

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 12th September 2007,
commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Lidgate (chaired the meeting), Mr Wilson, Mrs Mowat, Mr Bradford

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

Absent: Mr R Gidar

The meeting did not begin until 8.40 pm because it was not quorate until Mrs Lidgate arrived at that time.

- 31 Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Watkins, Mrs Leech, Mrs Roberts, Mr Adlam
- 32 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 33 RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of previous meetings – 11th July 2007
- 34 RESOLVED** to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-
- a. Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group** – 23rd July 2007
 - b. Iver Recreation Ground Group** – 5th September 2007
- 35 RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1st July to 16th August 2007 (copy appended). The following information was NOTED.
- a. Locksmith had to be called to do some works on internal doors and locks at Iver Heath pavilion following failure of previous maintenance team to complete work satisfactorily.
 - b. New tap had to be fitted to outside tap at Sports Pavilion and water bill is excessive because of water wastage when it was broken off.
- 36 Councillor representation on advisory groups** – to confirm names for clarity for the clerk. This item was deferred.
- 37 Clock Iver High Street** – (a) refurbishment of the clock tower is complete and tree works complete. Shrub planting to take place and replacement of metal floor plates. Clerk has been advised that fixing of railings may damage the granite kerbs. NOTED. Councillors agreed that it would be safer not to fix railings to the granite kerbs.
- 38 Iver Heath Fields** – (a) tree works to be carried out as advised following annual check by tree surgeon. 3 quotes have been obtained. RESOLVED to approve the quote from Nick Robins because the work could be carried out more quickly. (b) RESOLVED to approve spending on new trees of £250, being 50% of the cost of a replanting plan so long as IDCA consult the Friends of the Fields group. IDCA to fund the remaining 50%.
- 39 St Leonard's Mound** – tree works to be carried out as advised following annual check by tree surgeon. 3 quotes have been obtained. RESOLVED to approve the quote from Nick Robins as item 38 (a) above.
- 40 New Pavilion Iver Rec** – agreed that the clerk should obtain detailed specification for the pavilion to enable it to go out to tender.
- 41 Bus Shelter** – (a) new shelters. Highways have agreed position of new shelters in Swallow Street and Bangors Road North. Highways will lay the hard surface for the shelter in Bangors Road North with access funding. Cost for Highways contractors to install the shelters is £1000 each. To decide whether to pay BCC contractors or get the work done inhouse. RESOLVED to install the bus shelters using our own maintenance team but ask BCC to lay the hard surface in Bangors Road North.
- 42 New Byelaw** – clerk has been advised that Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2006 should be used rather than byelaws and that

- notices should be placed into newspapers and on noticeboards and sent to the District Council for representations to be made. RESOLVED to approve the notice (appended) with a map to be included and post codes added. Also asked the clerk to put paving stones down at the recreation grounds with the “dogs on leads” symbol when it comes into force. 6 slabs £180 total.
- 43 Saltex Exhibition Windsor Racecourse** – 4th – 6th September. Parish Council staff all attended along with a few councillors. NOTED.
- 44 Allotments** –a tent had been erected on a field attached to the allotment site. This has been removed along with the ragwort. NOTED.
- 45 Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007-2011** Consultation Document for response as soon as possible. Mr Wilson took the plan and response was delegated to the clerk in liaison with Mr Wilson.
- 46 Recreation Grounds:**
- (i) Iver Heath** (a) Tennis Club has obtained quote from the contractor constructing the practice court for protective bollards. RESOLVED that the chairman would talk to Bisons about getting them to install kerbing rather than bollards. (b) the path to Anslow Gardens is being repaired by Hickmans at a cost of £1,860 net on 15th September. NOTED. (c) fencing at Birch Close side of the recreation ground. Request from Emma Newell for metal palisade fencing as has been put on the St David’s Close side. RESOLVED not to provide palisade fencing but to erect the usual wire fencing with planting in front. Maintenance team to replace the fence panels if possible.
- (ii) Iver** (a) RESOLVED that Iver Minors could use one of the large pitches on an occasional basis only with the consent of the Clerk. £32 per use. (b) Kebbell Homes should have begun work on demolition works for the parish council and replacing entrance gates and fencing by now. Their containers for works are on site. NOTED. (c) Works on removal of the old playground and installation of grasscrete and installation of the new play equipment is on order. £106,478. This is the cost without seats and litter bins. RESOLVED to approve expenditure on 2 seats and 2 bins, which are a necessary part of the playground to pass RoSPA inspections – up to £2,000.
- 47** RESOLVED to approve a request from SBDC to use both recreation grounds for a Diary Room provided by the Children and Young People’s Trust Participation Plan 2007/08 to enable children, young people and families to give their views on local services. It will be on one day between 22nd and 26th October.

Graffiti on private property–Please give details of location and owner of the equipment/property to Deb Beasley of SBDC.

Date of Next meeting – 7th November 2007

Meeting ended at 9.15 pm

CHAIRMAN