

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7th January 2008 held at Iver Heath Village
Hall at 7.30pm

Present:-

Mr J Wilson (Chairman)

Mrs P Leech

Mrs C Mowat

Mrs P Roberts

Mrs C Gibson

Mr D Clark

Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly

Mr M Bradford

Mr W Lidgate

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk) PC Mike Hillyard and 2 PCSOs from Thames Valley Police

112 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were 6 members of the public present. Four residents from Richings Park requested clarification of the Council's proposals for a Vehicle Activated Sign in Richings Park. The chairman confirmed that money had been put into the budget for 08/09 (to complement the £500 offered by the Richings Park Residents' Association) to enable a moveable sign to be in the parish for a year. Bucks County Council would be arranging for this to happen as soon as feasible after the 1st April 2008. As it is anticipated that the sign will cost £100 per fortnight, Richings Park should have the sign for at least 10 weeks of the year. Mr Langford of Seven Hills Road then asked about whether the planning application for 2,250 houses at Pinewood Studios had been received and how they could get permission in the Green Belt. He also asked why there is no speed limit on Seven Hills Road and whether this could be changed as there is a great deal of traffic using the road and going too fast for safety. The chairman said that the planning application for houses at Pinewood Studios had not yet been received and that it was the policy of the parish and district councils to object to development in the Green Belt. However, if the government felt it was in the national interest to keep Pinewood Studios in business in Iver Heath then they could rule that it should be allowed. The speed limits are the responsibility of the County Highways department and the parish council would ask them to look into the problems on Seven Hills Road. Mr Langford also reported a daylight burning light on the A412 on the junction with Seven Hills Road.

Police Report – PC Hillyard reported that a team had worked with Iver Junior School on the High Street dealing with speeding and drink driving. There is a similar plan to work in Iver Heath on crime prevention and one in Richings Park soon. The Dispersal Order appears to be working well. PC Taylor to report to the Clerk regarding arrests following problems at Iver Heath recreation ground and the Parish Council wants compensation. PCs Taylor and Hillyard will be trained on a new machine that can detect whether people have been in contact with illegal drugs. Terry and Ben the PCSOs will be trained on the Speed Indicator Device. The burglary rate is concerning and since Christmas there has been a spate of bogus callers and distraction type offences. The newest recruit to the PCSO team was introduced (Kam) and he is being tutored by Ian Bates. The 3 PCSOs working out of Iver will work alone in the daylight but in pairs after dark. PC Tony Young retires in February and from then PC Hillyard will cover the Stoke Poges and Wexham beat and PC Taylor will take over as Neighbourhood officer for Iver. A new PC should be able to be introduced at the next Parish Council meeting. The chairman thanked Mike for his time in Iver and wished him luck in his new role. The police were asked to provide evidence of tickets being issued for cars parked on the pavements, which cause obstructions, in Iver High Street, particularly near the junction with Bangors Road South and Thorney Lane North.

113 Apologies were accepted from: - Mr A Oxley, Mr R Gidar, Mr D Adlam, Mrs J Watkins, Mrs S Lidgate.

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

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

116 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 3rd December 2007 with a change to the date at the top of the minutes and a change to item .

117 Report of the Clerk on: -

- a. **South Bucks District Council** - £200,000 grant received for Play (some for Iver Rec) and £40,000 for a Community Activator who will encourage people of all ages to increase their participation in sport. Noted.
- b. **Licence Application for variation by The Whip and Collar** – to increase the hours of live music, recorded music, late night refreshment and sale by retail of alcohol to Friday and Saturday 1900-1 am and Sunday 1900 – 2400. Noted. Mrs Gibson was asked to find out if nearby residents are aware of the proposals and whether they want the parish council to ask for some conditions on the licence.
- c. **Application made to Norwich Union** for up to £50,000 for new pavilion in Iver Rec. Noted that if the application reaches the second stage then a minimum of 20 votes will be required to ensure that the application moves to the final stage.
- d. **Launch of hospital transport service.** Residents can book the dial-a-ride service on 01494 766123. Noted.

