

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st September 2008 held at St Leonard's Hall, Richings Park at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr J Wilson (chairman)	Mrs P Leech	Mrs J Watkins
Mrs P Roberts	Mr W Lidgate	Mr D Adlam
Mrs S Lidgate	Mrs C Mowat	Mr D Clark
Mr R Gidar	Mr A Oxley	Mrs C Gibson

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk),.

58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- a. **Amy Moore Alcohol Co-ordinator and Commissioner for the “Calling Time” initiative.** A short talk was given by Amy Moore (appended). She concluded by saying that the BCC local youth outreach worker is looking at working in Burnham and Iver on alcohol related issues. The Council asked that she liaise with Sally Tugwell.
- b. **Sally Tugwell (Detached and outreach Youth Worker).** Sally presented a report on her work both generally and in particular the summer programme (appended)
- c. **Sarah Allwood of Bucks Community Action on Parish Plans** explained the process for carrying out a village appraisal and gave out some leaflets to councillors about the process.

Approximately 20 residents of Richings Park were in attendance to explain their action plan with regard to the problems being experienced by residents because of speeding traffic and HGVs. A leaflet is appended explaining their efforts and requests. Wendy Matthews (chairman of the Richings Park Residents Association) explained that Richings Way and North Park is the most heavily congested unclassified road in the County. The roads are narrow as are the pavements making it difficult for pedestrians and HGVs alike. The residents are working with the Thames Valley Safer Road Partnership, police neighbourhood team, County Council transportation department. They have joined the Community Speedwatch Scheme and have purchased their own speed gun and taken readings. A high proportion of traffic travels at 10 – 15 mph above the 30 mph limit with significant numbers travelling at 80 - 100 mph. Two motorbikes have been caught travelling at 105 and 115 mph and this is a regular occurrence by the same bikes. They would like a Vehicle Activated Sign, additional signage at the entrance to the 30 mph limit, large reflective 30 mph signs and additional safety notices. Also 40 mph repeater signs. They felt that an average speed camera would be the ideal. In response PC Caroline Tailor said that both she and PC Edwards are trained in the use of a speed gun and would support the group and take some readings themselves and add their findings to the group's information. She questioned whether the width restrictions are doing any good. The chairman said that the whole issue would be discussed at the Highways and Partnerships Committee on Wednesday 3rd September and that residents could go along to listen if they wished.

PC Caroline Tailor gave a demonstration of the new body worn video equipment that the neighbourhood team will be using. She said that the team works closely with Sally and with the Clerk and with Slough race relations partnership. She also said that the young people concerned in a recent incident with a fence in Iver Heath recreation ground had been from West Drayton. Vehicle crime is on the increase particularly with regard to theft of number plates. This is now more prevalent than the theft of sat navs and laptops from vehicles.

59 Apologies were accepted from: Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly, Mr M Bradford and District Councillor Simon Bullock.

Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – there were none.

60 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 21st July 2008.

61 Resolved to note the report of the Clerk as follows:

- a. PCSO David Castle is now holds the post vacated by PCSO Ian Bates as the part-funded PCSO for Iver. Noted.
- b. Cross rail exhibition will be held on 29th and 30th September at Queensmere in Slough
- c. Timing of the roadworks at the Black Horse has had to be extended because they have found damage to the drains.

62 Chairman's Report. The chairman reported that there an Action Against Pinewood group has been formed by some residents in Iver Heath. The preview of the public exhibition for Parish Councillors will take

place on 15th September. He stated that he felt it was important to find out what would be at the public exhibitions and to be on hand at those exhibitions to assist residents. He also stated that it was important that Councillors did not make any comments at this stage other than to say that they would protect the Green Belt and be opposed to any development within it. Councillors should be given badges to wear when attending the public meetings on 18th, 19th and 20th September (Clerk to provide). He reminded councillors that more stewards are needed for the carnival on 13th September and he also spoke about the incident with the fence in Iver Heath Recreation Ground.

