

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

ROAD SAFETY & LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Committee which was held on WEDNESDAY, 26th September 2007 at 8.00 pm at the Coppins Room, Iver Village Hall.

Present:- Mrs Vigor-Hedderly (Chair), Mrs Lidgate, Mr Adlam, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Leech, Mr Wilson, Mr Averill (BCC).

In Attendance:- Mrs Simmonds (Deputy Clerk)

Absent:- Mr Gidar

23. Apologies were received from:- Mrs Watkins, Mr Bradford

24. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda - None

25. RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2007

26. Mark Averill Bucks County Council Highways – Item 32 taken here. The meeting was adjourned to hear from Mr Averill who answered questions regarding the Highways on Call procedure. It was agreed that the Parish Council could email Mr Robert Ayres or Mr David Brown direct at the County Council with requests for jobs rather than go through Highways on Call. Mr Averill assured the committee that the jobs would be looked at within 24 hours of receipt and if found to be a category 1 fault it would be dealt with immediately. Mr Averill then talked about delegated functions and explained how the system would work. The Parish Council would be able to take over removal of fly posters, sign cleaning, bollard cleaning, overgrown bush cutting etc and then re-charge the County Council. There may be an option of helping to fund a leased van and the Parish Council would have to pay for training. The chairman reconvened the meeting.

27. Clerks Report:-

(a) BCC are switching off street lights all over the county on specific sites to save energy. The A412 Denham Road is one of these sites - **NOTED**

(b) Mr Bennett (resident) is concerned that there is no speed limit reduction on the area of works near Black Park Road.- **NOTED**

(c) M25 widening exhibition Denham 12th & 13th October -**NOTED**

(d) Transport matters in Buckinghamshire – Useful information to be distributed - **NOTED**

28. A412 Pedestrian Crossing – Mrs Watson has suggested that BCC should spend money on a crossing rather than repairing the bollard/island on the A412 – **NOTED** that Anne James at County has now put forward a bid for a Zebra crossing on the A412. This will cost between £25-£35k - **RESOLVED** to agree to ask Policy Committee for £1k to go towards the project.

29. Thornbridge Road Shops – to confirm that we have an application in to SBDC for the Environmental Improvement Scheme, to be decided on 9th October 2007 – **NOTED**. We have been asked by SBDC if we could find a way of raising another £1-£2k in support of our application – **RESOLVED** to agree to ask Policy Committee for an additional £2k in addition to the £5k already agreed at Full Parish Council.

30. Heavy Goods Vehicles – Response from BCC to Mr & Mrs Wood about HGV's and the possibility of an Iver Relief Road - **NOTED**

31. South Bucks Joint Local Committee – **RESOLVED** to agree to keep the Thornbridge Road Shops scheme in the delegated budget scheme as recommended by County to leave this as our bid for this year, as any money from BCC will support our bid for a larger sum from the District Council.

32. Highways Issues – Chairman to report problems with regard to response from BCC highways when repairs are needed – As minuted under item 26.

33. Lighting Columns - There are six steel posts that are rusting which need to be replaced. Cost approx. £515 per post plus connection fee of £773.00 approx. Three have already been ordered for Health & Safety reasons, permission needed to order the other three – **RESOLVED** to agree the three posts which have already been ordered. The committee have requested more details and possibly digital photographs for the other three posts before agreeing to replace them. Clerk to write to BLE for this information and to ask for detailed report on any other posts which may need replacing within the next financial year, so that this can be taken into account in the budget figures.

34. Highway Tree Works – Side of Knights Lodge, Church Road, Iver Heath (copy attached), Iver Lane, Iver - **NOTED**

35. Budget Monitoring - Figures for 2007/08 appended with an explanation – **RESOLVED** to agree not to vire money to pay for extra posts but to ask Policy Committee for money if needed. **RESOLVED** to agree to add 3% inflation charge to existing budget figures and to ask policy for an extra £10k under traffic schemes to cover the additional costs for the Thornbridge Road Shops, A412 Crossing and any other schemes that might be proposed in the next financial year. Draft budget for 2008/09 appended.

Next Meeting date 19th December 2007 - **NOTED**

Meeting ended at 9.45pm.