- e. **Parish and Town Council Sustainability Fund** – BCC will give interest free loans ranging from £750 to £50,000 for projects which help reduce climate change and promote energy efficiency. Noted.
- f. **Elizabeth Cullen** of SBDC will be attending the next Parish Council meeting to give a presentation on the new waste collection contract. **Noted.**
- g. **Conference for Clerks and Councillors** – 28th February 2008 at Halton House, Halton. Noted.
- h. **Chiltern and South Bucks Transportation Symposium** – 20th February 2008 at the Curzon Centre, Beaconsfield. Noted – Mrs Gibson and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly would attend.
- i. **St Peter's Tea Rooms to be opened by the chairman on 14th January at 10 am.** This is a re-launch of the café into tea rooms. Noted.
- j. **BAA exhibitions being held on increasing capacity at Heathrow** – 23rd January at Langley Community Centre. The chairman encouraged people to attend and asked the press to publicise the event. The chairman asked the Clerk to keep this item on future agendas.
- k. **Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities.** Statutory Guidance: Draft for consultation. Response by 12th February. Each councillor was given a copy and responses can be given individually as well as by the Parish Council. Will be on the next agenda for a corporate response if required.

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

- (a) **Planning Committee** 13th December, 3rd January. It was agreed that councillors who could not find replacements should be marked as apologies (not absent), so long as they had notified the Clerk in advance, but the chairman stressed that councillors should make every effort to find a replacement.
- (b) **Office Accommodation Committee** 3rd December. Noted that the police are hoping to get a planning application in this week and a letter to the Council about the possible rental charges. Agreed that the Clerk should call a meeting once these had been received.
- (c) **Road Safety and Lighting Committee** 19th December.

119 Chairman's Report – The chairman had nothing to report.

120 Review of Use of Investment Funds – the report attached to the agenda was discussed and it was noted that the reserves have been underspent since 2004 compared with the budgeted expenditure that had been agreed by the parish council.

121 Clean Up at Iver Rec – young people have asked Sally and the police whether they can do something to prove that they are not all antisocial. The suggestion is to have a clean up morning at Iver Rec (as the young people are from Iver). Permission to do this on 22nd January was requested although it was noted that this date may change. The police are working with Sally Tugwell (the youth worker) to arrange it. This was approved subject to the date being a Saturday. The clerk confirmed that it was expected to be on a Saturday and that the date suggested was wrong.

122 Standing Orders – RESOLVED to approve the addition as appended and on last agenda, to be added to the end of Standing Orders.

123 RESOLVED to Receive and Note the December Circulars List appended to the agenda.

124 Correspondence for Action:

- a. **Consultation on Strengthening Bus Passenger Representation** – report attached to the agenda was noted. Agreed to prepare a response at the March meeting.
- b. **Crossrail Bill** is going to the House of Lords with no amendment to save Dog Kennel Bridge. Suggestion from The Ramblers Association is that a petition is made to the House of Lords but they feel it would be more likely to be successful if the Parish Council is the Lead Body. The council would need to minute the fact that it would like a representative of the Ramblers Association to do the talking. It was agreed in principle but noted that an advertisement has to be put in the paper and a resolution passed at the next meeting of the Council in order to comply with official regulations. Asked the Clerk to write to any Lords in the area as well as the MP to make them aware of our petition.
- c. **105 High Street** – the residents are refusing to sign the licence. Council's solicitors have given them until the 19th December and will then refer the matter back to the Court. Resolved to agree this course of action and to ensure that solicitors are aware that if residents wish to take larger vehicles into their back garden on the odd occasion they could ask the Parish Council who would decide each occasion on its merits.
- d. **Rural Strategy for Bucks** – consultation for response by 11th January. Noted that councillors can do

this individually because of the timescale involved. It was agreed that the Clerk could put together a response with the assistance of the chairman.

125 Accounts:

- a. RESOLVED to authorise payment of Accounts for December herewith (£24,341.23 net)
- b. RESOLVED to receive list of income for December herewith (£2,813.52)
- c. RESOLVED to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.
- d. RESOLVED to approve the information to be sent out in the Council Tax leaflet explaining the rise in precept as appended, subject to bullet points being made of the items regarding vandalism etc. Copy appended.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed Chairman

Date