

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Highways & Partnerships Committee was held on Wednesday 19th November 2008,
commencing at 8.30 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Vigor-Hedderly (chairman), Mrs Leech, Mrs Watkins, Mr Oxley (arrived 8.40 pm), Mrs Gibson,

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk), Mrs Fisher (Admin Assistant)

Absent: Mrs Lidgate and Mr Bradford

43. **Resolved to receive apologies for absence** from Mrs Roberts, Mr Adlam, Mr Wilson,
44. **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – Mrs Leech stated that she may have to declare an interest in item 58 as she lives in Leas Drive.
45. **Resolve to sign the Minutes of the Highways and Partnerships meeting** held on 3rd September 2008
46. **Devolved Highways Work** – it was reported that the County Council were very happy with the way the scheme is working. A clarification had been needed over lines of communication and detail in the invoicing. The County Council would try to get chevrons on the rear of the Parish Council vehicle and some signs and cones for it to carry. The Parish Council will need to obtain a better revolving light for the top of the vehicle as the current one is inadequate. Cost approx £250. Approved. Consideration of the implications of working with Dorney Parish Council on devolved Highways functions as this had been deferred from full Council on 17th November. This item was left until the end of the meeting and is minuted there.
47. **Budget Monitoring** - Figures for 2008/09 to the end of October were noted and approved (appended).
Alan Oxley arrived during the next item.
48. **Budget for 2009/2010** – the draft budget prepared by the Clerk was reviewed and it was agreed to include £10,000 towards a lay by in Richings Park (near the Old Post Office) for short term parking and that a request would be made to BCC delegated budget with an offer of support funding. Otherwise no changes were made to the budget. Final version appended.
49. **Vehicle Activated Signs** – The Clerk said that BCC had stated that approval would soon be given for up to 5 sites during this financial year. The Committee approved the raising of £100.00 cheques to cover placing of these signs in those areas approved by the County Council. Noted the BCC TSID fact sheet appended.
50. **Community speed watch and NAG** – Resolved to pay Richings Park Residents Association up to £500 per annum (£100 each time) to allow other groups in the Parish to use the equipment that cost them £2,600.00 provided that the information collected gets put onto the police computer system with a copy to the Parish Council. This funding is to assist with insurance costs.
51. **Hollybush Lane** – the bund has been reinforced with concrete structure to further prevent fly tipping. Shrubbery will not be trimmed back until the spring.
52. **Colne Orchard** – following further visits to the site by Members and officers it was resolved to request funding from the BCC delegated budget to make the island slightly smaller at the entrance to Colne Orchard (by about a metre) to try to prevent lorries having to drive over it and therefore making the whole area more attractive.
53. **North Park** – speed of traffic. Noted that residents have been using a Speed Indicator Device on the Community Speedwatch scheme and have successfully been working with the police to get warning letters sent to offenders, although at present no warning letters have been sent because this area is the first to trial the scheme and there are some internal police issues to sort out. It is hoped that these will be resolved soon.
54. **BCC Delegated Budget** – Resolved to approve request for two hard standings for police camera vehicles from the scheme. To be situated on St. Leonard's Mound and junction of Wellesley Avenue and Richings Way. Also works to the island at the entrance to Colne Orchard (see item 52 above) and a lay by outside the old post office in Richings Park (see item 48 above). A special Joint Committee meeting is being held on 1st December to consider the delegated budget and LAFs.
55. **Thornbridge Road Shops** – improvement scheme – noted that work has begun but one resident is unhappy about the Scheme and about various other traffic issues in that area. BCC and SBDC are looking

into the complaints. The chairman reported about the issues and said that most had been resolved with SBDC but asked that the committee reconsider the decision to remove the lamp post on the island outside the Co-op because she had been informed by shopkeepers that it was necessary in that position. Resolved to approve the installation of a replacement column.

56. **SBDC consultation on litter bins** – it was resolved to request that the litter bins in the centre of Richings Park are included in the change of bins by the District Council so long as they are black/gold and larger than existing.
57. **Speeding Traffic and HGVs** – Vehicle speed data is being collected from three permanent counter sites in Iver: High Street, just above Chequers Orchard junction; Thorney Lane South, beside the service road; North Park between the Golf Club and Sutton Lane. The NAG is looking at these figures and the Committee asked to be copied in.
58. **Request from a resident of Leas Drive** – For a tree to be planted on Highways land in Leas Drive to be paid for and watered by the resident but requesting that the Parish Council arrange for planting, staking and maintenance. Resolved that if the resident puts this in writing the Clerk can take the matter up with highways to see if it is feasible.
59. **Zebra Crossing at Church Road** – BCC propose a new crossing by the Parkway and the Committee resolved to support the proposal. Resolved to approve a grant of £1,000.00 as budgeted towards the zebra crossing.
60. **Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order** – Slough Road near Five Points for 100 metres for five days from the 1st December 2008 for electricity cable works. Noted.
61. **School Travel Plans** - Iver Village Infant School does not have a school travel plan and BCC are encouraging Parish Councils to work with schools that do not have plans to assist them. Noted and Mr Oxley and Mrs Watkins took the information to talk to the 2 village schools and to report back to the next meeting.
62. **Chairman's Report**– the chairman reported that not a great deal has been done around Billet Lane and Bellswood Lane. There are pot holes, ditches overflowing, grips and slips blocked. The road surface needs doing in Billet Lane and this will get worse now with the water pouring down the road. She said that she was battling with the County Council over these issues. Also there were issues of fly tipping, litter picking and pavement clearance that needed sorting out.
63. **Lighting Columns** – (a) The clerk reported that BCC do not intend to switch back on any of the street lights currently switched off at least until the pilot scheme is reviewed. However, the County Councillor reported that following a delegation from Richings Park meeting with County officers there was to be a walkabout to re-assess the situation with regard to pedestrians. (b) Resolved to approve the replacement of three more steel columns as advised is necessary by the lighting contractor. PC1, PC3 and PC4 Langley Park Road. This is in addition to a replacement in Thornbridge Road, which will mean that the Clerk has to use money from the budget heading for repairs owing to vandalism. (c) Request from Thames Valley Police to put small plastic signs warning people that the Police are using body worn video cameras in the area on five lampposts – PC5 Grange Way, PC2 Martindale, Pc15 Trewarden Avenue, PC7 Anslow Gardens, PC1, 2 or 3 Thornbridge Road. Resolved to approve the police putting these signs on any Parish Council lamp post.

46. Devolved Highways Work - Consideration of the implications of working with Dorney Parish Council on devolved Highways functions. The Clerk had recommended that the Parish Council charge Dorney for the use of the van and tools and administration time plus a contribution towards training and protective clothing if Dorney Council ended up employing the same person for Highways work as Iver Parish Council (approximately £2,500 p.a.). After much discussion it was resolved to recommend that the Council offer to Dorney that it would control all the devolved function work such as employment (1 day/week), vehicle, tools, training, administration, and materials for £7,000 per annum. The recommendation would be not to accept any involvement other than full control.

Next Meeting date 21st January 2009

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

CHAIRMAN