

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd September 2007
held at St Leonard's Hall, Richings Park at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr J Wilson (chairman)
Mrs J Watkins
Mrs C Mowat
Mrs C Gibson
Mr D Clarke
Mr W Lidgate
Mr R Gidar

Mr A Oxley
Ms P Leech
Mr D Adlam
Mrs S Lidgate
Mr M Bradford
Mrs Vigor-Hedderly

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk), PC Mike Hillyard and PS Dave Bryan (Thames Valley Police)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-

2 members of the public were present. They asked what the containers were for on Iver Recreation Ground. It was explained that they belonged to the developers of Lea Barton and therefore any graffiti on the containers would have to be cleaned by them. An explanation was requested about who should clean graffiti in general terms. The clerk explained that cleaning was the responsibility of the owner of the property although the District Council would offer assistance to residents in difficulty. The Council was thanked for the additional dog bin in Iver Recreation Ground but asked for another one as well. They also complained about the litter on the streets of the village (particularly Mansion Lane).

There were no County or District Councillor reports.

The police crime figures were circulated (as obtained by the Clerk from Inspector Park). Councillors asked for the figures in a different format (showing a breakdown by the 3 parts of the parish on a monthly basis). PS reported that there would be an additional PC in October for the Iver area and also an additional PCSO a month or so later. He also reported on a public order incident in Swallow Street that had taken place at the weekend and said that it was a youth problem and was racially aggravated. Iver had also suffered a spate of burglaries. PC Hillyard reported that Clare Turner the Police Licensing officer had visited the Black Horse. Subsequently there has been a change of landlord and the police are working closely with him to prevent under age drinking. The chairman reminded councillors that concerns about licensing matters should be reported to Mandy Groves at the District Council. Councillors requested that the police supply a cigarette bin outside the police station to prevent the amount of cigarette butts littering the area.

Janet Feakes of LQBeacon gave a short presentation and answered Councillor questions. Janet is part of the neighbourhood investment team and is covering for Gina Rayner's maternity leave. The area covered is large consisting of South Bucks, Wycombe, Slough, Watford and Bracknell. The team is responsible for education and youth projects to improve the quality of life of residents in LQ Beacon accommodation. Janet had been in touch with Darren Quinnell the church youth worker and it was suggested that she also contacts Sally Tugwell, the parish council youth worker. The alley gates in Dutton Way had alleviated some of the problems there and door entry systems are being installed on all blocks of flats. Councillors asked if Janet could help

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54. Apologies were accepted from:- Mrs P Roberts.

55. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – Mr Bradford declared an interest in item 63(d) as he is a member of Delaford Colts football club.

56. Joint Local Committee Report from Mrs Gibson was received and noted. The Council also completed the questionnaire regarding the Green Infrastructure in the Parish (as attached).

57. RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16th July 2007.

58. Report of the Clerk on:

- (a) BCC notice re closure of Black Park Road for re-surfacing 24th September for approximately 4 days. Noted that this is now likely to be only 1 day.
- (b) Letter from a resident complimenting the Council on the Christmas Lights each year. Noted. Mrs Mowat stated that Iver Heath library are very pleased with their hanging baskets too.
- (c) Notice for Experimental Closure of Billet Lane (part and crossing central reservation on A412) for

18 months from 30th August. Noted. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly stated that the County Council had told her that there were no base line figures against which to monitor any increase in traffic movements on Billet Lane and Bellswood Lane. Mr Oxley (as County Councillor) said he thought there were and would check it out and report back to her. Mr Lidgate (as County Councillor) said that if there were no figures then it was a concern. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly also expressed concern about whether the road surfaces were good enough to take any increased traffic.

(d) A412 safety works to commence on 3rd September from Five Points to Black Park Road. Noted.

(e) Pinewood have re-submitted an application for the security fence for the Path to Black Park. Noted and requested that the Clerk write to Stephen Kyle and Roger Reed expressing the full Council's support of the application.

(f) Land at Lea Barton – noted that the legal agreement has been signed and money (£110,000) transferred to the parish council's bank account. Kebbell Homes hope to begin work on 10th September. Demolition of the old changing rooms will take place as soon as work begins and also changes to the fencing between the field and the car park. The Parish Council's contractor will begin work on removal of the old playground and re-instating with grasscrete as soon as possible thereafter. Play equipment already in our possession will be installed on the recreation ground. New play equipment will be installed when it is delivered. Clerk to inform councillors of dates as soon as known.

(g) 105 High Street – legal agreement being chased through the Council's solicitors. Noted.

(h) M25 widening J16-23. Exhibition to show what will happen to be held at Higher Denham Community Centre on 12th October from 2 – 9 pm and on 13th October from 10 am – 5 pm.

(i) Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts – consultation by SBDC. No proposed changes for Iver parish. Councillors had no requests or suggestions to make.

(j) HGV traffic in Iver and request for a relief road by residents at the Transport Road show – written response by SBDC to be circulated with the Road Safety agenda for 26th September.

(k) SBDC flood risk assessment – request for information on any areas that have flooded recently. Information to be sent to the Clerk in the first instance.

(l) Mark Averill of BCC will be attending the Road Safety and Lighting Committee to report and answer questions on the work that the Parish Council can undertake on behalf of the County Council in regard to highways.

59. RESOLVED to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-

(a) **Planning Committee** 26th July, 9th August and 23rd August 2007

(b) **Policy Committee** 6th June and 18th July 2007

(c) **Office Accommodation Committee** 30th July 2007

60. **Chairman's Report** – the chairman reported that the Clerk has been drawing up an Order for dogs to be on leads in the recreation grounds. This will go to the next Policy Committee for approval to place the appropriate advertisement in the local papers etc. The Parish Tour itinerary has been circulated to those attending and will include a visit to Pinewood Studios to see the Peace Road path and the new entrance being constructed. Any requests for other sites to be visited should be sent to the Clerk as soon as possible.

The chairman had also attended the recent NAG meeting. He reported that there had been no action from the County Council Highways department on numerous roads in the parish that had been reported as having problems with drainage or road surfaces (notably Bellswood Lane, Billet Lane, Hollow Hill Lane to name a few). He said that he and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly would be composing a letter to go to the portfolio holder (Val Letheren) with a copy to the leader of the County Council and two officers (Neil Gibson and Jim Stevens) expressing the Council's disgust and concern at not getting any action taken on roads in Iver.

61. **Office Accommodation** – it was reported that the Clerk had contacted the police in regard to needing more space and there was a meeting planned with Chief Inspector Wrigley on 18th September to discuss it. South Bucks District Council planning department had said that it might be possible to achieve change of use of part of 74 High Street to office accommodation. Simon Williams had been approached regarding purchasing the ground floor of Universal House but the Clerk had no answer yet. It was not possible to purchase just the ground floor of St Peter's House. Sherriff Mountford had been appointed to write to owners of property in the High Street to let them know that the Parish Council is looking at moving within the area. RESOLVED not to make an offer on the High Street property nor make a planning application for change of use. No date was set for the next meeting of the Accommodation Committee.

62. RECEIVED & NOTED the July/August Circulars List

63. Correspondence for Action:

(a) **A New Deal for Buckinghamshire** – consultation on a model for the working relationship between BCC, SBDC and Parish Council. For comment by 30th September. Copies circulated with the agenda. Clerk to respond in liaison with the chairman.

(b) **SBDC Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme** – request for bids to this scheme. Noted request from Richings Park Residents Association for consideration of 2 projects – work on St Leonard's mound and a face-lift to the shopping area in Richings Park (replace broken bollards and paving, additional bollards, removal of weeds). Planning Committee had recommended Thornbridge Road shopping area. RESOLVED to put forward the Thornbridge Road shops scheme and to approve £5,000 contribution from the Parish Council at this stage. The Policy Committee was asked to budget £10,000 in the Road Safety budget for 2008/2009 for this project.

(c) **Potential £1.5million** funding for Colne Valley Regional Park – first Local Action Group meeting to be held on 18th September 6.30 for 7 pm at Civic Centre, Uxbridge. RESOLVED to be represented on the group and Mrs Gibson agreed to attend the first meeting and report back. To decide on permanent representation after that report.

(d) **Delaford Colts request for use of Iver Recreation Ground** for Fun Day Saturday 8th September in the afternoon. RESOLVED to approve the use from 11.30 am until 7 pm. Mr Bradford assured the Council that all the correct licences for alcohol and music (if being used) had been obtained from the District Council.

64. Accounts:

- a. **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of Accounts for July/August in the sum of £49,234 net.
- b. **RESOLVED** to receive list of income for May in the July/August of £5,902.62 net.
- c. **Bank statements** – bank reconciliations were signed by the chairman.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN