

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Highways & Partnerships Committee was held on Wednesday 3rd September 2008, commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Vigor-Hedderly (chairman), Mrs Roberts, Mrs Leech, Mrs Watkins, Mr Adlam, Mr Oxley, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Wilson

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk) Mr C Schwier (Bucks CC), 3 residents of Richings Park, PCs Tailor and Edwards.

The chairman opened the meeting by explaining to the 3 residents from Richings Park who had come about the speeding problems there, that she would allow them 10 mins for a representative to speak and that she had invited the police and Chris Schwier from the County Council to comment and advise on the issue. She proposed that item 29 be discussed when Mr Schwier arrived and the meeting would be adjourned for all parties to speak at that time.

22. **Resolved to receive apologies for absence** from Mrs Lidgate and Mr Bradford
23. **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
24. **Resolve to sign the Minutes of the Highways and Partnerships meeting** held on 28th May 2008 (previously circulated)
25. **Devolved Highways Work** – noted that Nick Fisher has been undertaking the devolved highways work for 2 months.
26. **Vehicle Activated Signs** – the Clerk reported that she had received application forms now and each one was referenced by number and road name. Therefore, it was important for the Committee to approve the roads already applied for and to add any others. Existing roads are Richings Way, Thorney Mill Road, North Park, Bangors Road South, Bangors Road North, High Street, Langley Park Road, Swallow Street, Love Lane. The Clerk was asked to request one for Wood Lane and one for Mansion Lane. The existing forms were completed and handed to Chris Schwier on the evening of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from the residents, the police and the County Council officer. Wendy Matthews put the residents views and explained their plan of action and requests for a permanent vehicle activated sign at a cost of £4,000 plus VAT and installation fees and 4 large yellow backed 30 mph signs at a cost of £180 plus VAT. The rest of the information was as given and minuted on Monday 1st September at the full Parish Council meeting.

PC Hayley Edwards said that she had met with residents and Wendy Matthews about this matter and had undertaken 2 hours of speed monitoring in Richings Way and North Park during the afternoon of 3rd September. They had monitored 356 cars with 229 measured doing 30 mph or higher. The HGVs had been well behaved on the whole. She said that the width restrictions seem to bring their own dangers because of the location near to a crossroads but also felt that without them traffic would travel at even higher speeds.

Chris Schwier stated that he has up to date speed figures available at County now and that average speed is worked out by the 85th percentile. The road does not meet the BCC criteria for a camera but would a mobile camera be appropriate. The residents stated that the Safer Roads Partnership that they had been working with had been down that route with the roads traffic police but that they have said there is nowhere safe to park the van. Chris said that he would see whether providing a layby or parking space for the van would mean that they could do it

and if so then he would investigate providing one, possibly on the parish council land at St Leonard's mound. He said that he would investigate signage. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the residents and the County and the police in seeking to obtain a mobile camera presence. It was also suggested that education might be a good route and perhaps exhibitions regarding speeding should be held jointly with the police in all 3 parts of the parish.

The meeting was re-convened.

27. **North Park** – speed of traffic. Noted that residents will be using a Speed Indicator Device on the Community Speedwatch scheme and resolved that the Council will recognise them as volunteers for insurance purposes and give Mrs Matthews a reference for the police so that she can send information to them from the TSID. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the residents and the County and the police in seeking to obtain a mobile camera presence. It was also suggested that education might be a good route and perhaps exhibitions regarding speeding should be held jointly with the police in all 3 parts of the parish.
28. **Hollybush Lane** – no further information available. Noted.
29. **Colne Orchard** – parking on the green at the junction with Thorney Lane North. To note that the cost of installing temporary bollards will be approximately £200 for the wooden posts and will take a couple of days of the devolved highways person's time. The Committee resolved to proceed with this and to ask the maintenance team to assist Nick Fisher. Resolved to authorise the expense for the posts from the gates budget and requested the Clerk to make some temporary laminated signs rather than purchasing one.
30. **Thornbridge Road Shops** – improvement scheme – noted that the Parish Council looked at the final plans at its meeting on 1st September. The detailed issues were resolved as follows:
 - Bollards – black cast iron with gold bands
 - Paving should be charcoal and brindle as suggested
 - Planters – would prefer cast iron to match the bollards if possible
 - Cycle racks – again would prefer cast iron to match if possible
 - Requested whether a disabled parking space could be provided on the first echelon near the Coop store.
 - Authority given to move a Parish Council street light. Cost would be £1000 but likely to be able to be funded from the Project Fund. Also to remove the street light on the island altogether.
31. **SBDC consultation on litter bins** – resolved that the bins should be black and gold throughout the village and rural sites so long as they are the same capacity as existing and preferably with a fire expire capability.
32. **BCC Proposed amendments to weight limits on weak bridges** – canal bridge Hollow Hill Lane – was 8 T axle and proposed to be 10 t mgw. Noted – no comment.
33. **BCC Highways Tree Works** – notification of removal of dead wood/crown reduction from 2 trees outside 29 Swallow Street 3 outside Timber Grange, Bangors Road South and 6 outside Old Orchard, Bangors Road South. Also felling on 1 tree opposite A4007 junction Bangors Road North. Noted – no comment.
34. **Swallow Street** – correspondence between a resident and BCC appended to the agenda. Resolved to write and let the resident know that the Parish Council had requested a temporary vehicle activated sign for that area and that Richings Park Residents Association were dealing with similar speeding problems and had joined the Community Speedwatch Scheme. Perhaps the Residents Association could be contacted to share experiences and learn and help each other.

35. **BCC Community Gang** –Please inform the Clerk of any works (larger ones not able to be undertaken by our own highways person). Next deadline - 27th September. Noted. Some areas were given verbally to the Clerk to pass on.
36. **South East Plan** – consultation on proposed changes to the Plan. The document can be viewed at www.gose.gov.uk/gose/planning/regionalPlanning/ Resolved to make no comment.
37. **Iver High Street** – traffic issues - any update from the chairman. The chairman reported no update apart from the fact that she had had discussions with the police which would be ongoing.
38. **Goods Operator Licences** – residents have been informed of application for 10 Goods Vehicles and trailers at Thorney Business Park and 20 goods vehicles and 8 trailers in the same location. Details appended to the agenda. Resolved that the Clerk should keep the relevant County Councillors informed of any new applications so that they could take it up with the County Council as the County Council do not appear to be consulted on these.
39. **Chairman's Report**– Chairman to update committee on highways issues. There were no updates.
40. **Lighting Columns** – several residents have expressed concern about the switching off of lights on the roads by BCC. In particular, North Park, Thorney Mill Road, the A412 and Langley Park Road. NB The Parish Council did not object to the 2 phases of the trial. The chairman reported that some lights have been switched back on. Mr Oxley reported that 69% of the lights that County have switched off are in Chiltern and South Bucks. Of those 48% are in South Bucks and 30% of those are in Iver, Iver Heath and Wexham. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to County and ask that lights be switched back on in Langley Park Road, Iver Lane, Thorney Mill Road and North Park. These are areas which are highly used by pedestrians and there is no footway lighting because the footway lighting that had been provided by the parish council in the past was replaced by County lights when the County took over responsibility for these areas some years ago.
41. **Budget Monitoring** - Figures for 2008/09 to the end of July were monitored and approved.
42. **Expenditure** – resolved to approve purchase of replacement gate at the Stag and Hounds.

Next Meeting date 19th November 2008. To note that this will be budget setting meeting and Councillors should inform the Clerk by the end of October of any items for consideration within the 2009/10 budget.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm