

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 10th May 2010 held at Meeting Hall in Kings Church at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (Chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Bradford
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs P Leech	Mr A Oxley
Mrs Watkins	Mrs P Roberts	Mr D Clark
Mrs S Lidgate	Mr R Gidar	

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Locum Clerk)

1 Election of Chairman for ensuing year – Resolved to elect Mr Julian Wilson as Chairman for the ensuing Council year. Proposed by Mrs Lidgate and seconded by Mrs Roberts. All in favour.

2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Mr Wilson.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mrs Matthews asked for confirmation of the dates when the Council meetings will take place at Richings Park. Mr Wilson responded that the dates are 19th July 2010 and 7th February 2011. Mrs Matthews went on to report that Richings Park Residents Association has now received sufficient funding to purchase a Community Speed Watch Camera. It will be delivered in 5 to 6 weeks and will be available to borrow.

Jim Gourd was present and said he was pleased to be living back in Iver and had attended the overgrown grave of Mrs Pearce. Also he was pleased that the bus service has improved in Iver. Mr Wilson explained that these improvements were due to the intervention of the Parish Council and help from Bucks County Council. However, Mrs Watkins was still unhappy that the bus users of Iver have to wait 3 hours in Uxbridge before the bus returns to Iver.

7.35pm. Mr Gidar joined the meeting.

Mrs Gibson spoke as a member of the public in support of the proposition to establish a Right of Way between footpaths 14 and 15 (this would run along the back of Barnes Way and Colne Orchard, along the boundary of the built up area and then in to Iver Recreation Ground) which would provide a safer route for residents walking to the Infant and Junior Schools rather than along the main roads. Although this route is marked on the parish map it is not on the Definitive Footpath map. Mr Lidgate explained the procedure in order to make it a definitive footpath, highlighting the need of the support of the landowner as well as the agreement of Bucks County Council. It was agreed that Iver Infant and Junior Schools should be approached to put forward an application for this proposed Right of Way to be part of the 'Walk to School' route. Mr Oxley offered to contact the Headteachers and organise this so it can be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

Mr Wilson announced the sad demise of Frances Mallowan who had served for many years on the Parish Council and as the Chairman. A minutes silence was held in her memory.

4 Apologies were accepted from: Mr Adlam, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and Mrs Mowatt.

5 Resolved to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th April 2010.

Matters Arising – Minute 134: Mr Oxley complained about the standard of mowing by Highways' contractors. The contractors appear to be using strimmers rather than mowers resulting in a poor quality of grass cutting.

6 Election of Vice Chairman for ensuing year. Resolved to elect Mrs Watkins. Proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Lidgate. All in favour.

7 Reminder regarding completion of **Register of Financial and other interests** by all Councillors to be updated as required. Noted.

8 Resolved to fix the amount of the Chairman's allowance in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 at £450 as agreed in the budget.

9 Resolved to appoint Members to serve on the under mentioned Committees as follows – 6 members on each committee plus the chairman and vice chairman of Council. (NB Chair and Vice Chair of Council are ex-officio members of all committees, sub committees & advisory groups). It was also agreed to remove 'Planning Policy' from the title of the Highways, Partner Services & Planning Policy Committee and not to substitute Mr Adlam who no longer serves on Policy Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(a) Highways & Partner Services Committee; (to meet 5 times per annum). Quorum is 4. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Leech, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Lidgate, Mr Oxley.

(b) Amenities Committee; (to meet 5 times per annum and comprises 4 advisory groups). Quorum is 4. Mrs Leech, Mr Lidgate, Mrs Mowat, Mr Adlam, Mrs Roberts, Mr Clark.

(c) Policy Finance & General Purposes Committee; (to meet 5 times per annum – to include chairs of other committees plus 3 other members, comprises one sub committee). Quorum is 4. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mr Bradford, Mrs Leech, Mr Lidgate, Mr Oxley, Mrs Mowat, Mr Gidar.

(d) Planning Committee (to meet three weekly). Quorum is 4. Mr Bradford, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Lidgate, Mrs Roberts, Mr Gidar, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly.

10 Resolved to appoint representatives on outside bodies as follows:-

Iver Village Hall Management Committee (Two Members); Mrs Watkins and Mrs Leech

Iver Heath Village Hall Management Committee (Two Members); Mrs Mowat and Mr Adlam

Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (Two Members); Mr Oxley (deputy Mr Wilson)

South Bucks Association of Local Councils (Five Members + Clerk); Mr Lidgate, Mr Gidar, Mrs Watkins, Mr Bradford, Mr Wilson.

South Bucks Partnership (One Member and a deputy). Mr Wilson (deputy Mrs Gibson)

Park Lodge Liaison Committee (one member); Mrs Gibson

Friends of Langley Park (one member); Mr Wilson/Mrs Vigor-Hedderly

Colne Valley Park (one member); Mrs Roberts.

