

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 19th May 2010, commencing at 8 pm at the Committee Room, Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ

MINUTES

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

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Locum Clerk).

1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Lidage and Mr Clark.

2 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – there were none.

3 RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 7th April 2010.

4 Clerk's report (a) Best Kept Village Competition – Competition has been entered and press release sent out. Complaints were raised regarding the standard of grass cutting by SBDC and Bucks C.C. which would affect the judging. The Clerk will enquire why the grass cutting schedules are not being met; (b) Horse Grazing at Hardings Row – Still awaiting programme of ragwort removal; (c) Replacement bench at Richings Park – The cost of a new bench, similar design to the ones already in place, is approximately £394 plus delivery. It was agreed to purchase this bench from the 'Seat' (1114) budget; (d) Repair of the Spring Mobile Fish at Iver Heath Rec will be carried out in-house to reduce costs; (e) The Clerk gave permission for Mr Gore to tidy up his friend's grave, Mary Pearce; (f) Due to the urgency of the matter the Clerk, in liaison with the Chairman of Amenities, has given permission for L&Q to run 'Picnic in the Park' on 3rd August; (g) It was agreed to give permission for the event, 'Chillin' in the Park Summer 2010', to take place at Iver Rec on 26th and 27th July and at Iver Heath Rec on 9th and 10th August which is organized by SBDC; (h) It was agreed for Groundwork Trust to organize volunteer events at Hardings Row Nature Reserve in July and between October to December and to promote these events; (i) Enquiries have been raised to use Community Service Offenders to carry out voluntary work in Iver Rec. The Clerk explained that at present it has only been agreed to use this workforce for Highways work.

5. To Receive/Approve works carried out under delegated powers from 1st April to 12th May 2010 as appended. The Clerk will investigate the high electricity bill at Iver Rec.

6. Tree Warden – Mrs Gibson reported that there has been a 15% failure rate of the hedgerow which was planted in Iver Heath Fields but the rest of the plants are growing well.

7. Swallow Street Bus Shelter – Mrs Leech is still waiting for the bus company to find the level of usage of this bus stop.

8. Delaford Colts FC to park in Iver Recreation Ground for its summer tournament on 5/6 and 12/13th June, 2010- Mrs Leech reported that if there is wet weather, cars will not be able to park on Iver Rec and this decision will be made on the Friday by Ray Peters, the Groundsman. The Clerk will chase up the deposit, risk assessment and copy of insurance from Delaford Colts FC as agreed to provide in May. It has recently been reported that Delaford Colts FC are advertising a 'Soccer School' at Iver Rec starting from 8th May. This has not been agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk will find out what facilities are being used to agree charges and to ensure it is not detrimental to the state of the pitches for next season. Mrs Leech also reported she has been approached by Thames Valley Youth FC who have asked if they may hold a football competition at Iver Rec on 4th/6th September, before the football season starts. It was agreed to grant permission with the same conditions as for Delaford Colts FC.

9. Swan Road Land – The refurbishment of the wall is nearly completed and is looking good.

10. New Pavilion at Iver Recreation Ground and Iver Recreation Ground Project Sub Committee – Mrs Leech reported she had a meeting with Mrs Watkins, Mr Lidgate and Mrs Roberts together with Delaford Colts FC and the Football Association (FA) to discuss the Football Club's Development Plan. The FA and Parish Council need to have confidence in the plan before they can support it. Hence it was agreed at the last Council meeting that Delaford Colts FC will give a presentation on the Development Plan at the next Council meeting on 28th June. Prior to this it would be beneficial to establish how many teams are registered with the FA. In view of this presentation it was agreed to cancel the meeting of Iver Rec Sub-Committee on 20th June. It was agreed by the Amenities Committee to proceed with the full planning application for the new plans of the pavilion which will cost £585.

11. 107 High Street – License to access rear of property from Iver Rec. It was agreed that a personal license would be required for both owners of 105 and 107 High Street in order for 107 to gain rear access. However as there are

outstanding costs from the owners of 105 who lost the previous legal case, the Council are not prepared to proceed until these costs have been recovered.

12. Request to establish a Right of Way between footpaths 14 and 15 which runs along the back of Barnes Way, Colne Orchards, along the boundary of the built up area to access Iver Rec (not by allotments) in order to improve the ‘Walk to School’ route for both Infant and Junior Schools. – It was reported that the Infant School already has a ‘Walk to School’ route so this request will only affect the Junior School. Mrs Leech, Mr Lidgate and Mrs Gibson will walk this route to see if the request is feasible. It was also suggested to ask the owners of the land if they would be willing to cut back the overgrowth along the already established footpaths to improve access which may resolve the situation.

13. BMX Track – Work on the new track will commence on 24th May, 2010. The Parish Council has already agreed to donate £1000 towards this work in May 2009 and this will be paid out of the Contingency budget (1134). Sally Vigurs (the Youth Worker) has requested if the Parish Council will fund the last outstanding amount of £394.11. This was agreed and the Clerk will find the appropriate budget.

14. Leacroft Road- Mrs Leech reported that she has spoken to Mr Davis, the lawyer of the landowner WH Baker Ltd (a property development company), and Mr Davis pointed out there is no right of way across the fields as had been agreed with the previous landowner, Mr Wingrove. This being so, it is the responsibility of the landowner to prevent the public accessing his land.

15. Memorial bench – It was agreed in principle for a memorial bench to be located outside the police station near to the one already in place. However the agreement of Bucks C.C. and the police will need to be established before this can take place.

16. Bus Shelter – Resolved not to agree to the request for a bus shelter at the bus stop outside Croft House as there is no budget for new bus shelters in 2010-11.

17. Volunteer – Resolved to accept the offer from a local resident to help with the removal of graffiti in Iver Rec. The Parish Council will supply graffiti remover, protective clothing if required, and appropriate training.

18. Press Release – Resolved to circulate a press release on (a) the new BMX track commencing to be built in partnership with the Parish Council and the fact there are two Olympic standard BMX users living locally who have offered advice in the planning stages and (b) local volunteer to remove graffiti at Iver Rec.

19. Swan Road Land – To consider the ‘Risk Management report for trees located at Swan Road’ - Deferred until the next meeting.

20. Refurbishment of third changing room at Iver Heath Pavilion - - Deferred until the next meeting.

Part B Public Excluded

19. Swan Road Land – To consider the ‘Risk Management report for trees located at Swan Road’ - Only two quotes have been received so far and the cost for the work is in the region of £2000. Deferred until the next meeting.

20. Refurbishment of third changing room at Iver Heath Pavilion – Only one quote has been received so far. Deferred until the next meeting.

Date of Next meeting – 21st July 2010

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