

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6th April 2009 held at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mrs Watkins (chairman)

Mrs P Leech

Mrs Gibson

Mrs S Lidgate

Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly

Mrs P Roberts

Mr A Oxley

Absent: Mrs Mowat, Mr Gidar, Mr Clark

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk)

142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – one member of the public was present and made the comment that he hoped that the Council (item 150) would take notice of the motion regarding a public meeting as it is important to consider the inclusion of a relief road in the Core Strategy document that the District Council has circulated for consultation. This will inform planning decisions until approximately 2026.

The County Councillor present, Mr Oxley, reported as follows: the recent press releases about the Fitzpatrick contract with BCC that finished on 31st March 2009 and the new contract for the built environment awarded to Ringway Jacobs. An organisation called Transport for Buckinghamshire has been created to manage the highways and eventually other things and includes taking on some of the BCC staff. It is hoped that it will be more efficient and cheaper to run. Pathfinder (a substitute for a unitary authority) involves putting together some of the District and County Council services into a single operation managed together for each council. It includes IT, HR, finance and premises. Chiltern DC opted out of the arrangement and Aylesbury Vale have not signed up yet. Certain areas of Iver and Wexham have green bins but there are large chunks of the parishes that don't have their green waste collected unless residents pay for green waste bags. The green bin waste is composted but the green bag waste goes to landfill. There is no capacity at High Heavens site for more green waste disposal. The LATS (taxes if you exceed landfill targets) are only £10 a ton and so there is no economic incentive to build a new composting plant. Therefore no more green waste is likely to be collected for some time. The County Council elections are being held on 4th June in this area.

Mrs Vigor-Hedderly as District Council representative reported that if Pathfinder goes to plan there should be considerable savings to the District over a 3 year period (£180,000 - £200,000 per year). Green waste sites on local farms for commercial use need a licence from the County Council. Enforcement action can be taken by the County Council on unapproved sites.

143 Apologies were accepted from: Mr J Wilson, Mr Bradford, Mr D Adlam, Mr W Lidgate. It was agreed that the clerk should publish a list of meetings held during the last council year with details of those members attending.

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

145 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 2nd February 2009.

146 Report of the Clerk:

- (a) **SBDC Emergency Plan** – to receive and note. This is available in the parish council office.
- (b) **SBDC Licence for House to House Collection** – 1st March to 31st December 2009 – Bliss
- (c) **NATS** – second consultation will be held later this year – date to be decided.
- (d) **Local Flavours Festival** – September 2009
- (e) **Youth Parliament** – Youth mayors and local democracy systems.

147 Chairman's Report. The chairman said that it was with great sadness that she had learned of the death of Julie Graham who had been the Village Voice journalist for the Bucks Advertiser for many years amongst other work in the community. She wished to send the condolences of the Parish Council to Paul and the family. Mrs Watkins commended the clerk and her team for the splendid job done in moving the council work to new premises. She said that the signage is excellent and the building is very welcoming. There was a comment that the counter flap still seems a little heavy. The first parish reception had been held in March and Mrs Watkins thanked Pat Roberts and Ruth Vigor-Hedderly for their assistance in achieving a well attended and well catered evening which had been well under budget. It had been a good celebration of thanks and success to local organisations and individuals.

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

- (a) Policy, Finance and General Purposes C'ttee 11th February 2009

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| (b) Planning Committee | 19 th February, 12 th March and 2 nd April 2009 (with the inclusion of apologies from Mrs Vigor-Hedderly |
| (b) Highways & Partnerships Committee | 1 st April 2009 |
| (c) Amenities Committee | 18 th March 2009. The clerk was asked to clarify at the Iver Rec Group meeting to be held on 8 th April that the new pavilion is not solely for the use of the Delaford Colts. |

149 Core Strategy response has to be made by 27th April and the public exhibition on it is at Iver Village Hall on 18th April. It was resolved that this Council delegates its response to the Core Strategy to a special meeting of the Council to be held at 8 pm following the planning committee meeting on 23rd April. .

150 Resolved to receive the minutes of the **Annual Meeting** held on 9th March and discussed the resolution passed by a majority at that meeting requesting a public meeting about release of Green Belt. This was particularly raised in relation to a relief road for Iver and the Core Strategy consultation. It was resolved to hold a public meeting at Iver Village Hall on Monday 20th April at 8pm. The meeting to be advertised in local papers, on notice boards and the web site as follows: “The Parish Council is seeking the views of the public on the possible provision of a relief road which would entail the release of Green Belt land. This meeting is to inform the parish council’s comments to South Bucks District Council on their Core Strategy documents. This is a fact finding exercise only.” It was also decided that all those who attended the annual meeting should receive written notification of the meeting and Mrs Watkins offered to address the envelopes. The clerk was also asked to notify the chairman of the Council if possible.

151 Parish Plan – progress report from the Working Group. It was decided that the Council cannot provide a parish plan for the current District Council deadline. The working group (Alan and Julian) will meet again and review the process in the hopes of having a plan by the end of the year.

152 Parish Guide – resolved to approve Plus Publishing to produce the guide again and resolved to set up a small editing group to assist with the preparation and checking of this with full delegated responsibility to send it to print. Group to consist of Mrs Lidgate, Mrs Leech, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Gibson.

153 Circulars List for February and March 2009 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).

154 Correspondence for action:

a. Land at Swan Road – draft lease has been received and forwarded to the Council’s solicitors for comment. To note that there are some complications which have delayed matters but the District Council solicitors and surveyor are checking out these items. The draft lease is available electronically or hard copy if anyone would like to see it. This Council has already approved the terms of the lease ie 99 year lease at a charge of £3,870 per annum in advance plus interest in line with RPI and to undertake all maintenance. There may be overages if the land was developed (to previous owners) and also to the District Council but this is being worked on at the current time. The likelihood of development that enhances the value of the land in the foreseeable future is slim. There is a wall at the front of the property which may need some work but is not in any imminent danger of falling according to the District Council’s surveyor. Noted and also noted that contractors may need to be used for the maintenance.

b. Beech Family Funfair – request to hold a fair on Iver Recreation Ground some time during the summer. Resolved not to allow the fair at Iver Recreation Ground with a majority vote.

c. SBALC – subscriptions calculations. Resolved that the Council had no strong feelings on the way the calculation was undertaken.

d. Local Area Forum – consideration was given to this Council’s views on it, particularly in regard to the fact that Stoke Poges and Dorney have rejected the proposal for a Local Area Forum called “The Beeches” and proposed instead a district-wide LAF whose boundaries are contiguous with those of the South Bucks District Council. Resolved not to make any decision.

e. Saxon Court – Deed of Covenant for signing and certificate confirming that the restriction has been complied with. Resolved to approve the signing of all certificates for leasehold flats but noted that the Council’s solicitors advise that a different document is needed for freehold houses on the site.

155 Accounts:

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for February (£48,127.14 net) and March (£25,223.35

net up to 23rd March 2009), (appended to agenda). Also additional sum to 31st March of £10, 524.96 net (tabled). All appended to these minutes. A member sought clarification on the mobile telephone charges to which the Clerk responded and when the contract is due for renewal quotes from different providers will be sought as usual.

b. Resolved to receive income for February and March in the sum of £10,051.34 to 20th March net (after deletion of a duplicate entry), (appended to agenda and to these minutes).

c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed the reconciliations.

Date of Next Meeting - Annual Parish Council meeting 11th May 2009 at 7.30 pm in Iver Heath Village Hall.
Resolved that an agenda item should be put to the next meeting proposing that all full Council meetings are held in Iver Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed Chairman Date