

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2011
in Village Hall, Iver at 6.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (chaired the meeting)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Adlam
Mrs P Leech	Mrs Lidgate	Mrs Mowat
Mrs P Roberts	Mr Bradford	Mr W Lidgate
Mrs Watkins	Mrs Vigor-Hedderly	Mr Oxley
	Mr Gidar	

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Clerk) , approximately and PC Edwards and approximately 20 members of the public.

125 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –Paul Gosling from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) gave a short presentation to raise awareness of the service. CAB is a nationwide organisation of over 400 individual charities offering free and independent advice to the public on such issues as debt, employment, benefits, relationships, housing etc. Chiltern CAB is a local charity with centres in Amersham and Chesham. It has weekly outreach sessions in GP surgeries at Iver (Thurs 9.30-12.30 pm), Denham (Thurs 1.00-4.00 pm) and Burnham (2 sessions 9.00-12.30 and 1.30-3.00 pm). These are by appointment only. Last year it had 439 clients covering a 1000 issues at these centres. The Iver area had 107 clients with over 270 issues. The key issues for residents are debt (growth of 32% over prior year) and benefits (growth of 18%). Funding is provided by Bucks Primary Care Trust (£6000), Burnham Health Promotion Trust (£5000). The charity has lost funding from the Government Housing Trailblazer Programme managed by SBDC (£5000). Further the in-house funding (£2000) is no longer available. Other funding sources are being explored (Bucks Community Foundation and L & Q). However Chiltern CAB would appreciate funding from parish councils to maintain services and further develop the number of sessions due to demand. Total costs to run the service is in the region of £18000 and about a quarter of this is spent in Iver.

6.40pm Mr Gidar joined the meeting.

Mrs Parson, supported by a number of local residents, made a request to seek the support of the Parish Council regarding their attempts to protect the public use of Pinewood Green for the benefit of the community. Last year Mrs Parson made the first application, on behalf of the residents of Iver Heath, to have the land registered as a village green which was refused following a public inquiry. She believes the reasons were flawed and she did report this to the Inspector. Since then there have been several developments, including actions by the landowner and new case law, which have fundamentally changed the basis on which village green status should be judged. As a result she has submitted a new application for village green status, along with new evidence, on behalf of the residents of Pinewood Green which includes a request for a public right of way through the land to be added to the Definitive Map.

6.52 pm Mrs Leech joined the meeting.

Mr Wilson responded that the Parish Council would take note of her request and will consider it at the next Council meeting.

Mrs Parson also addressed Mr Lidgate, as Bucks County Councillor, that she had not had a response to her letter setting out her concerns about the right of way and the Inspectors report. Mr Lidgate replied that he had sent it on to the Head of Legal at Bucks CC and will chase this up.

Another supporter raised objections to the letter sent by the police to residents at Pinewood Green and Ashford Road which she believes puts the onus on dog walkers for causing the recent spate of vandalism and trespass. PC Edwards responded that this was just a general letter to highlight the problems that have occurred since Pinewood Studios have erected its new fence.

7.08pm Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and Mr Bradford joined the meeting.

PC Edwards has already circulated the Iver Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter and had nothing else to report.

Mrs Gibson reported that after making enquiries with Bucks CC regarding an incident with an HGV

operator, she found out that although VOSA holds information on vehicles operating without licenses, the Environment Agency, which issues the waste carrier license, is not informed of this. She has raised her concerns for more 'joined up thinking' to ensure greater control.

Mr Lidgate asked the Police what is happening about the amount of unsheeted lorries on the roads in Iver. PC Edwards replied that they will soon be carrying out operations to target these offenders.

126 Apologies – Apologies were received from Mr Clarke.

127 Disclosure of Interests on items in the Agenda – None.

128 Resolved to confirm and sign the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 7th February 2011.

129 Report of the Clerk– (a) Bucks CC Press release – School Crossing Patrol Service is secure, (b) CPRE Branch meeting on 12th March 2011 at Wendover Memorial Hall will include a presentation on Waste Incinerator at Calvert and Housing Development at Fleet Marston and High Speed Rail and HS2, (c) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Order 2011 – Bangors Road North, Iver Heath except access to commence on 3rd May for approx. 30 working days for installation of power cables and water main replacement works, (d) Invitation from Bucks CC on Governments consultation on High Speed 2 Summit from 2 to 4 pm on 15th April at Oculus, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road HP19 8FF (Aylsebury Vale) and Amanda Riley, the Admin Assistant, has now left the Parish Council and Carol Wilkinson has replaced her.

130 Chairman's Report – Due to the urgency of the business the Chairman asked for consent to delegate to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to agree new contracts with Utility Companies in order to obtain the best prices as decisions have to be made on the same day as the quotes are issued. This was agreed. The Chairman also reported that a meeting had been held with Action4Youth who provide professional advice and support on youth services. Their representative advised that the Youth Service Steering Group should be 'community lead' rather than 'council lead' so need to reconsider the set up of this group.

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

(a) Planning Committee- 1st & 22nd February 2011 (previously circulated)

(b) Amenities Committee- 23rd February 2011 (previously circulated).

Mrs Leech updated the Council about the recent meeting with the Football Foundation who informed the Council that a decision should be made by mid-April regarding the outcome of the bid for the grant for the new pavilion. Mrs Gibson circulated the Tree Warden's report as appended.

132 Standing Orders - At the proposition of Mrs Lidgate, seconded by Mrs Leech it was unanimously agreed to adopt the updated version of Standing Orders and this motion will stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council in April 2011.

133 LAANC (Local Authorities' Aircraft Noise Council) – Mr Oxley reported that the Briefing Note (as already circulated) summarises what is happening. Northolt Airport has been suggested as the third runway but this will be opposed by LAANC.

134 Circulars List for March 2011 – Received and noted.

135 Correspondence for action: (a) Bucks CC consultation on the future of home to school transport in Bucks from 1 to 28th March is available on www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay - Noted.

(b) Have your say on the future of West London's Waste- Consultation from 9th February to 25th March 2011 and is available on www.wlwp.net – Noted.

(c) NALC Policy Consultation on Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value and Community Right to Challenge (as appended)- Noted. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly added that SBDC is running a scheme to encourage tenants to swap their 3 bedroom properties for 2 bedroom ones by offering a financial incentive.

136 Accounts:

a. **Resolved** to authorise payment of accounts for March 2011 (herewith) in the sum of £7385.69 net.

b. **Resolved** to receive income for March 2011 (herewith) in the sum of £4747.28 net.

c. **Resolved** to receive any bank statements and Chairman to sign reconciliations.

137 Press Release: Resolved to draw to the attention of the press the recipients of the Civic Award Ceremony and the public gathering during the Public Question Time regarding the opposition not to grant the green at Pinewood, Village Green status which the Parish Council will consider at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 2nd April 2011 at 7.30pm at Iver Heath Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed Chairman Date