

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 14th January 2009, commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

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

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

- 54** **Apologies for absence were received from** Mr Bradford, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Mowat and Mr Clark
- 55** **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 56** **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 29th October 2008.
- 57** **RESOLVED to receive approve and adopt the minutes** of the following advisory group meetings:-
- a. Iver Recreation Ground Group – 15th October 2008** (7th Jan minutes were not available)
- 58** **RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1st October to 31st December 2008 (appended)
- 59** **Budget Monitoring** – budget to 31st December was received and approved (appended). Resolved that the clerk could arrange for the locks to be changed at the pavilion in this financial year because it looks as though the spending on the pavilion and Iver Heath recreation ground will be well within budget to allow for this.
- 60** **Playgrounds – (a)** received quotes for new playground equipment at Iver Recreation Ground to be paid for by a grant from South Bucks District Council. Resolved that the supplier that the Council would like the District to use is Monster Play as their equipment and surfacing appeared to be the most suitable for the age range and location. It was noted that Option 1 is within the grant price but Clerk to see if it would be possible to negotiate that the additional piece of equipment in Option 2 would be able to be included within the grant price.
- 61** **Sports Pavilion and Changing Rooms** – received the report from Chiltern Water (appended to the agenda) and resolved to agree to drain the water tank that supplies the showers in Iver changing rooms and to agree that the clerk arrange to carry out the other recommendations on both reports.
- 62** **Automatic Rising Bollard** – agreed in principle to have a preventative maintenance contract. This covers the Council in terms of regular maintenance to reassure our insurers that we are taking positive action in the light of the 2 recent incidents. 2 quotes available only as it is a specialised service. £225 per visit and £178.25 per visit. Resolved that Derek Adlam would talk to the cheaper company to ensure that there were no hidden costs likely to come up and clerk to obtain references from other customers for the company.
- 63** **Keyholding for Sports Pavilion** – keyholders need to be revised as this has not been done for some time. It would be possible to use the same keyholding service that is being used for the new offices (£299 per annum for the one building and £500 p.a. for 2 buildings). Cost to amenities committee would be £201 p.a. Resolved to appoint the same keyholding company as for the parish council office but to get the locks sorted first so that there are not so many keys to be held for the building.
- 64** **Allotments** – request for concessionary fees for over 60s or 65s. Resolved not to give concessions.
- 65** **Nature Reserve** – sign post from Swallow Street would be allowed by BCC at a cost of £200-£300. Resolved to order this sign, particularly as there was an offer of sponsorship from Richard Nye, a local contractor. Clerk to arrange.
- 66** **Burial Ground** – (a) testing of memorials in the burial ground has been carried out and the clerk reported that there are about 20 loose headstones but not dangerously so. Resolved that the clerk write to the grave owner where possible and ask that they arrange for a stone mason to check the stone and carry out any necessary fixing and inform the Council when this has been done. (b) resolved to grant permission for the clerk to arrange to remove the unapproved seats following the placing of notices on them or on the gate, giving people warning of the Council's intention.

Date of Next meeting – 18th March 2008

Meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIRMAN