

**Draft Minutes of the Ipsden Parish Council meeting held at Ipsden Memorial Hall
on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 6.00pm**

1	<p>Present: Members: Mr Nick Miller - NM (Chair), 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</p>	Action
2	Apologies: None	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting of 10 October 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair.</p>	
4	<p>OCC report: MG reported that the county council are currently discussing infrastructure funding for new housing in light of the £250 million to be given by central government to Oxfordshire County Council over a 5 year period. The National Infrastructure Commission is advising go-ahead of an Oxford to Cambridge expressway which could lead to the building of approximately 1 million new houses.</p> <p>MG also reported that the National Care Commission have stated that the elderly and disabled are receiving better care in Oxfordshire than in any other part of the UK.</p> <p>SODC report: DNS reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Councillors’ Community grant scheme has now ended short of the deadline of 20 December 2017 however DNS agreed to inform IPC as soon as the next one is in the offing, probably next summer. • Local Plan consultation now closed. This will not affect Ipsden being more to do with major growth areas closer to Oxford such as Chalgrove, Culham and Berinsfield. • SODC is to redevelop their old site in Crowmarsh Gifford and plan to move back in 2020. £10 million has been allocated for this redevelopment. • Reading is still pushing for a third bridge which will require £100 million in funding. SODC have suggested a park and ride instead. 	DNS
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>5.1 A4074: A second speed survey has now taken place at the junction of The Street and the A4074 showing that the majority of traffic travels between 46 and 56mph at this location.</p> <p>The exorbitant cost of reducing the speed limit to 50mph was discussed and an alternative, possibly less expensive, suggestion was made to install a second solar-powered, electronic speed sign. The proposed location would be southbound coming down the hill towards the Church Lane junction. This would need to be set to trigger at 50mph in the same way as the existing north bound sign. It would also depict a crossroads icon and the words “slow down”, again as per the north bound sign. In view of the police and OCC’s rejection of double white lines, the advance electronic warning of the impending crossroads should reduce the overtaking danger as well as vehicle speed.</p> <p>MG agreed to put this idea to the Area Steward and Traffic Management team along with the need for speed roundels to be painted on the road surface.</p> <p>MG is also looking into the possibility of getting help from OCC with funding. IPC members expressed their thanks to MG for his ongoing support in this initiative.</p> <p>5.2 Playground: JJ has been monitoring the playground and gave his signed checklist to the clerk. It was agreed to carry out non-urgent maintenance work and purchase a new picnic table in the spring.</p> <p>5.3 Passing place maintenance: No repairs have been undertaken by OCC as had been hoped so it was agreed to give go ahead to Mr Jackson to carry out the repairs in Church Lane and Well Place Road which he had quoted for previously. HL reported that there are bad potholes beyond the pub which she had reported to Fixmystreet but to no avail. MG kindly contacted the Area Steward to ask him to get in touch with HL direct.</p>	MG MG NM

5.4	Oxfordshire Together: Clerk reported that the signed contract has now been returned however the grant funding for verge cutting has not yet been paid. Clerk to chase.	AM																		
5.5	District Councillor's Community Grant: Clerk enquired as to the possibility of obtaining a contribution towards the speed reduction proposals on the A4074. DNS stated that the community grant might be used to fund the installation of white gates on the verges. Since his community grant budget has now been used up for this year, IPC will apply next summer.																			
5.6	Telephone Box: HL offered to clean the phone box, which is now parish council property, and put up useful information regarding local businesses and amenities. JJ offered to put up display units and WC offered to make a sign indicating the location of the defibrillator.	HL JJ WC																		
5.7	Quickset Path: Clerk reported that she had been in contact with OCC's Public Rights of Way Officer who has promised to check up on the path and carry out any necessary work.																			
5.8	Correspondence: None																			
6	Finance:																			
6.1	<p>Payments for approval:</p> <p>Clerk reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Litter picking – October 2017</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recreation ground grass cutting</td> <td>102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground inspection</td> <td>85.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poppy wreath</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Council approved payment of the following invoices:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Litter picking – November 2017</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speed survey</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground maintenance</td> <td>235.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The current account balance is £4649.70 as at 6 December 2017 and the deposit account balance is £5574.26.</p>	Item	£	Litter picking – October 2017	40.00	Recreation ground grass cutting	102.00	Playground inspection	85.20	Poppy wreath	100.00	Item	£	Litter picking – November 2017	40.00	Speed survey	100.00	Playground maintenance	235.00	
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6.2	Council approved Clerk's invoice for the period 10 October to 5 December (8 weeks) - £360, website maintenance (6 hours) - £90 and office service charge for Oct/Nov 2017 - £40.																			
6.3	Budget/Precept: Clerk presented the budget and precept calculation for 2018-19 showing expected total net expenditure of £8530 necessitating a precept of £51.11 per band D household. The budget includes 3 new items which are website maintenance (previously undertaken voluntarily by JJ), an audit review contingency and a new battery for the defibrillator as requested by the village hall committee. The budget was approved by council and the precept request will be submitted to SODC by Friday 12 January 2018.	AM																		
7	Planning: P17/S4059/HH: Nickleby, Crabtree Corner – Demolition of conservatory and erection of new single storey extension to rear. Councillors had no objections to this application.																			
8	Any Other Business: None																			
9	Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Ipsden Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 6.00pm in the Ipsden Memorial Hall.																			
	The meeting closed at 19:12.																			

Approved by:

Date:

(Chairman)