

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2010
in Coppins Room Iver Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mrs Watkins (chaired the meeting)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Adlam
Mrs P Leech	Mrs Lidgate	Mrs Mowat
Mrs P Roberts	Mr Clark	Mr A Oxley
Mr Gidar	Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mr M Bradford

In Attendance:- Ms G Collins (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mr Gore and Ms Rawlings said that they had written to the Council requesting consideration be given to renting out part of the Swan Road land for keeping horses. The chairman said that this would be considered at the next Amenities meeting on 6th October but that the Council had already turned down one similar request. Mr and Mrs Thomas of 107 High Street asked the Council to consider giving a licence to them for access onto the road into the recreation ground in Iver without giving one to number 105 High Street. They would be willing to pay the Council's legal costs and for the installation and maintenance of a lockable bollard.

There were no District or County Council reports

52 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Lidgate and Mr Wilson and Thames Valley Police

53 Resolved to confirm and sign **the Minutes** of the meeting held on 19th July 2010 (item 43 to read Bill Lidgate and not Sylvia Lidgate).

54 Report of the Clerk a) The consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England does not affect this area at the present time. b) new BALC executive officer has been appointed – John Gibbs (letter appended) c) police report and newsletter (appended) d) The Bucks Debate meetings will be held on 9th September at Burnham and 17th September in Beaconsfield e) the Counselling Directory service had requested a link on the Parish Council web site. Councillors felt this was not a good idea as it was commercial.

55 Chairman's Report The chairman reported that Mr Wilson had been admitted to hospital this evening and she wished him a speedy recovery.

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

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| (a) Planning Committee | 10 th August 2010 |
| (b) Amenities Committee | 21 st July 2010 |
| (c) Highways & Partnerships Committee | 1 st September 2010 |

57 Judges comments on Best Kept Village (although the map provided to judges included Richings Park, the title was Iver and Iver Heath, it appears that the judges only looked at those 2 areas) – “*St Margaret's Church in its attractive location had tidy cemetery surroundings. St Peter's Church's large cemetery is quite well managed. The Church Road play area is well equipped but slightly tired looking. The youth area is well catered for but the youth shelter is run down and neglected. The High Street play area is good with a tidy pavilion. All public houses had tidy surroundings. Both shopping areas were busy and tidy. The many notice boards were all in use and up to date, including a Best Kept Village Notice on the parish council board. Overall it was a good entry from busy communities. Because of many competing features between the two settlements consideration might be given to enter them separately in the future?*” **Copy of score sheet appended. A Certificate of Merit has been awarded (appended).** Noted.

58 Early Retirement of the Clerk – leaving date is 22nd October 2010. **Noted.**

59 Appointment of successor. Resolved to approve the appointment of Mrs S Moffat from 1st October 2010 on salary, terms and conditions as recommended by the Human Resources Sub Committee in July. Proposed by Mrs Leech and seconded by Mrs Roberts. All in favour.

60 Dorney Parish Council clerking – resolved to give 3 months' notice to Dorney Parish Council (as per the letter of agreement) to terminate the arrangement that clerking services are provided for an annual fee of £4,986 plus photocopying, postage and travel costs. This Council would consider a new agreement with more specific terms regarding hours and duties. Proposed by Mr Oxley and seconded by Mrs Leech. All in favour.

61 Cappagh Liaison Committee – resolved to appoint Mrs Gibson as the parish council representative to this outside body. Next meeting 25th October at 2 pm. Mrs Gibson would have to send her apologies as she will be on holiday for that meeting.

62 105/107 High Street – licence for use of the recreation ground roadway. Noted that to date 105 High Street has not responded to the Council's solicitor regarding whether they will agree to a licence for a

peppercorn but paying the Council's professional fees. Residents at 107 High Street are very anxious to get the licence agreed so that they may continue with the refurbishment of their property and move in. Resolved that the owners of 107 High Street be offered a personal vehicular licence on the terms as previously agreed by this Council so long as they pay the Council's legal fees and install, maintain and repair a lockable bollard to prevent unauthorized access from the Council's roadway and remain totally responsible for it. Keys not to be given to anybody else (including delivery drivers). Any unauthorized access would result in the rescission of the licence. Proposed by Mr Oxley and seconded by Mrs Mowat. All in favour.

63 Circulars List for July/August 2010 – resolved to receive and note

64 Correspondence for action:

a) **Home Office consultation on re-balancing the licensing act** for response by 8th September. Essentially there is a proposal to give more powers to Licensing Authorities and to local residents and organisations to give their views on license applications. Resolved to support this idea.

b) **NALC Larger Councils' conference and exhibition** – 1st December in London – Noted.

c) **Free seminars for Quality Councils** - 22nd October at Thatcham – Noted.

d) **Licence application from Iver Golf Club** – resolved to approve the objection to this application. Mr Oxley, Mrs Gibson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly all attended the hearing and reported that the application was not approved in its entirety. Only one marquee was approved and not 5 (holding up to 250 people max) and licencing of alcohol was till midnight on 6 days of the week and till 1.30 am on one day a week with only one extra bar not 16.

e) **Consultation on the use of a referendum for Parish Council's who wish to increase their precept.** For immediate comment. The Government is presently consulting on a proposal to require all councils in England (including towns and parishes) to secure approval of any "excessive" council tax increases through a local referendum to be held in May. Full details of the consultation can be found at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/vetocounciltaxincreasesconsult> The closing date for replies is 10th September. Resolved to object to Parish Council's being included in this referendum idea and to object to the timetable as it does not fit well with the way Parish Council's work.

65 Accounts:

a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for June in the sum of £52,777.66 net (as appended). There was a query on the cost of the BT line and broadband for the office and it was requested that the new clerk review this.

There was a query on the cost of the mobile phones for office staff. The clerk said that she would look into this. NB Mrs Vigor-Hedderly had worked out the costs for July and August to be £218.28. This was a gross figure rather than the net that the Parish Council actually pays and one amount of £93.73 had been included twice in her calculations and so the clerk wishes to report that the actual cost for July/August is £107.54, of which £20 is insurance. So the cost of 6 phones and calls for 2 months is actually £87.54 (£7.29 per phone per month).

b. Resolved to receive income for June (appended) in the sum of £11,631.22 net

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

66 Press release: It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press to the certificate of merit awarded to Iver for its efforts in the Best Kept Village competition.

Date of next meeting: 4th October 2010 at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed Chairman Date