

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st February, 2010
held at Iver Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mrs S Lidgate
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mrs P Roberts
Mr M Bradford	Mrs P Leech	Mrs Mowat
Mr R Gidar	Mr A Oxley	Mrs Watkins

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Temporary Clerk), PC Rob Mellor, (Thames Valley Police), Mr Eddie Wood (Richings Park Residents Association), Roger Wood and David Quainton (Chairman of Denham Parish Council).

116. Public Participation. Mr Eddie Wood from Richings Park Residents Association reported that he wished to offer his general support to the establishment of a Local Area Forum (LAF) as he hoped this would be a quicker means of getting things done.

Police Report. PC Rob Mellor reported that there had been several incidents of racist graffiti in the Iver Heath area and a lot of police resources have been dedicated to resolving this problem. One person was arrested and has pleaded guilty so hopefully this will be an end to it. However the increase of police presence will continue to ensure there is no reoccurrence and he would urge the public to report any incidents of this nature as soon as possible. Mr Wilson asked what was happening to the incident when a bottle was thrown through someone's window as it would appear that certain individuals are being targeted. PC Mellor responded that they had not been able to find the culprit of this crime. The police were aware that individuals are being targeted and are working on the matter. Mrs Watkins asked if there has been a closure on the fatal road traffic accident. PC Mellor replied that 2 individuals have been charged. One has pleaded guilty to death by dangerous driving and received a 6 month prison sentence. The second person has not pleaded guilty and is awaiting trial. Mrs Leech asked about the incidents of car crime in Leas Drive. PC Mellor replied that cars were not being stolen but abandoned in this location and other areas and he would be pleased to receive any information on this.

PC Mellor went on to say that Thames Valley Police were hoping to organise a community event in Iver Heath to bring people together with a common focus. He asked if the Parish Council had any ideas as to the location of such an event and what type of event would be suitable to engender community spirit and togetherness. Mr Wilson replied it could be held at Iver Heath Recreation Grounds or Iver Heath Field according to the type of event planned. Mrs Gibson suggested an Easter Egg hunt. PC Mellor responded that this was a possibility but this would have to be in conjunction with other activities in order to include as many people as possible. There is enough money available to fund a significant event. Mr Wilson said the Parish Council would consider this and come back with some ideas.

Reports from Bucks C.C. representatives - Mrs Viggor-Hedderly reported the highway accidents at Wood Lane have taken up a lot of resources. The problem stemmed from the two properties having ponds which overflow on to Wood Lane and the overflow water turning to ice during the recent cold climate. The Environment Agency is now involved but until submergible pumps are installed the blankets of ice will continue to form in freezing conditions.

- Mr Lidgate reported that he has the Annual Report of the Blue Sky Organisation which is a service providing employment for ex-offenders who genuinely wish to change their lives. He suggested that charitable or local authority type of organisation may wish to consider this service. Mr Lidgate went on to mention the bad state of the roads as a result of the recent long spate of snow and ice. A lot of information is being circulated by Bucks C.C. about the extra vehicles being employed but parish councils are not getting specific information as to where and when the roads will be repaired. However he has just received an email from Jim Stevens, Head of Transportation, that officers have been instructed to provide members with these details so we will soon be advised when specific roads are going to be repaired.

117. Apologies were received from: Mr Adlam and Mr Clarke. Mr Oxley will be arriving late as he has a meeting at SBDC.

118. RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 4th January 2010 after amending Sally Tugwell to Sally Vigurs being in attendance and removing the last sentence of Minute 100.

119. Report of the Clerk on: a) Branch meeting of CPRE will be on 6th February, 2010 in the Baptist Church

at Princes Risborough.

b) Proposed change of name of Buckinghamshire Community Action to Community Impact Bucks and a General Meeting will be held on 4th February at the Community Centre in Stoke Mandeville to submit this proposition.

c) Invitation from Voluntary Impact Bucks to a Voluntary & Community Sector Conference on 3rd March, 2010.

d) Correspondence from Bucks C.C. to inform the Parish Council that resources are concentrating on repairing potholes in roads after the recent period of snow and ice. Therefore other work will not be carried out including the Community Gang work.

120.Chairman's Report. The Chairman informed councillors that the reply on the Core Strategy has been sent to the Local Development Planning Committee which will hopefully be noted. He has attended the meeting of South Bucks Association of Local Councils where there had been a discussion on LAF resulting, with the exception of Wexham PC and possibly Burnham PC, concerns raised about the effectiveness of the LAF.

Mr Wilson has spoken to Andrew Smith from Pinewood Studios who confirmed the Studio will not be moving abroad in light of recent media news. Also they had discussed the proposed planning development and Mr Smith will be including in the amended plans the recent suggestion for a village green. Pinewood Studios will be appealing against the refusal of its planning application by SBDC.

121.Resolved to receive and adopt the **minutes of the following committee meetings:-**

(a) Planning Committee 5th January and 26th January 2010 (after amending the Chairman's name to *Mrs Lidgate* and Minute 116 to include *Mr Bradford*)

(b) Highways Committee 20th January 2010 (after amending the closing time to 8.53 p.m.)

(c) Policy, Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15th January, 2010

7.56 p.m. Cllr Oxley joined the meeting.

Agenda Item 125 was brought forward to be discussed next.

125 Local Area Forum After much discussion Mr Oxley, seconded by Cllr Gidar put forward the resolution that 'Iver Parish Council should participate in the Wexham and Iver LAF with the option to withdraw at a future date in the event it being only a talk shop'. A vote was held by a show of hands and the resolution was passed.

Mr Oxley explained that each organisation has one vote at the LAF but all members of each organisation may attend and the next meeting of the LAF is at 7.30p.m. on 28th April, 2010. It was agreed unanimously that Mr Gidar would be the representative for Iver Parish Council.

Mrs Viggor-Hedderly, Chairman of the Wexham and Iver LAF, said she would be willing to book a room at Iver Memorial Hall for the next meeting if members of the Parish Council wanted to attend.

8.44 p.m. Mrs Watkins left the meeting.

122. Footpath from Anslow Gardens to Trewarden Avenue –Land at Leacroft Road – The police did not recommend closure of this footpath so it was agreed not to pursue the matter any further.

123.Civic Reception – A list of nominations for awards was circulated. It was agreed to have only one nomination from the committees of Iver Heath and Iver Village halls but all committee members would be invited and the list was agreed. An invitation list was also agreed. The venue for the reception has been changed from St Leonards Hall to Iver Village hall to ensure there is adequate space for the catering.

124. Councillor Training – Power of Well Being — to be held on Wednesday 24th February from 7 pm to 9 pm in Coppins Room of Iver Village Hall. Mr Wilson asked for all councillors to attend this training if possible to avoid the necessity of attending a similar course at a later date.

126.Resolve not to support the youth worker, Sally Vigurs, in her project to take a group of 8 young people to India in the summer of 2010. Mr Wilson will explain the reasons for this decision to the youth worker.

125.Circulars List for November/December 2009 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).

126.Correspondence for action:

(a) **BALC** – Parish Council liaison with Bucks CC project – Members were asked to complete the

questionnaire appended and return it to the Clerk by 24th February 2010.

(b) South Bucks District Council Tax Consultation – No comment.

(c) Draft Parking Consultation –defer to next meeting.

(d)Freight Consultation – comment at the next meeting.

127. Accounts:

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for January (herewith) in the sum of £32690.73 net.
- b. Resolved to receive income for January (herewith) in the sum of £7,101.53.
- c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.

128. Press Release: Resolved to inform the press that the decision to take part in the Wexham and Iver LAF was agreed and the date of the next one is the 28th April 2010. Also the Annual Parish Meeting and the Civic Reception will take place on the 1st March 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Date of next meeting: 12th April 2010 at Iver Heath Village Hall

Signed Chairman Date