

MINUTES of Islip Parish Council Meeting
Islip Village Hall
Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm

24/19 Present: Mr M Brown, Mrs D Chapman, Mr P Collins (Chairman), Mrs F Forbes, Mr D Price, Ms N Richardson, Mr N Wiles, Cllr Dan Sames (OCC), Mr M Wilkinson (Clerk).

25/19 Apologies: Mr D Hughes (CDC)

26/19 Minutes: the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 8th January 2019 were approved and signed.

27/19 Matters arising which will not be raised under subsequent agenda items: none.

28/19 District and County Council Reports: Cllr Dan Sames (OCC) offered advice on the road-surfacing work about to be carried out by OCC, and will contact the Oxford Mail prior to the formal introduction of the speed camera. The Chairman again thanked Cllr Sames on behalf of the village for the grant of £1K towards the cost of the refurbishment of the play area, and noted that the specification for the work has been revised: Cllr Sames noted that this would likely be unproblematic, and asked the Council to consider a bid for 2019 funds.

29/19 Changes in Members' interests and declarations of personal or prejudicial¹ interest: Cllr Richardson declared an interest in the item to be discussed under planning applications.

30/19 Administrative Matters: none.

31/19 Financial Matters: none.

32/19 Environment: 1. Flood Management Plan: nothing to report. **2. Volunteer litter picking:** the Chairman reported that he had given permission (on the basis of precedent) for a young villager, Mr Max Kidd-May, to pick litter round the village for his Duke of Edinburgh's award: this was approved retrospectively by the Council. **3. Spring Clean:** a Spring Clean is being organised by the Environmental Services team at Cherwell District. The Chairman agreed to administer the Council's participation, including materials to be requested from CDC, and the Council agreed that volunteers should meet outside the Red Lion at 2pm on Saturday 23rd March.

33/19 Communications: 1. Islip Directory: Cllr Forbes had nothing to report.

34/19 Traffic, Highways and Footpaths: 1. Pavements/footpaths: the Clerk reported that he had gained the tenants' approval of the specification of the path inside the Kidlington Road field up to the new burial ground. This had been passed to Mr Matthew Scott of Strutt and Parker, the local agents for the Church Commissioners [CC], who is to approach the Church Commissioners for their approval; once this is received, the Clerk is to seek quotations for the work. **2. Structural report on the Ray Bridge:** the Clerk reported that he had emailed the OCC officer with responsibility for bridges. The officer had only recently returned to work. Councillor Dan Sames (CDC, OCC) asked that he be copied in on any correspondence address to OCC on this matter; this was agreed by the Council. **3. Speed limit enforcement:** the Council decided to postpone any decision on the proposal by Cllr Price on the movement of the 20mph limit up the Wheatley Road from the Ray Bridge, until the effects of the introduction of

¹“one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest”

the speed camera might be assessed. It was reported that the purchase of two police-approved signs approved by the Council at some £300 each had in fact been effected at a total of some £100 net. It was agreed that enforcement will start on Monday March 4th; the village is to be leafleted to this effect. **4. Road surfacing:** the Council agreed to leaflet the village on the imminent closure for resurfacing of Middle Street and Mill Street from the Walk to Church Lane.

- 35/19 PC Properties: 1. Playing Field: (i) Safety, etc:** the Chairman reported that he had asked Trevor Stewart (who built the playground) to restore the surfacing to the level of the playground's introduction at an estimated net cost to the village of £3K. A grant of £1K towards the cost had been made by Cllr Sames (OCC) from his discretionary fund.
- (ii) Ownership:** the Clerk reported that it is likely the Council will be given *possessory* title only to the playing field – on the grounds that it cannot tell the Land Registry where the deeds might now be. *Absolute* title might be available to the Council in twelve years' time.

- 36/19 Planning: 1. Planning Applications:** the Clerk reported the following planning application had been received:

Address	Application number/details	Decision
D. Paterson, Curtesy House, Mill Street	19/00109/F Conversion of a garage into a living space and replacement of rooflight with a dormer window	No objection, any neighbour's submission to be taken into account.

2. Strategic Planning: (i) The Oxford/Cambridge Expressway: Public meeting

Oxford/Cambridge Expressway Wednesday 9th January: the Chairman had circulated notes on the presentation made to villagers, incorporating responses from the floor; he had also circulated proposals for action subsequent to the meeting. Both documents were approved by the Council, and are to be published on the Council's website. The action plan is to be published in the *Three Parishes Magazine* and *info4islip*, together with a link to the website items. For the foreseeable future, a subgroup consisting of the Chairman, Cllrs Chapman and Richardson, and the Clerk, will meet prior to Council meetings, which will therefore start at the later time of 8pm. The subgroup will be open to all, and report will be made to the Council at the meeting following.

The Chairman noted that he had spoken to the MP, John Howell, who is in favour of the route to the west of Oxford – more than likely using the A34. He understands that *the proposed number [of houses] for Oxfordshire is based on that contained in local planning*, and is to check on this. Mr Howell expressed a hope that local traffic matters affecting villages such as Islip might be addressed as a corollary of the work, and took the opportunity to again raise the matter of Neighbourhood Plan [Mr Howell is a champion of neighbourhood planning]. The Chairman had suggested that Mr Howell use Islip as an example to show that a plan could be produced in short order, but Mr Howell declined this opportunity. Mr Howell agreed to attend any future village meetings on neighbourhood planning, parliamentary time permitting. The Council agreed to take advice once more on the advantages or not of a neighbourhood plan, bearing in mind that CDC, too, is understood to encourage neighbourhood plans. Cllr Richardson is to contact Weston on the Green who took three years to put its NP together.

- 37/19 Network Rail: 1. Mural on the pedestrian bridge:** Cllr Wiles reported that NR had decided not to allow murals to be painted on the pedestrian equestrian bridge:

Unfortunately our team have advised that in this case they have decided that they will not grant permission to paint a mural on the inside of the parapets of bridge OXD/43A. I understand that this is not the answer that you were hoping for but we would not usually

grant permission to paint on concrete as this can hinder examination of the condition of the structure [email communications_crm@mailgb.custhelp.com 1.2.19]

2. Chiltern Railways contribution towards the cost of hedge-planting on the playing field:

Cllr Wiles had nothing to report.

38/19 Village Hall: 1. Carpark extension: Cllr Chapman reported that the Village Hall accepted that the Council had agreed to meet only the costs of any legal fees to be incurred for the land swap to be agreed with the Village Hall, expected to be of the order of some £600.

39/19 Education: Cllr Forbes had nothing to report. In response to a question, she noted that OCC had quoted the cost of a zebra crossing outside the school at between £19K and £30K, *plus* ancillary costs. The Council agreed that desirable though a crossing might be, only external funding (such as that arising from development) would make it affordable. It was noted that OCC had agreed to meet the costs of a crossing person should a volunteer be identified.

40/19 Health: Defibrillator: Cllr Forbes proposed and the Council agreed to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet at a net cost of some £1,500.

41/19 Public Transport: Cllr Richardson reported that a local council had obtained a minibus using lottery funding; in discussion, it was noted that others had rejected the operation of a minibus because of the cost of maintenance and insurance. Cllr Richardson is to follow up with Wendlebury PC.

42/19 Security: nothing to report.

43/19 Action Points: nothing to report.

44/19 Any Other Business: 1. Dates of meeting: the Council agreed not to meet in July 2019, but to meet in August instead. **2. Succession planning:** it was agreed that succession planning be on the agenda for the next meeting.

45/19 Date of the next meeting: the Parish Council will next meet (preceded by a short meeting of the Council's Oxford/Cambridge Expressway Group) on **Tuesday March 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

46/19 The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm.