

## IVER PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 held at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

#### Present:-

Mr Oxley (Chairman)	Mr N Harlow	Mr M Stockhausen
Ms B Bridgen	Mrs P Leech	Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly
Mrs C Gibson	Mrs W Matthews	Mrs J Watkins
Mr R Gould	Mrs S Meere	Mr E Wood
		Mr C Woolley

#### In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk)

**1 Election of Chairman** for ensuing year – At the proposition of Mrs Gibson, seconded by Mr Woolley, Alan Oxley was nominated as Chairman. At the proposition of Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, seconded by Mr Wood, Mrs Watkins was nominated as Chairman. At the request of Mr Oxley and Mrs Gibson it was agreed to vote for Chairman by secret ballot. The Clerk oversaw the ballot and counted the votes. There were 7 votes for Mr Oxley, 5 votes for Mrs Watkins and one abstention. **Resolved** to elect Mr Alan Oxley as Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

**2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office** was read and signed by Mr Oxley. Mr Oxley thanked the retiring Chairman and parish councillor, Mr Wilson, for his 20 years service as parish councillor, 12 of which he served as Chairman. There have been major changes to the parish council with 9 new councillors. Although this means a loss of experience, this will hopefully be replaced with enthusiasm to make it an even better Parish Council to serve the community.

**3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mrs Parsons thanked the new volunteers who have just joined the Council. She went on to explain that at the last council meeting she sought the support of the Parish Council to request a public Right of Way through the land north of Iver Heath (referred to as Pinewood Fields and the Clump) to be added to the Definitive map following the rejection by Bucks County Council to register this land as a village green. At this time she had not fully read the Pinewood's Planning application at the Public Inquiry as on page 35, paragraph 7.29 of the Planning Statement for Project Pinewood, Pinewood have said, "*PSL has not prohibited wider access by the local community who have used much of the site (as an extension to Iver Heath Fields) for informal recreation (i.e. dog walking)*". This statement is contradictory to the refusal for the registration of this land as a Village Green and she has now made a further application and would seek the support of the Council. Mr Oxley responded that the Council would consider this.

Cllr Lidgate updated the new councillors regards the Fun Run which is being organised between Wexham and Iver to celebrate the 2012 Olympics to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. This is a Parish Council initiative and now as he is no longer a parish councillor a replacement is needed to work with Mrs Leech on this project. There are many interested parties who want to be involved with the Fun Run and there is a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Evreham Centre.

Mr Parson asked if the Parish Council has started to investigate the possibility of registering Iver Heath Fields as a village green. The Clerk replied this has not started to date.

PC King and PC Sharples were present to answer any questions. Mrs Leech asked if the culprits have been caught who were driving motorbikes across Iver Rec? PC King will investigate. Mr Oxley asked if there has been an increase in crime in the area and if the crime statistics could be made available at the council meetings. PC King responded that there has been no dramatic increases in crime in the area and would arrange for the crime statistics to be circulated at the future meetings.

Mrs Roberts thanked, on behalf of herself and other retiring parish councillors, all the hard work of the staff, the past chairman and parish councillors during her time working on the council.

Mrs Gibson reported there had been a fire at 192 Swallow Street and it took approximately 30 minutes for the fireman to arrive. It was agreed to send a formal request for information to the Fire Service regarding this delay. Cllr Lidgate reported that as soon as Bangors Road North is opened again on 1<sup>st</sup> June, the Slough Road (from the Black Horse roundabout) through to Chandlers Hill to the County boundary will be closed until October. The proposed bus route will be Bangors Road, A412, A4007. Mrs Gibson asked if there should be notices on the bus stops showing the proposed route.

Cllr Wilson reported that the owner of Dreams, Mr Clare, is looking at taking control of Beaconsfield Town Hall.

Cllr Vigor-Hedderly reported that Ian Prossor from Bucks CC, has commenced proceedings against CAPPA for breach of conditions including non-compliance due to excessively high stockpiles of materials. A CCTV

camera is being installed at the entrance to monitor traffic. The Highways Department is carrying out patch repair on numerous roads in Iver and pavement slurring will be start as soon as possible. Also, don't forget the 58 Sunday bus service, 'Use it or Lose it'.

**4 Apologies** were accepted from: Mr S Lewis.

**5 Resolved to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**6 Election of Vice Chairman** for ensuing year. At the proposition of Mr Wood, seconded by Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, it was resolved to elect Mrs Matthews. All in favour.