Neighbourhood Action Group (One member); Mr Gidar

Iver Children's Centre Partners Advisory Group (one member); Mrs Leech

Local Area Forum (one member); Mr Ravi.

CAPPAGH – Mr Lidgate, Mr Oxley

BARDON - Mr Lidgate, Mr Oxley.

11 Report of the Clerk on: (a) Neighbourhood Policing newsletter (already circulated) – Mrs Lidgate was surprised that certain events were not mentioned in the Newsletter with particular reference to an incident at Iver Heath Village Hall when the police had been called. The absence of police attendance at the last two Council meetings was noted and the Clerk will make enquiries; (b) The Iver Rec Advisory Group had a meeting with Delaford Colts FC together with the Football Association (FA) where it was agreed that Delaford Colts need to prove they are committed to being in partnership with the Parish Council before the FA will commit funds for the new pavilion. Hence it was agreed to ask Delaford Colts to give a half an hour presentation on their Business Plan after the Public Participation session at the next Council meeting on 28th June, 2010.

12 Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported that Pinewood Studios have placed an appeal regarding the refusal of their planning application. Residents backing on to the area of land owned by Pinewood Studios have applied for the land to be classified as a 'Village Green., This application will be heard at a Public Inquiry to be set up by Bucks County Council. Pinewood Studios were hoping this Inquiry would take place before their appeal. Mr Wilson also reported there is a Youth Services Transformation Consultation being carried out by Bucks CC which may result in major changes to this service and he is concerned that there has been limited information on such an important matter. However he will pursue it and respond to the consultation. Lastly Mr Wilson reported that he had a meeting with Kate Wilson (Iver Educational Trust) and Sally Vigurs (Youth Worker), together with the Clerk, to discuss how things will operate once Kate has left the Parish. The Curate of St Peter's Church will take over Kate's role and Sally will report to him. The meeting did highlight the need to have a progression policy in place to ensure the continuity of the youth service provided by the Council is not disrupted.

13 Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-

(a) Planning Committee 20th April 2010

(b) Policy, Finance & General Purposes Committee 14th April 2010. Matters Arising – Glenda Collins, the Clerk, will be returning to work on 24th May 2010.

14 Local Area Forum – (a) To report on the meeting held on 28th April, 2010 - Seven parish councillors attended this meeting but Mr Oxley explained that those councillors wearing more than one hat would automatically represent the higher council. Mr Oxley reported that Richings Park Residents Association was pleased to receive funds for the Speed Camera although he was concerned that the allocation of the Highway's budget is decided without wider consultation. Mrs Leech found the meeting worthwhile as it was the first meeting she has attended where there was the opportunity for Iver Children's Centre Partners Advisory Group

to bid for funding. General concern was raised at the method of voting at the meeting as agreement seemed to be reached by consensus of opinions, which included those from members of the public, rather than one vote per representative from councils with the chairman having the casting vote. Also there appeared to be no control over requests raised by members of the public which undermines the democratic process.

(b) **Resolved** that matters raised at the LAF should be first agreed at Iver Parish Council to ensure there is a co-ordinated response which represents the opinion of Iver Parish Council.

15 Resolved to decide schemes to put forward for Delegated Budget at the next meeting of the Highways & Partner Services Committee on 9th June, 2010. However some suggestions were (a) Crossing by the Fox & Pheasant PH, Thorney Lane, (b) Repair of footway in Thornbridge Road and (c) Improve the footway from Ridgeway to the Station to eliminate flooding.

16 Bucks Good Neighbourhood Scheme – It was agreed to support this scheme in principle, to display the questionnaires in the Parish Council Office and provide contacts through the parish magazines.

17 Resolved to waive Standing Orders and agree to hire the services of Windowflowers to supply the Summer Hanging Baskets for 2010 (the cost per basket is the same as last year). However, it was agreed that next year tenders for this work should be sought in January/February 2011.

18 Innovation Fund at SBDC – **Resolved** to agree proposals to seek funding at the Council meeting in June with reference to ‘Supporting Residents and Businesses to get the most from the Olympics’.

19 Circulars List for April/May 2010 – to receive and noted.

20 Correspondence for action: None.

21 Accounts:

a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for April in the sum of £4020.57 (as appended) The Clerk will check the high gas bill for the Council offices.

b. Update on the audit for 2009-10. The Clerk reported that this will soon be completed.

22. Press release: It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press regarding local residents to Pinewood Studios requesting land to be classified as a Village Green and the Parish Council entering the Best Kept Village Competition.

Date of next meeting: 28th June 2010 at Iver Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed Chairman Date