

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 16th January 2007,
commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

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

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

- 61 Apologies for absence were received from** Mrs Mowat, Mr Clark
- 62 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – Mrs Lidgate declared a prejudicial interest in item 73 as the parish council equipment is currently stored at her home – Huntsmoor Park Farm.
- 63 RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of previous meetings – 7th November 2007
- 64 RESOLVED** to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-
- a. Iver Recreation Ground Group** – 9th January 2008
- b. Iver Heath Sports Association** – 17th September 2007, 10th December 2007
- 65 RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1st November to 31st December 2007 (appended)
- 66 Other reports from the Clerk:**
- a. The Clerk reported that a good number of applications were being received for the maintenance post currently advertised. Interviews would be held week beginning 4th February with herself, Mrs Watkins and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly on the panel for first interview. Second interviews would be arranged and Mr Wilson invited to attend in place of Mrs Watkins (Mrs Lidgate being unavailable during February)
- b. Change of Policy on keyholding by Fire and Rescue Service. Only certain keys will be carried and otherwise there will need to be provision for a keyholder to be contacted for access to both recreation grounds and buildings. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out whether our padlocks can be changed to be the type for which keys will be held by the Fire Service and keyholder names given for the automatic bollard. It was also agreed that the Clerk would train 2 councillors (Mrs Lidgate and Mr Wilson) and 2 members of the bowls and tennis clubs to lower the bollard manually and switch off the power in case of malfunction.
- 67 Maintenance** – it was agreed to approach Policy Committee for funding for a larger van for the maintenance team.
- 68 Budget Monitoring** – budget for 07/08 was noted and approved.
- 69 New Pavilion Iver Rec** – agreed that a discussion about funding for the new pavilion should be held at the next Policy Committee meeting.
- 70 Bus Shelter** – (a)The Clerk reported that the 2 new shelters should be going in during February.
- 71 Recreation Grounds:**
- (i) Iver Heath** (a) bollard/kerbing in front of tennis court. Bisons still have not delivered. It was agreed that Mrs Leech would ring Dave Killick at Bisons. (b) fencing at St David's Close boundary has been completed. It was noted that the fence has been damaged twice. The cost of repair is about £1000 this time. It was agreed that a leaflet should be sent to residents requesting that they dial 999 if they see a crime in progress, such as criminal damage to a fence). It was agreed to get the fencing company to return and remove the rubble from the wall that has fallen against the fence and recharge Rightscope for it. To brace the fence on the recreation ground side with bright yellow stays and to coat the top of the fence with anti vandal paint (using appropriate signage).

Clerk to write to Inspector George Wrigley asking for covert coverage at Iver Heath recreation ground and Iver Heath Village Hall. Agreed not to light the football floodlights as requested by one resident. (c) Noted that the police are working with us to defeat the graffiti problem. (d) playground inspection report from NPFA shows only a few items at low or very low risk. Agreed not to carry out the works unless any deteriorated.

(ii) **Iver** (a) playground work is complete. New car park area will not be opened until grass has grown in the spring. Agreed to leave it as it is until the grass is stronger and to ask Kebbell Homes if they can keep the car park cleaner. (b) Use of ground by youth worker and police for a clear up session by young people towards the end of January.

72 **SBDC Consultation on Open Space, Sports and Recreational Facilities Strategy for comment by 30th January.** Mrs Lidgate took this document and would liaise with the Clerk over comments.

73 **Barn Space – Mrs Lidgate left the room.** The Clerk reported that only one response had come from direct mail and notices on the boards. Agreed that the Clerk should write to Duttons Farm and to Alpa Garden Centre and the information would be reviewed at the next meeting. In the meantime the equipment would be left at Huntsmoor Park Farm.

74 **Sports Pavilion – RESOLVED** to approve changes for youth work including stable door on the kitchen, re-decoration of hall, installation of sofas. However, the Committee would like more information about changes proposed to the lighting and suggested portable uplighters might be a better solution.

75 **Dog Control Orders – RESOLVED** not to proceed with the dog control orders at present because it was felt that the situation had improved slightly. There would be a review in 3 months.

76 **Fixed Wiring 5 yearly reports on council owned buildings –** agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for the work to be carried out

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

Date of Next meeting – 12th March 2008

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

CHAIRMAN