

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 5th October 2011, commencing at 8.00 pm at the Committee Room, Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Leech (chaired the meeting), Mr Gould, Dr Matthews, Ms Bridgen and Mr Woolley.

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Clerk)

35. Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Mrs Gibson, Mrs Meere, Mr Lewis and Mr Oxley.

36. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – None.

37. Resolved to sign the Minutes of previous meeting 20th July 2011.

38. Resolved to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-

(a) Iver Heath Sports Pavilion Users Group – 29th September 2011.

(b) Iver Recreation Ground New Pavilion sub-committee – 15th July.

(c) Iver Recreation Ground Users Group – 20th July, 2011

It was noted that Iver Recreation Ground New Pavilion sub-committee has been disbanded now that the building work has commenced and it will be replaced with the Partnership Agreement Group between Iver Parish Council and Delaford Colts FC. It was also agreed that Iver Rec and Iver Heath Rec Users Groups and Hardings Row Liaison Group will meet once a year instead of twice, preferably in the summer time.

39. Clerk's Report – (a) BMX track - There is no club night but the track is used a lot on an informal basis. Tony Lockhurst has not been in contact with anyone this year, (b) Lease renewal for Iver Heath allotments. The Clerk has had a site visit with Bucks CC Officer who will be in contact with details in the near future, (c) Community Pay Back Team will be working at Iver Heath allotments over the next few months as there is a lot of vegetation to cut back around the perimeter, (d) Progress report on sustainable future for the Colne Valley noted (appended with the agenda), (e) St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival commences on 7th December. It was agreed to pay up to £25 for a tree and Ms Bridgen offered to decorate the tree with a 'Parish Council' theme, (f) A meeting has been arranged for 10am on 28th October with Bucks CC to discuss the future use of Thorney Lake .

40. Chairman's Report – (a) Big Lottery application has been put forward by a Company for a Fit Gym for Iver Heath Rec. It was agreed to complete the application as there is no cost to the Parish Council, (b) Work is going well with the new pavilion and there has been no vandalism since the first week.

41. Budget Monitoring to 28th September, 2011 – report appended for Amenities, Iver Heath Sports and New Pavilion was noted and approved with total recalculated (as appended).

42. Budget Setting 2012/2013 – (a) To review the leases and fees for 2012/13 agreed, (b) To review the fees for football pitches. It was agreed there should be similar fees for Iver Heath FC and Delaford Colts FC. Confirmation of fees will be made after the meeting of the Iver Rec Partnership meeting on 10th October (c) Fees for allotments will remain the same at £25 (d) Budget required for membership of Colne Valley Trust will be managed by Policy and Finance Committee, (e) new bus shelter agreed (f) £4000 contingency to be included earmarked for tree work and work for the 'Environmental Improvement Areas' at Iver, Richings Park and Thornbridge Road if management of these areas becomes the responsibility of the Parish Council. SBDC is in the process of dealing with this matter. Draft budget appended for approval/amendment for Policy/Finance Committee 23rd November, 2011 (Appendix 1).

43. Tree Warden – Noted as appended (Appendix 2).

44. To update and renew the leaflets for (a) Hardings Row conservation areas – Vicky Tustian from Colne Valley reported that there are still a large number of leaflets available at their offices so no hurry for a new leaflet. The contact details just need to be amended, (b) Iver Heath Fields conservation area – New design agreed but to check contact details.

45. Church Road Bus Shelter –**Resolved** to paint the bus shelter including anti-graffiti paint.

46. Cottage in the Woods Footpath – **Resolved** to grant permission to lop overhanging branches on two oak trees at rear of 4, Pinewood Green after approving the tree surgeon to carry out this work and assurance that the conditions of the Planning Permission are met.

47. Dog bins - Request from Mrs Gibson for 2 dog bins to be placed by the Public Footpaths, at the end of Grange Way & Colne Orchard (by the entrance of Footpaths 14 and 15 respectively). **Resolved** to reconsider this request once a decision has been made regards the ‘unofficial footpath’ becoming a public Rights of Way.

9.46pm Ms Bridgen left the meeting.

- 48. Burial Ground – a) Resolved** to renew the Service Level Agreement between Iver Parish Council and St Peter’s PCC with regards to St Peter’s Old and New Churchyards (appended with the agenda).
(b) Resolved to renew the contract for the maintenance of Iver Parish Council’s burial ground and St Peter’s PCC Old and New Churchyard with the lowest tender which is the present contractor.
(C) Resolved to agree the new Burial Ground regulations and to include ‘flower pots to be located within the area of the grave and not outside’ (appended with the agenda). It was also agreed that the regulations should be displayed in the burial ground. The Clerk will bring to the next meeting samples of noticeboards available.
- 49. Press Release –** No items to be circulated to the press.

Date of Next meeting – 14th December 2011

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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