

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th January 2009 held at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.30 pm

Present:-

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

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk), PC Rob Mellor (Thames Valley Police)

109 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were 2 residents in attendance. Wendy Matthews reported on behalf of Richings Park Residents that the speedwatch data is now being entered onto the police computer system and letters in the process of being sent out. She said that when people are out taking reading it acts as a deterrent to speeding. BCC has issued an order to repair and replace all road markings in Richings Way and North Park and upgrade the 30 mph signs. She asked for an update on the TSID and whether the amount of money had been received from the delegated budget for the hard standing and whether the Council had heard any more about the lights that have been switched off in Richings Park and the possibility of getting them switched back on. She reported that one light in Thorney Mill Road had been turned back on following an unfortunate incident with 2 pedestrians. The chairman said that he was pleased that the glitches with the speedwatch system had been sorted out and the clerk confirmed that the TSID should be going up on 19th January in North Park or Richings Way. The delegated budget decision had not been made yet and that there had been no more information on the lights being switched back on. Cllr Lidgate confirmed that he had heard nothing. There was discussion about why the Parish Council had made no comment on the original consultation and the clerk said she would investigate if a copy of the original letter could be sent to her.

PC Rob Mellor introduced himself as a new neighbourhood police officer working with Hayley and Caroline (when she returns). He said that he had been in the police force for 9 years (4 or 5 in Slough and 4 in Amersham with the traffic police). There had been an operation with the Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, which had proved very successful. There should be another PCSO in Iver in the Spring. The signs have gone up warning people that the police will be using personal video cameras. There had been a fight at a birthday party in Iver Village Hall and several arrests made. There had been several break ins to cars in Leas Drive and this area was being targeted for patrols. He said he would investigate a councillor's report of missile throwing by young people in Slough Road on 22nd December.

There were no reports from County or District Councillors.

110 Apologies were accepted from: Mr Oxley, Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and Mr Bradford and District Councillor Simon Bullock..

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

112 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held 17th November 2008.

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

- a. Heathrow Plans in disarray – news release by SBDC (circulated).
- b. Thank you from William Woodward-Fisher for the opportunity to speak about his aspirations at Court Lane at the last full Parish Council meeting (circulated).
- c. NALC report on power of the promotion of economic, social or environmental well being (appended).

114 Chairman's Report. The chairman thanked the Christmas Lights group for their hard work. He said that he hoped this year that there would be progress on the new sports pavilion and that councillors would undergo training on the Power of Well Being so that the parish could begin to implement this. He also hoped that the purchase of the land in Swan Road would take place to enable the parish to manage it.

115 Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-

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| (a) Planning Committee | 27 th November 2008, 18 th December 2008 (previously circulated) |
| (b) Highways & Partnerships Committee | 19 th November 2008 (previously circulated) |
| (c) Policy, Finance & Gen Purp Committee | 26 th November 2008 (previously circulated) |

116 Pinewood Project – chairman to report on meeting with BCC officers and stakeholder meeting held 15th

December. The chairman said that the Pinewood Stakeholder meeting was poorly attended and that 1400 houses are now proposed instead of 1500. The presentation will be held again on 21st January for those who did not make the first one. The application is likely to be put in in the Spring and it is essential that the parish objects to it on as many grounds as possible. He met with Martin Tett (the strategic development portfolio holder at County) and his officer. The infrastructure and transport plan is inadequate for the area and particularly Seven Hills Road. There is likely to be a rat run through Fulmer and other villages and the effect on the community of that number of people will have be disorientating. BCC has a statutory duty to speak to developers such as Pinewood.

117 Parish Plan – the Working Group comprising Mr Oxley, Mrs Leech and Mr Wilson had met and agreed to approach a cross section of people in each part of the parish (about 20 each) and invite them to a meeting in their area (on 3rd, 4th, 5th Feb) in order to allow for more in depth discussion of issues.

118 Office Move – costings (appended to the agenda). Resolved to note for the minutes that the Council is aware that the lease is outside the Landlord and Tenant’s Act and the Clerk has to swear on oath that this is acceptable. Resolved to agree keyholding (for alarm callouts, all buildings) by OM and internal blinds by ASB, photocopier by Xerox (subject to the Clerk investigating second hand models through contacts of Mr Clark and Mr Gidar and having one of these if the deal was better – to be agreed with the chairman), letter box was approved as either external or internal with a fire proof box depending upon what the builders could fit in and other office furniture by Flexiform, all as previously discussed by the Clerk with the chairman as required by earlier minutes.

119 Thornbridge Road improvements – resolved to note the plaque to be installed (appended to the agenda) and the official opening ceremony date of 23rd February at 3 pm. Resolved to approve the art work as previously discussed via emails as pictures 1, 3, 9 and 10 (appended). It was noted that people are parking on the dropped kerb and there was talk as to whether timed parking restrictions such as those in Richings Park would be appropriate (no parking between 11 and 12 in the morning) or whether double yellow lines should be used. Clerk to ask the police to keep an eye on the area and issue tickets for obstructions.

120 Web Site – Chris Woolley (the volunteer who runs the web site) reported that it would be helpful to him if a councillor took an interest in the site and made regular visits to check that things are as they should be and to see if there is information missing or news items that could be put on etc. Resolved that Mr Wilson would take on this task but all councillors were encouraged to visit the site regularly.

121 Circulars List for November/December 2008 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).

122 Correspondence for action:

(a) Land at Swan Road – to note that the District Council will be considering purchase of this land shortly (plan appended). The purpose will be partly for protection of the land and partly in case the parish wishes to use it for amenity land or burial land or garden of remembrance etc in the future. The District Council would probably want the parish council to agree to maintain the land and pay a lease fee of something in the region of £4,500 p.a. to cover the loss of interest of the District Council’s capital. Mr Wilson proposed that the Parish Council agree to lease the land from the District Council at a price to cover the District’s costs and to maintain the land. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Roberts and all were in favour.

(b) Richings Park Sports Club – the reconstruction proposals were discussed and it was noted that Mr Wilson and Mr Clark had met with Mr Young and Mr Sprules from the Sports Club and had decided that it would be a good idea if someone could co-ordinate all the sports facilities in the parish and to prevent too much clashing and enhance the usage where possible. Resolved that the Club’s questionnaire could not be completed by the Parish Council as it was not wholly appropriately laid out for that purpose. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Nexus to discuss the possibilities.

(c) Green Matters Conference – resolved to approve attendance by one member of staff and Mrs Gibson, particularly to learn whether any tips could be picked up for reducing the carbon footprint in regards to street lighting. £60 per delegate.

(d) BT proposed removal of Public Payphone Richings Park – resolved not to object to removal of payphone at the junction of Wellesley Avenue and Richings Way as this was supported by the Richings Park Residents’ Association.

(e) South Bucks Youth Forum – resolved that Pat Leech becomes a point of contact for the group.

123 Accounts:

a. Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for November/December in the sum of £48,174.60 net (appended)

- b. Resolved to receive income for November/December in the sum of £19,278.10 (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive and approve recent bank statements. Signed by the chairman and clerk.
- d. Resolved to approve budget for 2009/1010 as recommended by the Policy & Finance Committee (appended to minutes of 26th November Policy and Finance meeting)
- e. Resolved to approve precept request for 2009/2010 as recommended by the Policy & Finance Committee (minutes 26th November). £352,000. Proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Adlam. All in favour by show of hands.
- f. Resolved that wording of explanation to go out with the Council Tax bills be as follows with figures as appended: “owing to being required by the police to quit the police station in order that they may improve resources for policing in Iver there will be additional costs, which will not all be repeated year on year, in order to move the council offices into 63 Chequers Orchard (the police house).”
- g. Resolved to agree a borrowing approval request in principle for up to £250,000 for the new pavilion in Iver Recreation Ground. (report on interest rates and loan periods appended as at 3rd December) and noted that the detail has to be approved only a few weeks in advance of the need for the loan.

Date of Next Meeting 2nd February 2009

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed Chairman Date