

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL  
HIGHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday 31 August 2011 commencing at 8.00 pm  
in the Committee Room, Parish Council office, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mrs Vigor-Hedderly (Chair), Mrs Watkins, Mr Wood, Dr Matthews, Mr Oxley, and Mr Harlow (from item 15)

**In Attendance:** Mrs P Leech, Roger Ambler (Committee Clerk), and local residents Mr N Browne & Mr C Lamsdell

13 **Resolved to receive apologies for absence** from Mr Stockhausen.

14 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – None.

15 **Resolved to sign the Minutes of the Highways and Partnership meeting** held on 8 June 2011 (previously circulated). Mr Harlow arrived at 8:03 pm as the minutes were being signed.

16 **Parking in Iver – Identified** the following on-street priority areas, where congestion is acute, demand for parking outstrips supply, and emergency vehicle access is threatened:

(a) Iver Heath - Swallow Street, particularly between Coopers Row and Swallowdale, with its narrow winding roadway, concentration of residential accommodation close by on both sides of the road, and very limited opportunity for off-street parking;

(b) Hardings Row/Close – turnings off Swallow Street, affected by Swallow Street residents seeking parking space. Of particular concern to local residents is parking on the corner of the junction of Hardings Close and Hardings Row, obstructing the pavement and blocking the view of emerging traffic (correspondence appended);

(c) Richings Park, particularly commuter parking for Iver Station on both Wellesley Avenue and Bathurst Walk affecting the shopping precinct at the junction of those two roads and local residents – an already bad situation which the projected Crossrail development may merely worsen; and

(d) Iver Village, particularly the stretch of the B470 (Langley Park Road/High Street) between the parade of shops opposite the junction with Leacroft Road (a minor accident blackspot) to the junction with Thorney Lane North, and including Thorney Lane North as far as the bend before the junction with Delaford Close, where available roadspace is often too narrow to allow the simultaneous passage of HGVs and other vehicles.

**Resolved** that Mrs Vigor-Hedderly would contact Sgt Lucy Price, Ken Moloughney, Zoe Ford, and Eric Meek to seek their professional advice and explore constructive ways of addressing the various problems, and consider the introduction of:

(i) residential parking permits to allow local residents greater access to the limited parking available;

(ii) yellow lines to enforce parking on only one side of the street in Bathurst Walk;

(iii) other measures, such as limited free parking, pay and display, to help local businesses;

(iv) 20 mph speed limits in busy areas such as the High Swith its mix of residential, commercial and junior school properties; and

(v) installing bollards at new locations, such as the Hardings Row/Close junction, to prevent dangerous parking.

Dr Matthews was to seek clarification from Cllr W Lidgate on the District Council's policy regarding civil enforcement.

Mrs Gibson reported that L & Q Housing Association advise they have empty garages which could be available for let at £8.00 a week for residents and £8.17 per week for non-residents in Swallowdale and Grange Way, as well as other locations in Iver and Iver Heath. She also reported that enforcement action was being taken against a rogue trader in Swallow Street.

- 17 **HGV numbers and movements** – Concerns were expressed concerning vehicle numbers, size and speed, particularly in the High Street area (correspondence appended). Noted that a reduced speed limit could be expected to reduce the severity of any collision, that speed bumps and cushions could generate more noise and shaking which would be a nuisance to local residents, and that the Parish Council would prefer the installation of a relief road. Also noted that the Police and VOSA were beginning to work together on tackling the problem of HGVs operating illegally; a recent survey suggested some 35% of HGVs on the road were breaking the law in one way or another. Local residents were encouraged to help with the speed watch cameras, which identify persistent offenders for Police action, and to contribute ideas and suggestions to the Committee for consideration.
- 18 **Cappagh** – Noted that Ian Prosser was working hard to ensure that Cappagh operate clearly within the rules.
- 19 **Goods Vehicle Operator Licences** – Noted the three press notices listed in the agenda. Mrs Gibson reported that she had recently discovered that 37 individual operators held licences for 80 vehicles and 4 trailers at the Bardon Aggregates site, Thorney Mill Road, West Drayton, access to which is along Parish roads from the west.
- 20 **Resolved to subscribe to Parish Online** (proposal appended).
- 21 **Budget monitoring** – received and noted budget report to 19 August 2011 appended. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly asked that future reports include details of devolved highways staff costs and income.
- 22 **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman updated committee on the following highways issues:
  - (a) she was to attend a development control meeting over Aggregate Industries UK Ltd's proposed variation of planning conditions to allow the processing of an additional 20,000 tonnes of aggregates;
  - (c) the LED street lighting tour of Aylesbury was to go ahead on Wednesday 14 September as planned, departing Parish Council offices at 16:30 hours, returning around 22:00 hours;
  - (d) she reported in connection with the 2 recent unconnected fatal accidents on the A412 between Iver Heath and Slough, that Highways had immediately addressed the issues of street lights not working and overgrown verges (although these were not thought to have had a bearing on the incidents), and that the Police had apprehended a suspect in connection with the hit-and-run incident;
  - (e) she raised concerns about the lack of communication from the Police and VOSA; and
  - (f) she reported that problems in Wood Lane caused by substandard materials in recent works and encroachment by a local resident were being addressed.

Meeting closed at 9:20 pm

**Date of Next Meeting** – 9 November 2011

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....