

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd December 2007 held at Iver Village
Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.30pm

Present:-

Mr J Wilson (Chairman)	Mr R Gidar	Mrs P Leech
Mrs P Roberts	Mrs C Gibson	Mr M Bradford
Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mrs J Watkins	Mr D Adlam
Mr W Lidgate	Mr D Clarke	Mrs S Lidgate

In Attendance:- Mrs J Simmonds (Deputy Clerk)

95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Several (40-50) members of public were present. The Chairman invited the police to speak initially about the anti-social behaviour that has been happening recently especially in Iver Heath. Sgt D Bryant explained that the youth issues at Iver Heath were being investigated, arrests were expected to be made, and extra patrols will be asked to attend the area more frequently. A dispersal order will be in place by Friday 14th December for three months and will cover the whole length of Swallow Street and Slough Road and roads leading off of both. A copy of the dispersal order notice is attached giving details. A report of how this is working will be made at the next Parish Council meeting in January. Some members of public raised questions about the damaged fencing at the Iver Heath recreation ground and St. Davids Close, and asked if the fence could be replaced and if the lights could be turned off earlier. The Chairman informed those residents that the lights were kept on as a recommendation of Crime Prevention, and that the fencing was to be discussed later in the meeting. Some residents complained about the dog control orders. Mrs Gill spoke out about the fact that good residents always clear up the mess and that having a dog on a lead will not stop the problem. Mrs Gill also said that dog walkers often clear up mess left behind by the footballers after matches. More dog bins were asked for in the recreation grounds. The Chairman informed these residents that this item would also be discussed later in the meeting. Other residents attended to explain the cause of the yellow ribbons in the village, put up by their campaign group carers4carers. They explained that they had no intention of upsetting anyone and had started to remove some the ribbons especially the ones in Iver Village. The Chairman said that the Parish Council would remove ribbons attached to their property, but could not touch any on private property or land or furniture not owned by the Parish. The campaign was happy with the impact they had made and were happy to tone down the campaign. Some residents were concerned about the speed of traffic through the village especially by the Junior School where some do not stop at the zebra crossing. The Chairman explained that we have already proposed a 20mph limit in that area with highways. PC Tailor said that she was running a speed check with Year 6 children from the Junior School for two days this week. Mrs Goodliffe raised her concerns about obscene graffiti in Iver Recreation ground. The Chairman explained that one member of our maintenance team died recently and so we were down to one member and that we would address the problem as soon as possible. There were no reports from District or County Council members. The public session was closed at 8.15pm. Sally Tugwell was then invited to give a brief introduction and update of her role.

96 Apologies were accepted from: - Mr A Oxley, Mrs C Mowat.

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

98 WRITTEN reports from council representatives on outside bodies: - there were none.

99 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 5th November 2007

100 Report of the Clerk on: - there was none.

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

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| (a) Planning Committee | 15 th November and 29 th November |
| (b) Office Accommodation Committee | 12 th November subject to removal of Mrs Watkins from present to apologies. |
| (c) Amenities Committee | 7 th November 2007 |
| (d) Policy, Finance & Gen Purposes | 21 st November 2007 subject to correction of £336 to £336,000 item number |

102 Chairman's Report – The chairman reported that the police had agreed to lease the Parish Council the police house to use as offices on a ten year lease. No figures had been discussed yet. He thanked Mrs C Mowat, Mrs P Leech and Mrs P Roberts for the successful Christmas Lights switch on ceremony which took place on 1st December. He thanked Bernard Leigh for ensuring that the lights worked on time. He

thanked Mr C Woolley for being Father Christmas and the Parish Council maintenance staff Mr C Sprules and Mr N Fisher for their invaluable help. Thanks also to the face painter who did a wonderful job. The clerk was asked to write to all volunteers to thank them individually. It was reported that £205 was given in donations. The chairman reported that some councillors were invited to Pinewood to listen to a presentation regarding a new project plan which they have unveiled on green belt land. A number of letters of concern have been received. The parish council would always be seen to protect the green belt land. The chairman has attended several meetings with the police recently and feels that the police are consulting properly with the parish council. It was noted that all twelve parish councillors present would be happy to attend a one day course especially for councillors, it was agreed that this should be held locally.

103 Dog Control Orders – This item was deferred for discussion at the next amenities meeting. A standard letter should be sent to all who have responded to explain deferment. Mrs S Lidgate will liaise with the clerk about the letter to be sent before the next amenities meeting. The parish council would like to request that as they help fund a PCSO that they show more presence at the recreation grounds to try to alleviate this problem.

104 Iver Heath Recreation Ground – The parish council were disgusted with the letter received from Rightscope the management company at St. Davids Close. It was requested that the clerk send letters to the Directors of the company to explain their disgust and point out that this wall and fence is their responsibility to replace and that the parish council would be looking to recover any costs from them. Residents of St. Davids Close were also encouraged to write to the directors. After discussion it was proposed by Mr W Lidgate to continue the palisade fencing along that area as soon as possible, this was seconded by Mr D Clarke. A vote was taken and motion carried 7 – 5 to replace the fence with palisade fencing at a cost of £3k. It was agreed that all debris should be pushed back onto St. Davids Close land for them to remove.

105 Bus Shelter in Swallow Street – NOTED complaints from two residents. No councillors wanted the bus shelter removed, they would like to wait and see what happens with the dispersal order. AGREED that the new bus shelter outside the Alpa garden centre should go ahead as planned. It was AGREED to repair the bus shelter roof with tiles.

106 Devolved Highways Work – AGREED that parish council would like to go ahead with this scheme, however they would like to refer this back to the next policy meeting and have requested further information from the clerk. They agreed that there is not the workforce in place at the moment to cope with extra duties. The different proposals they would like to explore are (a) Taking on the scheme using a sub contractor (b) taking on the scheme and employing someone (c) taking on the scheme and doing the job using our own staff. Costings to be available.

107 Committee Membership and Structure – RECEIVED and APPROVED a paper with suggested changes to standing orders (appended). Proposed by Mr J Wilson and seconded by Mr R Gidar. To be brought back to council at next meeting to be added to standing orders.

108 Delegated Powers of Committees/Clerk – papers were sent out with the last parish council agenda and the Policy Committee agenda regarding this. APPROVED powers of committees, Deferred powers of clerk to next policy meeting where each committee can decide which of their budgets to be delegated to the clerk.

109 RECEIVED & NOTED November Circulars List

110 Correspondence for Action:

- a. Proposed Changes to charges for South Bucks District Council Pay and Display Car Parks - NOTED
- b. Consultation Process and Feedback for SBDC hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Associated Documentation – Draft Policy Document - NOTED
- c. South Bucks Joint Local Committee – to note that a working party is being set up to look at the GC2C structure and it is requested that one councillor from Beaconsfield/Denham/Fulmer/Gerrards Cross/Hedgerley/Iver/Wexham be chosen to attend – AGREED to nominate Mr D Adlam.
- d. Premises Licence Variation application for Royal British Legion Malta Hall – to remove condition 7 of current license – bar facilities are to only be made available for functions for over 18s - NOTED
- e. Iver Recreation Ground play area – NOTED correspondence from Mr Bull and to consider the possibility of having the playground properly fenced off and locked after sunset – AGREED not to lock play area pointless as fencing can be climbed over. To consider an opening ceremony – AGREED that an opening ceremony should take place one afternoon in January inviting the local schools and playgroups along.

111 Accounts:

- a. RESOLVED to authorise payment of Accounts for November herewith (£16,781.88 net)
- b. RESOLVED to receive list of income for November to be tabled herewith (£2,698.41)
- c. To receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations – There were none.
- d. RESOLVED to approve the following annual payments under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972
 - Iver and District Countryside Association £300
 - St Margaret's Church £360
 - Iver Village Hall £350
 - Iver Heath Village Hall £350
- e. RESOLVED to approve the budget recommended by the Policy Committee (appended)
- f. RESOLVED to set the precept as recommended by the Policy Committee (£336,000)

Meeting closed at 10.10pm