

**Minutes of the Ipsden Parish Council meeting held at Ipsden Memorial Hall
on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 6.30pm**

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1	Present: Members: Nick Miller (Chair) – NM, John Jeffery – JJ, David Coldwell – DC, Heather Llewellyn – HL, Robert Booth – RB, Cllr Jo Robb - JR (part-of time) Clerk: Moira Holloway - MH	Action
2	Apologies: None	
3	Declarations of Interest: None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting of 6 May 2021 were approved by council.	
5	SODC Report: Cllr Jo Robb joined the meeting at 6.58 pm. Cllr Robb's reported on an on an OCC initiative to be launched in the Autumn to introduce 20 mph speed limits to village communities throughout Oxfordshire. Previously, a request for a 20mph speed limit has involved a costly consultation, but this will be a collective invitation to villages across Oxfordshire wanting to reduce vehicle speed in their communities. Whilst there will be no enforcement, research has shown that placement of 20mph signs does help to reduce speed. Cllr Robb will keep IPC updated on the launch and application deadlines. Mr Jeffery to provide Cllr Robb with a map of detailing roads previously identified for a 30mph speed restrictions that were not applied at the time, that would now be appropriate for 20mph signage. Cllr Robb also reported the disappointing decision by the Planning Inspector to overturn SODC's decision to refuse the application for the Little Sparrows luxury retirement homes village within the AONB, on the edge of Sonning Common. SODC are currently reviewing options for a judicial review. On another planning matter, at a recent Full Council meeting, it was agreed to reinstate the pre-pandemic approach to trigger arrangements for referring Minor planning applications for the planning committee to determine where the parish council object and the planning officer is minded to approve the application, with effect from 15 th July 2021. OCC Report: No report given.	JR/JJ
6	Clerk's Report: Clerk gave a verbal report to the meeting including participation in two online seminars hosted by SODC on Assets of Community Value and Climate Change Emergency. Clerk has also undertaken online sessions hosted by OALC; training in the form two three-hour sessions for new clerks and a presentation by Unity Bank on banking for Town and Parish Councils	
7	Matters Arising: 7.1 Playground: 7.1.1 Maintenance: Since the last meeting Mr Coldwell reported that multi-play unit was closed for several days whilst repairs were carried out on the central third of the platform. Mr Coldwell has modified the Playground Inspection Report to include specific elements of the multi-play unit to allow close monitoring for future maintenance requirements. A picnic table requires a minor repair which will be undertaken before or at the next inspection. Mr Booth reported that the sports field grass is much improved following six mows. Mr Coldwell is very pleased with the improvement in the appearance of the grass with regular cuts from Mr Cassels and Mr Booth. Mr Booth will provide an invoice for mows to date. Mr Booth raised the possibility of establishing a small parking area at The Vicarage end of the playing field. This would require fencing off an area for parking a small number of cars and would need to include a safety gate and access to the sports field for mowing. Mr Booth to investigate fencing/gate options and costs for discussion by members of the council at the next meeting. 7.1.2 New Roundabout: Councillors discussed dates for a ceremony to mark the installation of the new roundabout. The date agreed is Monday, 6 th September with Mr Coldwell to liaise with Early Days Nursery regarding a suitable time and Clerk on arrangements and publicity. 7.2 A4074: Mr Miller advised that he had not received a response from OCC regarding the re-instatement of the red stripe but noted that white lines had been renewed. Mr Jeffery acknowledged that the white gates and solar signs have helped to reduce speed, but that OCC, in not re-instating the red stripe, have not yet completed the works as agreed. Mr Jeffery to draft a letter to be sent to OCC	DC RB DC//MH JM/NM

<p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.4.1</p> <p>7.4.2</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p>	<p>Chiltern Park Aerodrome – Noise Nuisance:</p> <p>Councillors discussed excessive aircraft noise from activities at Chiltern Park Aerodrome. Mr Miller advised that the landowner has terminated the operator’s lease and that airfield is due to close in September 2021. Councillors agreed to address this again if activities at the airfield did not cease after September.</p> <p>Highways Maintenance:</p> <p>Well Place Road grit accumulation:</p> <p>Clerk advised that she had received an email from a resident expressing concern at the danger posed to cyclists and motorcyclists by the grit accumulation on Well Place Road at the junction with Berins Hill. Clerk placed a report on Fix My Street together with an email to OCC Highways identifying blocked run-off gullies on Berins Hill. Subsequently a pothole has been repaired and SODC/Biffa have swept the road. Whilst these actions have reduced the skid risk at this point, the road surface is very poor and compounded grit has not been removed. Mr Booth added that the degraded condition of the road surface on Berins Hill contributes to the accumulation of grit at the bottom and is equally hazardous to cyclists. Clerk to post a further report on Fix My Street and follow up with OCC.</p> <p>Passing Places:</p> <p>Chairman has mentioned maintenance of the passing places to Mr Jackson and will do so again now that the busy harvest period is concluding.</p> <p>As ever, residents are encouraged to report highway maintenance issues at https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/my</p> <p>Dog Waste Bins:</p> <p>Clerk reported that she had made an enquiry with a waste contractor previously recommended by Watlington Parish Council, but that there had been no response to an email and message and could only assume that the company is no longer operating. Clerk will ensure that Mr Vernon is supplied with extra strong bin sacks and bin disinfectant.</p> <p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Clerk advised that she had received a response from Mrs Williams of a memorial to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh from Mrs Williams with a suggestion for a single oak tree located in the field opposite Cross Farm. This has coincided with receipt of an email from the Lieutenancy Office regarding Oxfordshire’s plans for marking The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 where one of the main national projects will be a large-scale tree planting campaign across the UK, to be known as The Queen’s Green Canopy. Clerk to forward Lieutenancy Office communication to Mrs Williams and add to agenda for next meeting</p> <p>As referred to above, IPC have received an email from the Lieutenancy office announcing Oxfordshire’s Plans for celebrating The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022 over the Jubilee weekend on 2nd -5th June 2022. National events planned included the lighting of Platinum Jubilee Beacons on Thursday 2nd June and a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June. To be included on agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>Email from concerned resident regarding dangerous accumulations of grit on Well Place Road at junction with Berins Hill as referred to in item 7.4.1.</p>	<p></p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>NM</p> <p></p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>MH</p>																										
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	<p>Receipts to the current account £598.36 from OCC in respect of the OxTog partnership contribution to verge maintenance. The reconciled current account balance at 28th July 2021 is £4,323.72. The Business Premium Account received interest of £0.09 with a reconciled balance of £3,601.08 as at 28th July. Mr Jeffery proposed that this account should be closed, and the balance transferred to the current account as of no benefit at present. Members of the council agreed. Mr Miller to action.</p>	
8.2	<p>Clerk's invoice:</p> <p>Council approved Clerk's services invoice for the period 4 May 2021 to 26 July 2021 (12 weeks) - £660, office service charge for May, June and July (3 months) - £60.</p>	
8.3	<p>Banking – Online and Mandate update:</p> <p>Clerk has returned a second signed Mandate Change Form to Barclays in Henley. As referred to in Item 6. Clerk has attended an online introduction to Unity Bank host by OALC and recommends Unity Bank as a possible alternative to banking for IPC, if difficulties in operating the account with Barclays continue.</p>	
7	<p>Planning:</p> <p>P21/S22159/JJ – Hedera Rest, Crabtree Corner, Ipsden OX10 6BN. The demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and construction of a new garage with attic room. IPC submitted a response of No Objection, subject to rear planting to protect appearance from rear, and particularly from the path leading to the village from Well Place. No decision to date. Planning have requested further tree protection information.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Better Broadband for Oxfordshire update: Mr Booth reported that discussions were ongoing with OpenReach and OCC. OpenReach have concluded that the provision of FTTP to Ipsden and Well Place from the two cabinets in the village is more viable than a previous plan to route FTTP to Well Place via Checkendon but have yet to provide detail. Also, there is a DEFRA scheme to provide service to farms in area and OCC are exploring the possibility of working with DEFRA and Airband (service provider) as another option for bringing FTTP to Ipsden and other rural communities.</p>	
9	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Ipsden Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 29th September at 6.00 pm at Ipsden Memorial Hall.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.02pm</p>	

Approved by:

(Chairman)

Date: