

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 18th May 2011, commencing at 8.00 pm at the Committee Room, Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Leech (chaired the meeting), Ms Bridgen, Mr Gould, Mrs Meere and Mr Oxley.

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Clerk) and Mrs Gibson .

1. At the proposition of Mr. Gould, seconded by Ms Bridgen, it was agreed to elect Mrs. Leech as Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. At the proposition of Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mrs Leech, it was agreed to elect Mr Woolley as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year
3. **Resolved to accept apologies for absence** from Mrs Matthews, Mr Lewis and Mr Woolley.
4. **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr Gould declared a non-pecuniary interest in Iver Heath Sports Pavilion.
5. **Resolved to sign the Minutes of previous meeting 23rd February 2011.**
6. **Resolved to nominate councillors** to serve on the following Advisory Groups (Terms of Reference attached).
 - (i) Iver Rec Group – Mrs Meere and Mr Lewis. The Clerk will ask the users of the rec who are invited to this Group if this Advisory Group is still needed. The representative from Colne Valley Park will be removed as no longer required.
 - (ii) Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group – Mrs Leech and Mr Woolley.
 - (iii) Iver Heath Sports Association - Mr Gould and Mr Woolley.
 - (iv) Friends of Hardings Row Advisory Group – Mrs Leech and Mrs Matthews.
 - (v) Iver Rec New Pavilion Group – Mrs Leech, Mrs Bridgen, Mrs Meere, Mr Woolley from the Amenities Committee. Mr Oxley/Mrs Matthews from the Parish Council. It was agreed to change the starting time for this meeting to 11a.m.
 - (vi) Football Development Steering Committee for Iver Rec – Mrs Leech, Mrs Meere, the Clerk and representatives from Delaford Colts and the Football Development Association. Terms of Reference to be proposed at the first meeting.
7. **Resolved to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-**
 - (a) Hardings Row Liaison Group 23rd February 2011
 - (b) Iver Recreation Ground Advisory on 9th March 2011.
 - (c) Iver Rec New Pavilion Group on 4th May 2011.
 - (d) Iver Heath Sports Pavilion on 14th March 2011 – still awaiting the minutes.
8. **Clerk's Report** –
 - (a) Allotments Iver Heath – BCC has still not been in contact about the lease renewal
 - (b) To note that the lease expires for Iver Heath Fields on 20th December 2011
 - (c) Appreciation expressed from a local resident regarding the high standard of maintenance at Iver Heath Recreation Ground by the Groundstaff. However he was unhappy with the state of the youth shelter and requested a seat along the east perimeter. It was accepted that the youth shelter has some graffiti on it but any offensive graffiti will be removed and the request for a seat will be considered at a later date
 - (d) Annual L&Q Picnic in the Park will be held on 11th August and concern about the maintenance regime of surface of the BMX track by the BMX Club. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Tony Lockhurst, Buzz, Mrs Leech and Sally Vigurs.
9. **Budget Monitoring to 19th May 2011** – report appended for Amenities, Iver Heath Sports and New Pavilion was noted and approved (as attached).

9.05p.m Mr Oxley left the meeting.

10. Tree Warden – Noted (as appended).

11. Resolved to agree the new key holders for Iver Heath Pavilion to be Mr Woolley and Mr Oxley.

- 12. Resolved** not to replace the self-propelled Hayter Motif at this stage as it can hopefully now be repaired.
- 13. Resolved** to agree the request from Delaford Colts FC to hold a ‘Fun Day’ in Iver Recreation Ground at the beginning of September provided a Risk Assessment is undertaken and a deposit is received against damage/litter. Also to ensure any use of BBQs is kept well away from the play area. The Clerk will also enquire if there is a Football Tournament arranged for the summer.
- 14. Playground Report** – Iver Recreation Ground, seat on the ‘epicentre’ needs replacing due to vandalism. The cost of the seat is approximately £250. It was agreed to replace the seat and monitor the repair required in the future. The safety surfacing at Iver Heath and Iver Recs have been damaged but this will be repaired in-house.
- 15. Harding’s Row Nature Reserve** — The Big Lottery Grant of £4000 for Harding Row Water and Wild life Project has now been received and the contract placed with Coffey Geotechnics to carry out the surface water assessment. Vicky Tustian from Colne Valley Groundwork Trust is now the Project Manager.
- 16. To discuss the future use of Swan Road Land** – The Environment Agency have studied the bore hole results and has not objected to a proposed burial development going ahead subject to the monitoring of the groundwater to continue after the development. Stewart Pomeroy from Colne Valley Groundwork Trust has visited the site and is enthusiastic that the woodland area should attract funding to be developed into a conservation area. Therefore, previous suggestions regarding this land as a cemetery and conservation area are feasible. Resolved to carry out a public consultation on the future use of Swan Road before a decision is made.
- 17. Press Release – No items to be circulated to the press.**

Date of Next meeting – 20th July 2011

Meeting ended at 9.55 pm

Signed..... (chairman)

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