

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Highways & Partnerships Committee was held on Wednesday 28th
May 2008, commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Lidgate, Mrs Leech, Mrs Watkins, Mr Adlam,
Mr Oxley, Mrs Gibson

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

1. **Resolved** to elect Mrs Vigor-Hedderly as chairman for the ensuing year (proposed by Mrs Lidgate and seconded by Mrs Roberts)
2. **Resolved** to elect Mrs Roberts as vice chairman for the ensuing year (proposed by Mrs Lidgate, seconded by Mrs Leech)
3. **Resolved to receive apologies for absence** from Mr Wilson (and apologies for late arrival from Mr Oxley and Mrs Gibson)
4. **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
5. **Resolve to sign the Minutes of the Road Safety and Lighting meeting** held on 26th March 2008 (previously circulated)
6. **Delegated Powers of this newly named Committee (appended for information)** – as approved at annual parish meeting 12th May were noted. It was noted that some consultation documents from the District and County Councils may not be able to be dealt with by this Committee because of timing for responses but that the Clerk would liaise with Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and if it was a matter of particular concern to the Committee then Mrs Vigor-Hedderly would get an informal opinion from the other members of the Committee in order to make representation at the meeting which considers the consultation.
7. **Devolved Highways Work** – noted a delay in employing the highways worker because County have not sent an agreement for signature although they have said that the Parish could appoint someone prior to signing. This is a matter for Policy Committee on 4th June. It was noted that this is purely a delay in presenting the legal document and that it is hoped this will be available by the 4th June. There is a meeting with BCC and Nick Fisher on Thursday 5th June at 10 am to sort out the details of the work.

Mr Oxley arrived at the meeting (8.10 pm)

8. **Vehicle Activated Signs** – it was noted that these should be available to book in about 5 weeks' time. The clerk has applied for 6 application forms – one needed for each site (should be available in about 3 weeks' time). Clerk to let Mr Oxley and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly know when they arrive and to liaise over prioritization of sites.
9. **Hollybush Lane** – no further information available. It was noted that it is likely that Hollow Hill Lane will be gated to traffic (paid for by the Iver Golf Club).

Mrs Gibson arrived at the meeting (8.20 pm)

10. **Colne Orchard** – parking on the green at the junction with Thorney Lane North. Clerk has some information from County regarding the Parish Council putting in temporary bollards. To note that the highways worker will not be qualified to dig up the highway unless the Working on the Highways course is completed. This is a 3-5 day residential course. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the meeting with BCC on 5th June but the sensible way forward was to look at the service plans and if no services there then to knock fence posts in which should not require any training as the holes would not be deep enough to cause a problem with services anyway. Also asked that a polite sign be put up to ask people not to park on a newly seeded area. Noted that the Community Gang cannot put in bollards either.

11. **Chequers Orchard** – complaint from a resident about parking issues. Noted that the police have surveyed the area and found that the main parking problems are at the entrance to the estate. There are no issues of obstruction for which tickets could be issued. It was suggested by the police that perhaps double yellow lines could be put on the junction entrance to improve visibility on entering and leaving the road. The Committee felt that this was not a precedent that they would like to set and would prefer to keep the environment more rural by not putting yellow lines. If vehicles are parking too near to the junction then the police could ticket them anyway. Asked that the PCSOs continue to monitor the situation. Clerk to respond to the resident stating that the parish council asked the PCSOs to monitor Chequers Orchard at different times of the day and that they found no illegal parking. The Parish Council has no right to tell people where to park and would be against yellow lines in order to maintain a rural environment and would not wish to set a precedent in one road. If people park over dropped kerb areas then the police should be notified (including obtaining a URN). The parish council will ask the PCSOs to continue to monitor the situation.
12. **North Park** – speed of traffic. Copy letter from residents’ association to Thames Valley Police Safer Roads Partnership was noted. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she would speak to Sgt Bryan and see whether some enforcement could be undertaken in Richings Way and North Park. Also to assure the residents that as soon as the TSIDs are available then this will be a recommended site.
13. **Thornbridge Road Shops** – improvement scheme – updated plan (still a work in progress) from SBDC was tabled along with a series of questions from Simon Gray. The Committee responded as follows:
 - To ask Sally Tugwell to get some designs done by the young people she works with and to liaise with Simon Gray by the 15th June. Also to ask the Church and Pinewood Studios if they would like to contribute. Task delegated to a group comprising Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mrs Roberts and Mr Adlam.
 - Noticeboard – leave as it is
 - Bike racks – to be solid and low key (metal hoops in the ground)
 - Litter bin – OK as suggested
 - Parking – want to achieve as many parking spaces as possible and leave it to the experts as to which is the best way to do this (even if it means going back to parallel parking).
 - Lighting columns – movements agreed
 - Cope Wood planning application for housing – the parish council had objected to this application but feel that the Thornbridge Road parking improvement project should go ahead regardless of the status of the application
 - Maintenance of hedge and trees – the parish council would not take responsibility for maintenance itself but would ensure that those who are responsible keep them from encroaching on the footways and roadways.
 - Planters – would like some bulbs and then an evergreen, ivy and some seasonal colour in each one.
14. [The Residents Association wishes to establish the right of way that exists on the following 3 locations. The majority of the work in finding and obtaining witness statements to confirm that a right of way has existed in the past and still does in some instances would be undertaken by the resident's association however it would be good if the application could be made in the name of the Iver Parish Council as a statutory body that may have more credibility than the residents association. The 3 Rights of Way are:](#)
 1. [The 6.5 metre wide strip of land alongside the footpath to the station from the top of Wellesley Avenue to Thorney lane South. Some is now used as car park some has been](#)

fenced by Bathurst walk houses and some is just scrap land with trees planted by rail track. There is however an established area of land that was a track that we would like to have defined on the definitive map of Bucks.
2 and 3 are the 6 metre wide rear accesses to the shops of Bathurst Walk the run from Bathurst Close to Wellesley Avenue and the second from Wellesley Avenue to the top of Syke Ings.

A plan was circulated by Mr Oxley (appended to these minutes). The Committee agreed that this was an important issue and would support it. The Committee resolved that the parish council would be the lead body so long as there was no work and no expense required of them (apart from perhaps sending a representative to a meeting occasionally).

15. **BCC Community Gang** –Noted that councillors should inform the Clerk of any works (larger ones not able to be undertaken by our own highways person). Next deadlines - 9th June, 4th August, 29th September. The Clerk was asked to include Bangors Road South footway clearance again and also the footpaths in Richings Way (overhanging branches). Clerk also to ask SBDC to ensure that the footpaths are swept in Richings Way.
16. **Iver High Street** – proposal by Mrs Vigor-Hedderly that BCC are requested to undertake another traffic count and any other measures to try to bring the volume of traffic to the attention of the County Council. Mr Oxley reported that there is an automatic count being done by the County (Ashley Riddell is the officer concerned) and he had access to the figures. Appended to these minutes are a summary comparison for a 2 month period in 2007 and 2008. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said she would speak to Environmental Health about obtaining air pollution figures for this year and last year and Mr Oxley said he would find out whether a comparison could be made with another similar village in terms of the amount of traffic on a B road through the centre. A complaint from a resident that parking behind the shops on southern side has been withdrawn was noted and it was also noted that there is no other suitably marked disabled parking available on the High Street. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she would raise this issue with BCC and seek advice.
17. **Goods Operator Licences** – residents have been informed of one application in Thorney Business Park and another in Seven Hills Road. Details appended. It was resolved that the Clerk should continue with the practice of informing residents but also to try to obtain feedback on whether residents actually make a complaint and whether that complaint receives any action. Also to find out whether BCC are consulted and make any objections.
18. **Chairman's Report**– Report from BCC on various issues was appended to the agenda and the chairman had nothing further to add. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she would chase up the matter of the drain covers reported by Mrs Gibson.
19. **Lighting Columns** – Noted that the 3 lighting columns in stock have been used to replace 3 more of the rusting columns advised by the lighting contractor as becoming dangerous (PC 4, PC11 Syke Cluan, PC2 Hollybush Lane). It was noted that the other steel columns that will require replacement are PC10 Old Slade Lane, PC1, PC3 and PC4 Langley Park Road. The clerk was asked to replace these as and when the lighting contractor advised that it was necessary provided that there was money in the budget.
20. **Emergency Callout to Street Lights after accidents** –New emergency callout numbers for Bernard Leigh Electrical are (in order of use): Main number 01753 893339; home number 01753 888839; Mike 07931371522; Anne 07951849259; Trevor mobile 07528925967; Trevor home 01494 774070.
21. **Budget Monitoring** - Figures for 2007/08 to the end of March were reviewed and approved.

Next Meeting date 3rd September 2008

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm