

Portfolio Holder about this. There was a question about the closure of Hollybush Lane and whether the parish council had agreed to the closure. It was noted that the proposal is to retain it as a foot and bridleway and it could be turned back into a road at some time in the future if necessary. Also that County would be coming back to the parish once they had reviewed their budgets and decided whether they did have funding for the closure from the flytipping budget. It was pointed out that the flytipping will still be occurring somewhere in the parish or district if not in Hollybush Lane and therefore cost savings would be difficult to establish.

161 RESOLVED to Receive and Note the March Circulars List – appended to the agenda.

162 RESOLVED to review the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors and agreed that the only action necessary was for the Clerk to chase up a response to the Council's previous letter about entering into discussion with the County Council about the management of Thorney Park.

163 Temporary Road Closures: a. Seven Hills Road – 23rd April for 1 day approximately for BT works. Noted. b. A412 Denham Road 21st April to 5th September to construct new roundabout. Noted that this would only be lane closures with contra flows in place and not total road closure. Also the contractors had been asked to find an alternative solution to closing the right turn into Willetts Lane.

164 Correspondence for Action:

- a. **Bucks Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan** – Mrs Mowat reported that no response was required other than a request to remain on the consultation list.
- b. **NHS consultation** – after discussion it was agreed that Mr Oxley should put together a response for the Clerk as discussed (appended to these minutes).
- c. **NATS consultation on proposed changes to airspace** – for response by 22nd May 2008. Resolved to respond stating that the web site does not give accurate information for people in this post code area as a search on post code does not give Heathrow flight information but the Luton ones. Request that they provide us with accurate information for this area by 12th May.
- d. **Bucks CC Locality Strategy Consultation on a partnership approach and establishing Local Area Forums** – for response by 7th April. (response appended). Deadline extended to the 30th May 2008. Resolved not to respond again.
- e. **DeFRA consultation on Improving Surface Water Drainage** – for response by 30th April 2008. Available on www.defra.gov.uk/environ/fcd/policy/surfacewaterdrainage.htm. Councillors agreed to respond individually on the web address given.
- f. **Bucks Rural Strategy Consultation** – response by 9th May – Mrs Lidgate reported that the Strategy covered transport and access to services and facilities; rural housing; countryside and environment; economy and enterprise; community and self confidence. It was agreed to respond stating that there was a lack of transport in this area and we need to keep HGVs off rural roads, villages need affordable housing without losing Green Belt land, concern about loss of farmland, villages are losing their heart by closing of shops because of out of town shopping and anti social behaviour destroys community confidence. The Council did not think there were any other categories to add.
- g. **Unlocking the Talent of our Communities** – pre-white paper consultation for response by 10th April. It was agreed that the timescale was too short to respond but Mr Oxley took this along with the next item information to report back to the next meeting.
- h. **Sustainable Communities Act 2007** – consultation for response by 12th May. Mr Oxley took this to report back to next meeting.
- i. **Bucks Rural Affairs Group** – consultation for response by 9th May. It was agreed that this was the same consultation as item f above.
- j. **Bus Service** – extension to services. The Council considered a report of likely costs provided by BCC following a request for information from the working group set up at the Service Excellence Workshop (appended to the agenda). It was resolved that the Clerk should feed back that the parish council would not be prepared to pay that sum of money and are looking at alternatives to the Service Excellence team. It was resolved that Mr Oxley should obtain an estimate of costs to hire a 7-seater taxi to run on Sundays from Uxbridge to Slough (on the 58 route) for a trial period to be decided so that demand could be established.
- k. **SBDC Chillin' in the Park** – Resolved to approve a request for use of Iver Recreation Ground on 4th and 5th August and Iver Heath Recreation Ground on 31st July and 1st August.
- l. **Devolved Highways Work** – there were no comments available from BCC regarding Parish Council questions on indemnity for negligence and possible redundant staff if the agreement is ended. Resolved to agree that the legal agreement can now be signed for the trial period of this financial year but still to chase up the issues so that it can be resolved if we wish to continue the agreement beyond one year.
- m. **Enhancing Local Democracy Conference 18th/19th June.** £159.20 or £200. No members wished to

attend.

- n. **Thornbridge Road Improvement Scheme** – update from Simon Gray was noted. Plans were circulated that had only been received that morning. Resolved to support the mosaic idea provided that it did not take money away from a more important safety aspect of the scheme with regard to the parking provision. Resolved to comment that the Council wanted chevron parking directly outside the shops and bollards or high kerbs on the corner of Copose Wood. It was felt that the plans did not address the safety issues of the area and more creative thought needs to go into the parking issues. Councillors who wished to be involved, particularly those from Iver Heath and the chairman of Road Safety and Lighting, should meet with Simon Gray and Highways representative to discuss the options.

165 Accounts:

- a. RESOLVED to authorise payment of Accounts for March (£34,962.28 net). Appended
- b. RESOLVED to receive list of income for March (£3,542.75 net). Appended
- c. RESOLVED to receive and approve recent bank statements and the chairman signed the reconciliations.
- d. **Thames Valley Police** – RESOLVED to approve the rental of 63 Chequers Orchard at a cost of £6,500 but to clarify whether the rental includes the gardens (front and back) and also arrangements for car parking other than the two designated spaces. It was noted that the Parish Council reserves the right to employ its own contractors to undertake the work for which it is paying under the agreement with the Police, if it thinks that the cost proposed by the police is too high. Also noted that the DDA compliance may be very costly to achieve in the most comfortable way because of the construction of the building and there may have to be a compromise arrangement agreed. Clerk to call a meeting of the Accommodation Committee once detailed plans and costings are available. RESOLVED to approve the Tenancy at Will for the monthly ongoing rental of existing premises until 63 Chequers Orchard is ready.
- e. **Request under S137 of the Local Government Act (1972) for a donation to the Friends of Langley Park** – RESOLVED to approve a donation of £190 to be spent as the Group sees fit. Mr Oxley would liaise with the County Council and the Friends of Langley Park about whether BCC can be persuaded to continue paying the insurance fees or not, depending upon the types of activities to be carried out.
- f. Purchases of new van and slitter (for drainage of recreation grounds). RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a Mercedes Veto van from Swains at a net cost of £6,495 plus costs for adding a tow bar and sign writing, tax and insurance. RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a slitter from Oakes Brothers up to the £4,000 in the budget. Noted that the Clerk is awaiting their advice on which is best for the Parish Council tractor to pull.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Signed Chairman

Date