

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 23rd February 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), Mrs Watkins, Mrs Mowat, Mr Lidgate, Mrs Roberts, and Mr Wilson.

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Clerk) .

98. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Adlam, Mr Wilson, and Mr Clarke.

99. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were none.

100. Resolved to sign the Minutes of previous meeting 15th December 2010.

101. Clerk's Report – (a) Allotments Iver Heath – BCC have still not been in contact about the lease renewal, (b)The new pavilion - the bid to the Football Foundation has been submitted, (c) The Community Gang are still working on Iver allotments once a week and seem to be doing a good job, (d) Insurance claim in process regarding footpath adjacent to Bowling Green at Iver Heath and (e) the Clerk will find out who is responsible for the graffiti removal on the fence adjacent to the alleyway near to Glaisyer Way.

102. Budget Monitoring to to 16th February 2011 – report appended for Amenities, Iver Heath Sports and New Pavilion and was noted. It was agreed to change the title of Budget Heading 54. Budget heading 1306, Iver Heath Sports Pavilion, was overspent due to unexpected maintenance work carried out on the boiler.

103. Resolved to increase the allotment fees from £20 to £25 for 2011-12.

104. Resolved to purchase essential tools (including the replacement of broken spade for Mrs Gibson during the hedge planting at Iver Heath Fields) and in the future to replace tools as and when required. It was delegated to Mrs Leech and the Clerk to organize the purchase of sand required for the football pitches.

105. Tree Warden – No report from the tree warden but all the hedging has now been planted at Swan Road and Iver Heath Fields. Mrs Gibson was thanked for all her hard work.

106. Playground Report – Inspection of Iver and Iver Heath Playgrounds have been carried out by Zurich and no defects to report.

107. Harding's Row Nature Reserve – The Big Lottery Grant of £4000 for Harding Row Water and Wild life project has now been received. David Graham from Colne Valley Groundwork Trust is the Project Manager and has visited the site with the Clerk and Head Groundsman. He is now in the process of updating the quotes. All publicity on this project must include the Big Lottery insignia. An 'Activity Day' is being organized for 20th March. The Friends of Hardings Row Liaison Group has met for the first time today and will be reviewing and updating the Management Plan

108. Swan Road Land – (a) hedging has been planted. (b) Practicality Brown have nearly completed the tree work recommended in the Tree Survey and (c) Groundstaff are doing a marvelous job clearing dead wood and brambles and the grass area has been topped.

109. To discuss the future use of Swan Road Land – The Environment Agency have studied the bore hole results and has not objected to a proposed burial development going ahead subject to the monitoring of the groundwater to continue after the development. Stewart Pomeroy from Colne Valley Groundwork Trust has visited the site and is enthusiastic that the woodland area should attract funding to be developed in to a conservation area. Therefore previous suggestions regarding this land as a cemetery and conservation area are feasible.

Resolved to consider (a) the cost of developing the land in to a cemetery.

(b) the feasibility of SBDC managing the cemetery.

(c) the feasibility of Iver Parish Council managing the cemetery.

110. Saxon Court – **Resolved** to agree the design and size of the sample sign provided except to request for black lettering on a white background. It was agreed to delegate to Mrs Leech, the Clerk and Head Groundsman to agree the exact location of the two signs at the entrance to Iver Recreation Ground.

111. Iver Heath Bowls Club – **Resolved** to agree the request for special permission to use the edge of the field (nearest to the hedge) on special County match days for the overflow parking.

112. St Peter's Burial Ground – **Resolved** to agree the fees for new burial plots for 2011-12 in-keeping with the PCC element of the C of E fees which are :

a. Burial (adult) from £194 to £196

- b. Burial (child) to remain at £95
- c. Interment of ashes form £78 to £80
- d. Burial of infants within one year of birth – no charge

Resolved to agree the proposal to start a new line of graves alongside sections D and F to maximize burial space.

113. Football at Iver Heath – (a) **Resolved** to agree that Thames Valley Youth may use Iver Recreation Ground for training during the summer and (b) **Resolved** to allow an extension of the football season for up to 4 weeks (end of May) for Iver Heath Football Club to compensate for matches which were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

114. Swallow Road Bus Shelter – Mrs Leech reported that she had attended a meeting with the police and local residents. The police confirmed that the bus shelter did not attract anti-social behaviour in the area.

115. Press Release – No items to be circulated to the press.

Date of Next meeting – 18th May 2011

Meeting ended at 9.35 pm

Signed..... (chairman)

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