Minutes of Ickford Parish Meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2002.

In the Chair	Mr Nigel Bruin, Chairman of the Parish Council
Cllr from AVDC:	Mrs Val Baxter
Cllr from BCC:	Mr Crispian Graves
Present:	See attached list.
Apologies:	None

Reports from the following organisations, printed in the informer and circulated to residents;

Ickford School
Ickford Village Hall
Ickford Village Hall Development Group
Ickford Preschool Playgroup
Ickford Play Equipment Group
Ickford and District Darby and Joan Club
Ickford Rainbows
Ickford Football Club
Ickford School PTA
Ickford Brownies
Ickford Church St Nicholas
Ickford Gym Club
Ickford Development Group

Chairman's Report

Everyone was thanked for attending and the chair went through what had been happening within the council meetings in the preceding year.

1. Mr Len Brown resigned as councillor, due to relocation.
2. Mrs Shan Copeland, Sheldon Road has taken his place and is now on the council.
3. Code of Conduct has been implemented without difficulty and all the councillors have signed their declarations and these are now on file for any member of the public view.
4. A code of complaint has been adopted and this will be utilises should it become necessary
5. The new audit regime is to be adopted this year, but an audit is required for the year 00/01.
6. We are in the process of adopting new standing orders; these should be done within 2 months or sooner.
7. Training is on going for both the councillors and the clerk. This is very important with all the new government legislation.
8. Planning is still being scrutised by the council to keep and eye on what is happening within the village and to control unnecessary development.
9. Footpaths, the council is committed to keeping this is good order.
10. Ickford Village Shop, the council have supported this with the sum of £8,000 and without the last payment of £4,000 we believe the shop would have been in serious financial difficulties.
11. Playing Field, the drainage of these was completed by Carlo Abreu and hopefully the problem is now fixed.
12. Traffic is still a problem, the council has looked in to solutions, but due to lack of money we are unable to implement any solutions to this problem.
13. Turnfields, there has been no progress on this proposed development; it has not gone to Committee at AVDC yet. We should be informed by AVDC of the date when it will go to the committee for consideration.
14. Music in Quiet Places, we are the first Village on this year's circuit of concerts. We are very pleased to have been considered. This will take place on 5th May in St Nicholas's church at 7.30pm. There will be a short historic walk beforehand; this will start at 6.30 at the Village Hall.

Ickford Village Hall Development Group

Mr Gardner was invited to speak and précis his report, which was printed in this month's Ickford Informer, a copy of which will be on file with the minutes..

Crispian Graves, Councillor for Bucks County Council

He gave a short talk and advised us that Bucks County Council Budget for the forthcoming year was £369.500.000. The amount is made up from Domestic Tax/Business Tax and Government Grant. The government funding has been reduced by 6%, partly due to 6th Form colleges being financed direct by the Education Authority.
He will be glad to answer any specific questions if anyone wishes to contact him direct.

David Gregg, Chairman Ickford Festival Committee

Last year's, very successful festival made a record profit of £3,029.19. This was divided between the various organisations in the village. This years collection days are 15th June in Thame and 29th June outside Asda. The sale of the raffle tickets is very important as most of the money raised comes from these ticket sales. The festival not only holds the festivals to make money but also more importantly is a fun day for the Ickford Residents.

Comments for the Public

1. ***Proposed development at Turnfields- Low Cost Housing***
    a. Residents in Turnfields against this proposed development
    b. Concern that this would extend village
    c. Parking and increased volume of cars are a concern
    d. Drainage and sewage a problem now.
    e. Natalie Morton noted the amount of young people who had attended last meeting. She wonder where they all were now as none of them had attended any further meetings.
2. ***In response to these fears Val Baxter stated***;
    a. Ickford had done well to get this far to help former residents to get back into the village.
    b. The council could stipulate to AVDC Planning that the council should have a greater say on who rents these homes.
    c. This would be a one off and should not open up the village for future ad hoc developments.
    d. Ickford had proven that there was a need for these homes within the village.
    e. She had been impressed by the amount of young people who had attended the other council meeting regarding these homes.
3. ***Traffic speed throughout the village***
    a. Wendy Langdon suggested painting 30 mile speed limit on the road
    b. Mr Crispian Graves says he will look into this with Bucks County Council and will advise us of the outcome..
    c. Cllr Baxter, also, mentioned that the A41 at the Blackthorn Bridge would be closed for repairs this summer, and that there could be a number of cars using the village to avoid the diversion. She thought parents with young children should take note.
    d. ***Ickford Informer*** depends on village news, so could people bear this in mind and inform them of any issues that are of interest.

In Conclusion

1. The AGM is on 13th May 2002
1. There will be an election next year.
2. The meeting closed at 9.10pm