

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 29th October 2008, commencing at 8.10 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

Present:- Mrs Lidgate, , Mrs Watkins, Mrs Leech, Mrs Mowat, Mr Adlam, Mr Wilson

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

- 36 **Apologies for absence were received** from Mr Bradford, Mrs Roberts and Mr Clark
- 37 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 38 **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 23rd July 2008.
- 39 **RESOLVED to receive approve and adopt the minutes** of the following advisory group meetings:-
- a. **Iver Recreation Ground Group – 15th October 2008 (were not available)**
 - b. **Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group – 28th July 2008**
 - c. **Iver Heath Sports Association – 22nd September 2008**
- 40 **RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1st July to 30th September 2008 (appended)
- 41 **Budget Monitoring** – budget to 30th September was received and approved.
- 42 **Budget 2009/2010** – reviewed the draft budget and resolved not to add anything for new bus shelters and to allow for master keying of pavilion in this year if possible but if not then in next year (£1,600). Resolved to carry out clearing of new allotment sites (£2,125) this year. Resolved to budget for one new seat in Iver play area. Resolved to request that SBDC change the bin at the entrance to Iver Recreation Ground but do not change those in the centre of Richings Park. Resolved that allotment charges would be £20 next year, burial fees to go up immediately to £184 and £74. Resolved that football and tennis charges should go up by inflation.
- 43 **Playgrounds** – (a) received the latest Zurich report – resolved that no action need be taken. (b) Hags SportPoint – the clerk reported that the used one was no longer available. Resolved not to pursue purchase of a new one at present.
- 44 **Allotments** – waiting list for both sites (18 in total). More plots to be provided as resolved in item 42.
- 45 **Pavilion, Iver Heath** – ITT who maintain the sewage pump said at their recent annual inspection, that the guide rails, guide rail brackets, lifting chains and shackles are corroded and require replacement. The clerk ordered the work for health and safety reasons. Resolved to approve payment of £1,193.88.
- 46 **Recreation Grounds:**
- (i) **Iver Heath** (a) new camera bracket being installed on 30th October along with anti vandal and anti climbing measures. Noted. (b) anti social behaviour is frequent and involves dog bins, litter bins, the mural wall being gradually dismantled brick by brick, graffiti, petrol bombs on the tarmac and safety surfacing. Noted. (c) SBDC Play Rangers want to use Iver Heath recreation ground on Thursday 30th October from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Approved.
 - (ii) **Iver** (a) Considered the placing of a Sales Sign by Kebbell Homes in the light of the changes made to the size of the sign and the improvements they are offering to the presentation of the entrance area. Resolved that the proposed new sales signs are too dominating and should be half the height that they are shown in the picture (appended). If the height is reduced and the background green to match the existing entrance sign the Council would allow them for 6 months and then would have to reconsider. Agreed that the clerk should ask for pretty planting as suggested by Kebbell and improvements to the informal car park surface and barriers to prevent pedestrians and cars meeting. Resolved that the pathway should remain behind the car park and should be improved. (b) request for a light received via Cllr Leech for the alleyway behind the changing rooms was considered but it was agreed to wait and see whether it is needed once Kebbell move their offices from the site and the scouts can go back to using the previous entrance (c) SBDC funding for playground equipment for Iver Recreation Ground. Simon Gray has confirmed that this project will go ahead as mentioned many months ago. However, he said that the funding is for young children's playground equipment and the clerk pointed out to him that the Parish has already spent £110,000 on that within the last year. A fitpoint or trim trail or teenage equipment or skateboarding area that might be more appropriate. Simon is investigating the details of the grant and there will be a meeting with suppliers to which representatives of the Council will be invited to have an input on what the money is spent on. Resolved that the Clerk and the chairman (Mrs Lidgate) should attend any meeting with suppliers and then report back to the Committee but the

Committee would like a SportPoint if at all possible. (d) football – continuing problems in that Delaford Colts never seem happy with the marking of the pitches or the installation of the goal posts etc. Resolved that the Clerk should write and say that the Council would prefer that the Clubs marked their own pitches and would reduce the annual fee for the 6 pitches by £400 in total if they agree to do so. If they mark their own pitches then they must conform to the FA regulations. If Delaford Colts decline to mark their own pitches then in future, the Council will decide where pitches can be marked and how many and they will conform to FA regulations. (e) SBDC Play Rangers want to use Iver recreation ground on Tuesday 28th October from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Approved. (f) Trees belonging to the Council, behind a house next to the car park were heavily pollarded by a contractor working for the resident without notifying the Council. Resolved to write to the resident and say that in future permission should be obtained from the Council.

- 47 **Burial Ground** – (a) the maintenance team will be carrying out memorial testing over the next few months. Noted. (b) a fence panel was installed to shield graves from the litter bin. Noted. (c) curbing around graves will become a problem for maintenance in the future and is prohibited but several graves have them. Resolved that the clerk can write to the grave owners to request that these be removed and if not then the Council will remove them.
- 48 **Nature Reserve** – noted that Mr Maryon has given notice to leave the grazing land from the 1st November. Report from Groundwork as to possible use of the land was considered. Resolved to agree to what is suggested by Groundwork (appended). Resolved to put £1,000 in the budget to allow for ragwort pulling or spraying as necessary. Also clerk to find out whether the monitoring pipes should be checked again or whether they are still being regularly checked.
- 49 **Iver Heath Fields** – (a) insurance claim was refuted. Noted. (b) Resolved to write to residents asking them not to dump garden waste in the Fields. (c) Resolved to purchase a brushcutter for use by Friends of Iver Heath Fields but not to pay for any training but to recommend that the person using the equipment is competent in its use and wears the correct protective clothing and that risk assessments are carried out for any work to be done using the strimmer.
- 50 **St Leonard's Mound** – Resolved to write to residents living either side of and opposite the mound asking them not to dump garden waste on there. Noted that the maintenance team believe that some tree works are necessary and quotes are being obtained. Approved expenditure up to the £500 budget.
- 51 **Dogs on the recreation grounds** – reviewed the situation following the placing of the polite notice in Iver Recreation Ground and to decide whether to take any further action. Resolved to take no further action at present. No complaints have been received since the notice was put up.
- 52 **Skateboard Park** – request from a young resident was noted. Resolved to ask Simon Gray whether this could be considered as part of the SBDC play project in Iver Recreation Ground. To write to Mr Gunn saying that the Council is not unsympathetic to his request but that lots of requests are received for different things and the Council has limited resources and limited space. However, the Council is investigating one way of getting this provision.
- 53 **Pavilion Iver** – Mr Wilson reported on a meeting held between the FA and himself and Damon Clark. The FA reps commented on the plans so far and would not fund the current plan because they do not fund sprung floors nor storage space. Therefore, the community room floor specification has to be changed and the storage for the maintenance team removed. The FA would fund approximately 60% of any building and they provided a typical pavilion plan and architects drawings. Typical costs would be between £375,000 and £550,000. The Council can choose to use this provider or the existing architect (Shorne Tilbey). The FA is happy with Delaford Colts as a Club and the project is one that they would support this year. There is an on-line application form to complete. 40% of the funding has to be found elsewhere and the obvious sources would be the Parish Council, District Council and Delaford Colts. It would be anticipated that the building would be completed in 2010. The building can be used for other sports and things in the community room. The FA thought that the number of changing rooms was appropriate. It is likely to take 30 weeks for the FA to consider the application form and issue the funding from when the form is submitted. The Parish Council would have to consider separately what to do for storage for the grounds maintenance equipment.

Date of Next meeting – 14th January 2008

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

CHAIRMAN