

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2010
in Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (chaired the meeting)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Adlam
Mrs P Leech	Mrs Lidgate	Mrs Mowat
Mrs P Roberts	Mr Clark	Mr W Lidgate
Mrs Watkins		

In Attendance:- Ms G Collins (Clerk), Mrs Moffat (new Clerk) and one member of the public.

67 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mrs Matthews informed the Council that Richings Park Resident’s Association made a response to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy consultation to highlight the problems of the high proportion of HGV’s driving through Iver village centre and Richings Park and this response was not received by SBDC. Consequently they have not received an invitation to speak at the Public Inquiry to be held on 10th to 18th November and it is important that further representation on this subject is made at the Inquiry.

Mr Wilson replied that he would investigate the matter so that the Parish Council and the Residents Association are represented at the Inquiry.

Mrs Gibson spoke on behalf of Mrs Jones who was also concerned that the problem of HGV’s should be included in the Core Strategy.

Mr Wilson informed the meeting that he would be at the Pre-Inquiry of Project Pinewood on 15th October.

Mr Wilson met last week with PC Edwards. The TVPA were unable to attend this meeting due to a change of shift patterns but there was nothing unusual to report.

County Council Reports – Mr Lidgate reported that the financial situation in Bucks County is dire. There was an emergency council meeting in August to agree ways of cutting £12million from this year’s current budget. A final decision has not yet been made but it is recognised that some services will be severely reduced and staff redundancies will be made. The ‘Bucks Debate’ has taken place in this area but was not been well attended by the public and uncertain what the results will be from this.

District Council Reports – Mr Wilson reported that SBDC has reduced its budget by £540,000 this year and will continue to make further cuts next year. As yet there have been no redundancies.

Mr Lidgate, as the Portfolio Holder for Waste, asked members if they would support his view that there should be no cutbacks in street cleansing. This view was supported by the members present at the meeting. He also highlighted the problems with this year’s Christmas Waste collection which will not resume normal services until the last week in January due to the recycling and waste centres not opening on bank holidays. In his view this is a service industry and it should not be closed down during the busiest time of the year. However on the plus side, the Refuse Collection Vehicles will be fitted with winter tyres from 1st November to 1st March which should improve the waste service during bad weather conditions.

69 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Oxley, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mr Bradford, Mr Gidar and Thames Valley Police

70 Resolved to confirm and sign the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th September 2010

71 Report of the Clerk a) The Clerk welcomed Sue Moffat who has been appointed clerk from 1st October 2010, b) Dorney Parish Council clerking – a meeting has been arranged between the chairmen and clerk on 8th October to review terms and conditions and this will then be on the next agenda for decision as to whether to continue under different terms or not, c) Should the government decide that the referendums on excessive council tax increases apply in our sector they would not be applicable until the 2012/13 financial year, d) If the parish council elections have to be postponed because of electoral reform referendum then any costs incurred because of the postponement will be able to be reclaimed from the government, e) changes to charges for SBDC pay and display car parks have been proposed, f) the decision notice for Iver Golf Club license application has been made (as already circulated) District, County and Unitary Councils no longer need a leader and cabinet system and may return to a committee system, h) under new plans by the government serious misconduct for personal gain by councillors will be a criminal act as the Standards Board would be axed, i) Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity Consultation – Response required by 10th November if anyone wishes to report back on this at the next meeting, j) Wexham and Iver LAF –Letter from the Head of Legal at BCC explaining those chairman and vice-chairman elected at the start of the first meeting should remain in place until after the next municipal year, k) The agenda for the SBALC meeting on the 14th October is available, l) The owners of 107 High Street have agreed to

proceed with the license for the lockable bollard, m) A copy of the Pinewood Studio's Appeal is available in the office n) Mrs Lidgate was nominated to represent the council at SB Core Strategy hearing, o) invitations have been sent to all councillors for Glenda's retirement party on 22nd October.

72 Chairman's Report The chairman reported that Mr Wilson will give evidence on behalf of the Parish Council against the Village Green Application by Pinewood Studios and he will also be attending the Procedural Inquiry regarding the SB Core Strategy on 15th October. He has also had a meeting with Sally Vigurs, the Youth Worker, who has now started work at Iver Parish Council and explained her role is to look after the young people of Iver, Iver Heath and Richings Park. Sally still has her office at St Peter's Centre and has an advisor at the Iver Educational Trust but is now a full time employee of the Parish Council. Mr Wilson still attends his regular meetings with Andrew Smith at Pinewood Studios. He has also received a letter from Iver Heath Scouts donating the Totem Pole, erected earlier this year, to Iver Parish Council but the Scout Group will carry out the maintenance of it.

73 Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-

74 (a) Planning Committee - 7th & 28th September 2010 (the minutes of the 28th were unavailable at this meeting so will be received at the next council meeting)

(b) Policy & Finance - 8th September 2010

75 Circulars List for September 2010 – resolved to receive and note.

76 Remembrance Day Services – Councillors nominated to lay the wreaths were-

Mrs Lidgate at St Peter's Church, Mrs Watkins at St Leonard's Church and Mr Wilson at St Margaret's Church.

77 Correspondence for action:

a) Public Consultation by Berkshire Healthcare on mental health inpatient facilities for response by 30th November. Mrs Leech agreed to present a report on this at the next council meeting.

b) Review of Licensing Policy by SBDC for response by 27th October, 2010. Resolved not to respond.

78 Accounts:

a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for September in the sum of £26,096.78 net (appended).

b. The list of mobile phone expenses has been circulated. It was noted that the expenses for the Youth Worker would be higher as there is no office phone available and there is need to communicate with the young people by text. It was agreed not to raise this subject again.

c. BT telephone/broadband has been reviewed and the office phones will be digitalised on 13th October with a saving of £208 p.a.

d. Resolved to receive income for September (appended) in the sum of £183,267.40 net.

e. Resolved to receive and approve recent bank statements and the chairman signed them.

f. Resolved to receive the externally audited accounts (appended). It was noted that no comments were raised by the external auditor.

79 Press release: It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press the concern of the Parish Council to encourage solutions to the problems of HG vehicles in Iver and Richings Park should be considered in the SB Core Strategy Inquiry and solutions found.

Date of next meeting: 1st November 2010 at Iver Village Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Signed Chairman Date