- 63** Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-
(a) Planning Committee 14th August 2008
- 64** Pinewood Project – Private preview of the public exhibition 15th September 7 pm for parish council only. Parish Council has called a public meeting on 25th September at 8 pm at Iver Heath Village Hall. Resolved not to produce flyers (mentioned in minutes of the last meeting), as the Pinewood residents' flyer mentions the meeting but to advertise it in parish magazines, notice boards, web site and at the carnival. Clerk will make a rota of attendance at the exhibitions if councillors let her know their availability. Clerk to produce an agenda in consultation with the chairman, who will chair the meeting.
- 65** Parish Plan – resolved to produce a questionnaire based on the findings of the last appraisal to tease out the key issues. Resolved that this questionnaire would be given out at the carnival and residents asked to complete them giving a ranking of importance to each of the issues previously identified and to list any new key issues. Prize draw of £50 on the day. Addresses to be put onto the forms to ensure that residents only complete the forms and a box to tick if they would be interested in being part of a steering group to progress the plan. Resolved to apply for the £250 funding from SBDC to cover initial printing costs. Resolved that Mrs Leech and Mr Oxley would analyse the findings and produce a list of names and addresses to contact for future meetings. The Parish Council would contact Sarah Allwood again once the initial findings have been produced for SBDC and then consider how to progress more consultation and the production of a new Parish Plan. Sarah Allwood said she thought this was an excellent way forward given the short timescale for initial key issues to be given to SBDC.
- 66** Saltex – reminder that the exhibition runs from 2nd – 4th September at Windsor Race Course and there is a late opening until 7 pm on the 3rd. Noted. Request from Amenities Committee for some money from reserves to purchase a fitpoint from the show (if one is available). £10,000 - £11,000 for one similar to the one in Iver Recreation Ground but there may be cheaper, smaller items available – the Clerk is liaising with Hags. It was resolved not to fund any items this year but to look for assistance with funding and to talk to the providers at Saltex to see what deals may be done in the future.
- 67** Rostrevor Gardens – noted that the District Valuer has valued the land (total £7,100) and 3 residents want to take up the offer to purchase the piece at the bottom of their garden. The other resident believes he already owns it and his solicitor is looking into the matter. He will purchase if it is confirmed that he does not already own it. Resolved that the Clerk may instruct the Council's solicitors to draw up the necessary documentation with the same restrictive covenants as applied when the Council sold land to number 19. Council's legal costs to be borne by the purchaser. Also resolved that a surveyor can be instructed to mark the fence lines and that residents (who put the sheds up) are asked to remove the concrete bases for the sheds as well as the sheds themselves – fee £500.
- 68** Circulars List for July/August 2008 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).
- 69 Correspondence for action:**
- a. NALC consultation – the Ministry of Justice are seeking views on election day weekend voting by 22nd September (questions to answer appended to the agenda). Resolved to make no comment.
 - b. NALC roundtable discussion events on 5th, 8th and 18th September regarding the balance of power: central and local government. This is to help formulate a response to the Communities and Local Government Select Committee Inquiry into further devolution, financial autonomy, existing powers, improving the relationship between central and local government and the constitutional position. Paper appended to the agenda. Comments by 22 September. The chairman said that he would go to one of the events if possible.
 - c. Thornbridge Road Shops Environmental Improvement Scheme – final plan has gone out to tender and work should begin on 13th October for completion by Christmas. Letter with a few queries from Simon Gray was appended to the agenda. Illustrations and plans were available at the meeting. Request for authority to move a Parish Council street light was given. Cost would be £1000 but likely to be able to be funded from the Project Fund. Noted. Detail was referred to Highways and Partnerships Committee on 3rd September.

- d. SBDC chairman's community and volunteering awards – reminder that nominations need to be in by 7th October and presentations take place on 26th November. Noted.
- e. Land at Richings Park – piece of land on western side of Thorney Lane South bordered by the railway, M25 and Curry Paradise – owner wants Parish Council views on use of this land (currently horse grazing) and is thinking of private allotments. Council expressed concern about the economic viability of the allotment project and asked the clerk to seek the view of the owner in regard to letting or selling some of the land to the Parish Council for recreational facilities for young people.
- f. NHS Trust consultation on proposals to become an NHS Foundation Trust. Comments by 19th October. Resolved to make no comment.
- g. Signage at Saxon Court (Lea Barton) – Kebbell Homes request for an advertising board by the road entrance to the recreation ground for up to two years at £100 per annum to the Council. Resolved to say no to the sign board.
- h. Visit of the Chief Constable to the District Council on 23rd September at 6 pm – the Parish Council is invited to nominate a representative to attend this meeting. Resolved that Mrs Watkins should attend and ask any question that she desired so long as she let the District Councillors know which question she would be asking and then they would ask different ones.
- i. Iver Rec Access Road and 107 High Street – suggestion by the Council's solicitors to employ a surveyor to clarify issues raised by the residents of 107 and the Council's solicitors over the access road was approved at a cost £500 approximately. Resolved to put up a sign at the entrance to say that there is no public right of way over the access road (in green and white under the existing sign).

70 Accounts:

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for August in the sum of £48,915.52 net (appended)
- b. Resolved to receive income for August in the sum of £2,930.89 (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive and approve recent bank statements. Signed by the chairman and clerk.
- d. Resolved to approve opening a new current account with the Coop Bank.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Signed Chairman Date