**7** Reminder regarding completion of **Register of Financial and other interests** by all Councillors to be returned to the Clerk. 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).

(a) Highways & Partner Services Committee; (to meet 5 times per annum). Quorum is 3. Mrs Watkins, Mr Stockhausen, Mr Wood, Mr Horlor, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly.

(b) Amenities Committee; (to meet 5 times per annum and comprises 4 advisory groups). Quorum is 3. Mrs Leech, Mr Woolley, Mr Gould, Ms Bridgen, Mrs Meere and Mr Lewis.

(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 3. Mrs Meere, Ms Bridgen, Mrs Watkins and Mr Horlor. (The additional member to be resolved at the first meeting).

(d) Planning Committee (to meet three weekly). Quorum is 3. Mrs Gibson, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Mr Gould, Mr Wood and Mr Woolley. (An additional member is required).

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

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

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Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (Two Members); Mr Oxley (deputy Mr Wood/Mrs Matthews)

South Bucks Association of Local Councils (Five Members + Clerk); Mrs Watkins, Mrs Matthews, Ms Bridgen, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and Mrs Leech.

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

Park Lodge Liaison Committee (one member); Mrs Gibson (deputy Mr Oxley)

Friends of Langley Park (one member); Mr Horlor.

Colne Valley Park (one member); Mrs Leech.

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

Local Area Forum (one member); To decide at the next meeting. All parish councillors to attend the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Hardy Memorial Hall.

CAPPAGH – Mrs Gibson.

BARDON - Mr Stockhausen.

**11 Resolved** to appoint David Smy from HW Controls and Assurance as the internal auditor for the ensuing year

**12 Resolved to approve** dates of Council Committee and sub-committee meetings for the coming year (copy appended).

**13 Report of the Clerk** on: (a) Neighbourhood Policing newsletter (as appended), (b) Bids for Delegated budget – maps are required to show the areas. Mrs Gibson, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Leech offered assistance, (c) Tyrone Porter has now been appointed as part time Assistant Outreach worker on a one year contract, (d) Mr Woolley has offered to take photographs of all new councillors and staff for the web site and; (e) HS2 Road show – meetings have been arranged along the proposed route.

**14 Chairman's Report.** Mr Oxley reported that the Stop Project Pinewood Inquiry finished last Thursday. The Parish Council has donated money towards legal assistance. There will be 2 more days of consideration later in the year and the final outcome will be announced in about 12 months. A parish tour will be organised for the new council. In the past this has usually taken place in September but it can be brought forward. The Clerk will circulate possible dates to find the most suitable time for everyone. Mr Oxley also thanked Mrs Gibson for planting the hedgerow in Swan Road. There were approximately 1025 hedge plants and 8cum of mulch.

- 15 Resolved** to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-  
 (a) Planning Committee 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
 (b) Policy, Finance & General Purposes Committee 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- 16 Resolved** to change the next meeting date of the Council from 27<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- 17 Resolved** to arrange a training session for councillors at 7.30 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 in the St Peter's Centre.
- 18 New pavilion** at Iver Recreation Ground - The associated reports were considered and discussed.  
**Resolved** to accept the Football Foundations offer of a grant on the terms of the grant offer letter and the general terms and conditions.  
**Resolved** to apply for a £250,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board over a 25 year period.
- 19 Circulars List** for May 2011 – to receive and noted. All circulars are available in the Parish Council Office
- 20 Correspondence for action:** Heathrow Consultation. Response required by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. Mrs Matthews offered to read the consultation and report back.
- 21 Accounts:**
- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for May of £37,947.21 net (appended).
  - b. Resolved to receive processed income for May of £3,587.61 net (appended).
  - c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.
  - d. To receive income and expenditure account and balance sheet and final bank reconciliation (appended).
  - e. To receive the internal audit review sheet as completed by the internal auditor (appended).
  - f. To approve the Retiring Chairman's annual report (appended) for the Village Guide which is due to be published in June. To agree to print at least 5000 copies (or more if within the same price range).
  - g. Insurance renewal – Insurance renewed with Zurich within the 3 year contract.
- 22 Press release:** It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press regarding the names of the members of the new council, chairman and vice-Chairman.

**Date of next meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Iver Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10 pm

Signed ..... Chairman Date .....