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. National events planned for the Jubilee Celebrations, include the lighting of Jubilee Beacons on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors agreed to explore the possibility of a bonfire on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the site of previous village bonfires at Cross Farm, and permission would be sought.</p> <p><b>Braziers Park – Music Festival Noise:</b> Councillors discussed previously circulated correspondence with the Licencing team at SODC and an email received from Braziers Park regarding the excessive noise levels from a music event that had taken place over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August at Braziers Park. SODC advised that one of the conditions of the Premises Licence held by Braziers Park is that residents living nearby should receive a letter in advance of an event, providing contact details of a responsible person available to respond to concerns about excessive noise. Councillors living nearby confirmed that letters had not been received on this occasion. Whilst Braziers Park have advised that the 'All About Love' event will not be repeated, Councillors expressed concern that where the responsibility for control of noise levels lies with a third-party operating under a Temporary Event Notice (TEN), Braziers Park have little control over or responsibility for monitoring noise levels. Clerk to respond to SODC Licencing to advise that Councillors who live close to the event site had not received a letter as per condition 6 of the Premises Licence but to also to investigate the requirements for hosted events held under a TEN to advise nearby residents of contact details of a responsible person at the event.</p> <p><b>Faster Broadband for Ipsden:</b> Mr Booth reported that Openreach and OCC have not supported a scheme for the greater Ipsden area because a lot of the existing cabling is underground, but the original, smaller Well Place project will take place including Urquhart Lane and three properties on Berins Hill. Councillors congratulated Mr Booth on his success on the Well Place project. There is still the possibility that current initiatives such as the DEFRA/OCC scheme to deliver FTTP to agricultural businesses and an OCC funding for similar schemes at community buildings such as village halls, may soon bring fibre to the wider Ipsden area. Mr Booth will continue to keep a watching brief on the situation as constantly changing.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Consultations - Oxfordshire Plan 2050:</b> Clerk advised of reminder regarding the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. Mr Coldwell provided further explanation in that this is the latest stage of the consultation to which IPC have previously submitted a comment regarding the need for the Plan to recognise an increase in traffic flow on major routes, such as the A4074, and that low standard junctions such as Church Lane and The Street, should be improved accordingly. Mr Coldwell to draft a response for submission</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>HL/MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>DC/MH</p>												
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>Payments for approval:</b></p> <p>Council members approved payment of the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="199 1749 943 1921"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Litter picking – August &amp; September</td> <td>160.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog bin emptying – August &amp; September</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr K McCrea - Website Maintenance Aug/Sept</td> <td>90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr D Coldwell – Playground maintenance</td> <td>56.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr H Cassels – Playground Mowing</td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Receipts to the current account ££4,504.50 from SODC in respect of second precept receipt. The reconciled current account balance at 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 is £7143.96. The Business Premium Account received interest of £0.09 with a reconciled balance of £3,601.17 as at 29<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	Item	£	Litter picking – August & September	160.00	Dog bin emptying – August & September	42.00	Mr K McCrea - Website Maintenance Aug/Sept	90.00	Mr D Coldwell – Playground maintenance	56.25	Mr H Cassels – Playground Mowing	24.00	
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7.2	<p><b>Banking – Online and Mandate update:</b></p> <p>Yet again, the Barclays Mandate Change Form has been returned requiring clarification of signatures existing signatures. Due to the continued difficulty in operating the IPC Account with Barclays, Councillors agreed that a new account should be opened with Unity Bank and the balance of the Business Premium Account be transferred to this account in the first instance.</p>	MH
8	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>P21/S22159/JJ – Hedera Rest, Crabtree Corner, Ipsden OX10 6BN.</b> The demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and construction of a new garage with attic room. Approved.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate details of the Planning Decision to Councillors.</p> <p><b>P21/S0077/FUL / P20/0873/FUL Hill Barn, Ipsden OX10 6AD:</b> IPC received a letter and photographs from a resident regarding compliance with planning consent at Hill Barn, specifically relating to the cladding material used and the height of the ridge. Planning Enforcement considered the information provided but concluded there was no breach of planning control occurring and would not be pursuing the matter further.</p>	MH
9	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>Hailey House Hedges:</b> Mrs Llewellyn reported that she had received complaints from residents regarding the Hailey House Hedges. Whilst the hedge has been cut back on the corner to allow visibility at the junction with Cox's Lane, the hedge running alongside the road to leading up to Hailey is very overgrown and encroaches over the verge and into the road leaving no room for pedestrians to move off the road. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the householder requesting that the hedge be attended to before taking further action. Mr Miller to draft a letter.</p>	NM/MH
10	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Ipsden Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm at Ipsden Memorial Hall.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 7.47 pm	

Approved by:

(Chairman)

Date: