

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL  
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, commencing at 8 pm  
at the Parish Council offices 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver.

**MINUTES**

**Present:-** Mrs Leech (chaired the meeting), Mr Lidgate, Mrs Mowat, Mrs Roberts, Mr Adlam, Mr Wilson, Mrs Watkins

**In Attendance:-** Mrs Collins (Clerk)

- 1 **Election of Chairman. Resolved** to elect Pat Leech as chairman for the ensuing year. Proposed by Julian Wilson and seconded by Pat Roberts. All in favour.
- 2 **Election of vice chairman. Resolved** to elect Claire Mowat as vice chairman for the ensuing year. Proposed by Pat Roberts and seconded by Julian Wilson. All in favour.
- 3 **Appointment of Advisory Groups** Resolved that the following groups should continue as advisory groups to the Amenities Committee as per the terms of reference attached to the agenda. Resolved to appoint representatives to serve on the groups as follows:  
**Iver Rec Group** (meets 4 times a year); Damon Clark (chairman), Claire Mowat, Pat Leech  
**Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group** (meets twice a year); Pat Roberts, Derek Adlam, Claire Mowat, Pat Leech, Bill Lidgate. Chairman not resolved.  
**Iver Heath Sports Association** (meets twice a year); Pat Roberts, Claire Mowat, Pat Leech, Bill Lidgate. Chairman not resolved. Resolved that Pat Leech would take over from Sylvia Lidgate as keyholder for the pavilion.
- 4 **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Clark
- 5 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 6 **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
- 7 **RESOLVED to receive approve and adopt the minutes** of the following advisory group meeting:-  
a. **Iver Recreation Ground Group** – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009
- 8 **RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 (appended)
- 9 **Budget Monitoring 2008/09** – budget to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 was received and approved.
- 10 **Budget Monitoring 2009/2010** – budget was noted as there was very little expenditure showing.
- 11 **Playgrounds** – (a) the Clerk reported that SBDC had received the grant for the new play equipment for Iver Recreation Ground and were hoping to install it during June provided the Amenities Committee agreed that they were still happy with the Monster Play design and with the date. Resolved that the Clerk should report to SBDC that the Committee were very happy that the equipment could be installed before the summer holidays. Also to ask that the earth excavated remain on site to be used for the BMX track refurbishment perhaps. If this saves money then the savings to be spent on a fourth piece of equipment if there was enough.
- 12 **Kebbell Homes** – extension to signage for sales requested if they provide a new or refurbished height barrier that complies with SBDC refuse department requests and assist the Parish Council in blocking the access to 105/107 High Street from the recreation ground access roadway. Resolved to approve this proposal. Noted that the Policy Committee agreed to leave the car park marking as it is even though it is under the regulation size and there may not be enough turning circle for an emergency vehicle or delivery vehicle or refuse lorry when in full use. Situation to be reviewed if and when a problem arises.
- 13 **BMX track proposal** – (a) Certificate of Lawfulness needs to be applied for. Resolved to apply and agreed to changes to the track. Resolved to offer up to £1,000 towards the refurbishment if this was needed. Noted that plans are being sent to RoSPA for their comments.
- 14 **Youth Café** – request from a young person in Iver Heath for an after school café in the Sports Pavilion run by volunteers. Noted that the clerk is awaiting the comments of the Parish Council youth worker. Pat Leech said that she would also talk to Sarah Meers who is opening a similar café in Iver.
- 15 **Cottage in the Woods footpath** – request from a resident to lop some overhanging branches and reduce the height of 2 oak trees at the rear of the garden but on Parish Council land. Quotes being obtained. The resident has applied for permission from SBDC as there is a TPO on the trees. Resolved that if SBDC give permission for this work the Committee will review it next time. If the permission is not

given by SBDC then the clerk should inform the resident that the Council will not be undertaking the work.

- 16 **Clock in the High Street** – request from Smith of Derby who maintain the clock for confirmation that there is no asbestos on the site. Resolved that the Clerk should ask SBDC for this information as they installed the clock and surrounds.
- 17 **Iver Heath Recreation Ground** – complaint about unlevel ground and broken glass and litter etc. Also a complaint about vandalism and graffiti and feeling unsafe. The Clerk has responded to both complaints. Letters and responses were circulated at the meeting. Resolved that there is nothing much more that can be done as the maintenance team check for litter and glass daily and unless there is a specific area of ground that requires leveling then to make the ground like a lawn would not be feasible.
- 18 **Bowls Club** – request for a supplementary document to the existing lease that would mean the parish council take on more repairs than are in the lease but consistent with those in existence on the licence that was in force before the lease was signed. Schedule 1 of the lease refers. Resolved that there should be another meeting with the Bowls Club as the cost to the Parish Council could be very high.
- 19 **Recreation Ground Usage Requests** – (a) LQ Beacon wish to use Iver Recreation Ground for Picnic in the Park 11th August 2009. (b) SBDC Rangers would like to run Street Games course at Iver Recreation Ground from 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 – 8.30 pm (c) BMX supervised experience - Tuesday evenings in Iver Recreation Ground from 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Sally and Buzz. (d) SBDC Chillin’ in the Park Events Iver Recreation Ground 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July and Iver Heath Recreation Ground 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August. Resolved to approve all the above requests plus the RSPCA use of Iver Recreation Ground on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for a dog awareness stand from 2 – 4 pm.
- 20 **Allotments** – (a) request for a shed on plot 11 Iver 4’ x 6’. Resolved to approve with the normal proviso of no concrete or other permanent base. (b) There has been a lot of vandalism and holders are concerned about the security particularly in light of the increase in rental from £15 p.a. to £20 p.a. and many holders are writing to ask what improvements they will see for the additional money. Resolved to dig a ditch around Iver Heath allotments where possible to act as a deterrent to youths and to put a 12ft gate in the fence at Iver Rec onto the allotments near the bottom end so that manure can be delivered more easily. (c) resolved to approve payment for a skip for a working party at Iver Heath (from the film money income). (d) request for concessionary fee for the unemployed. Resolved to refuse this request.
- 21 **Nature Reserve** – signage update. The clerk reported no update received but would request an answer from BCC.
- 22 **Bus shelter** – request for a shelter in Norwood Lane. Resolved that as there was no money in the budget for new shelters this year that the Clerk and the resident should try asking Flowerland whether they would fund a hard wood bus shelter to match the other new ones in the Parish, as it is outside their premises.
- 23 **Iver Heath Fields** – (a) Plaque and service in memory of Simon Hill- date to be agreed. Pat Leech said that she would laise with Sylvia Lidgate over this. (b) request to cover in the gateway entrance to Iver Heath Fields to prevent dogs running out into the road. Chicken wire has been put up by the maintenance team but the resident feels it needs to be a more robust solution. Resolved not to approve the funding of this.
- 24 **Iver Heath Pavilion** – (a) the tennis club have asked for the Parish Council to pay £290 towards new gravel boards at the rear of the courts to prevent landslip through from Rostrevor Gardens and the tennis club will be paving the rest of the area. Resolved to approve this.
- 25 **Changing Rooms Iver Rec** – to note that the adult team of Delaford Colts may have to use Evreham in order to fulfill league requirements for showers and changing facilities. The changing rooms in Iver have had the water supply cut off to prevent growth of legionella. The gutters all need replacing at some expense. Resolved to replace the gutters and to coat them in anti climb paint and obtain an estimate for the tiles. Mr Lidgate said that he would provide the clerk with the name of a company who undertake special guttering works.
- 26 **New Pavilion in Iver Recreation Ground** – after much discussion the Committee resolved that the provision of a modular building should be investigated further.

Date of Next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

Meeting ended at 10.30 pm

Signed CHAIRMAN ..... Date .....