

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**held at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.33 pm**

**Present:-**

Mr Wilson (chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Mowat
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs P Leech	Mrs J Watkins
Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mrs S Lidgate	Mrs P Roberts
Mr D Adlam	Mr R Gidar	Mr A Oxley
Mr M Bradford	Mr D Clark	

**In Attendance:-** Mrs G Collins (Clerk), PC Caroline Tailor (Thames Valley Police)

**52 Public Participation.** There were about 25 members of the public present. All but one of them had attended to complain about the proposal to remove bus route 459. The main complaints were that the proposed bus route 140 does not pass along Iver Lane and so those residents will have no access to a bus service at all. There are too many steps and too much walking in Slough. Unanimously people preferred Uxbridge for shopping, which is enabled by the 459 but not by the proposed 140. Also the existing and remaining 58 service to Uxbridge does not serve Iver Lane or any of Richings Park. There is no alternative bus in Richings Park. The existing 459 bus already finishes at 2.30 and that is bad enough but to remove it altogether is upsetting many residents. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she has spoken to County officers and councillors including the leader of the Council and she has also spoken to the MP Dominic Grieve's secretary who will be seeking his support for the 459 bus route. She asked that residents write to the Head of Transportation at BCC and copy in the Parish Council. A resident also reminded councillors that there are no buses at all in any part of the parish on Sundays and bank holidays.

Mr Beeston of Iver Heath complained about the amount of dog mess being thrown in bags into hedges and onto verges. He asked whether dog bins could be provided along some roads in Iver Heath. Mr Lidgate said that he would make a request of the District Council. Mr Beeston also complained about speeding traffic in Bangors Road North, Slough Road and Church Road. He asked if 30mph could be painted onto the road in some places and for a TSID that shows the speed people are doing and not the speed of the road. Mrs Sibley of Iver Lane said that with the street lights in Iver Lane now not being used that it was dangerous for school children walking back from school at 4 pm as they have to cross the road in 2 places in order to stay on a footpath. Also dangerous for people walking to and from work. Could the lights be left on till midnight?

A similar request about the street lights in North Park/Richings Way was made by Mrs Matthews of Richings Park Residents Association. She also said that the TSID in North Park/Richings Way is very effective in one direction but not so much so in the other and she could not work out why that was. Details of 300 speeding vehicles were entered onto the police database from the Community Speedwatch Scheme. She also asked when there would be some parish council meetings in Richings Park. The chairman said that it had been agreed that the Council would try to hold 2 a year there and it was being organised by the Clerk.

PC Caroline Tailor gave a police report (appended). The new inspector for this area is Inspector Bobby Ray. The police station will re-open week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September and volunteers will again be running the front counter on Tuesdays. Over 60 people have been stopped using the new Automatic Number Plate Registration system and speeding checks have been carried out in the High Street and various other roads. The anti social behaviour has moved from the village to Slough Road and the police are working with the owners of the Prince of Wales public house to try to ensure its security whilst it is closed.

*Alan Oxley arrived at 8.10 pm.*

The County Councillors had nothing to report other than their work on the 459 bus route campaign although Mr Lidgate drew councillors attention to the Simply Walk Programme. Mrs Gibson asked if finger posts could be installed to inform residents and visitors how long it took to walk from one place to another along certain footpaths.

Mr Bradford informed the Council that the District Council would probably consider the Project Pinewood applications at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October and the Planning Committee of the District Council would undertake a site visit the week before.

**53 Apologies were received from:** District Councillor Simon Bullock

**54 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

**55 Report of the Clerk on:**

- a. letter from Pinewood Studios informing the Council of an attempted break in and thanking the police for their assistance and reassuring people that the perpetrators were not armed as first thought.
- b. SBDC Chairman's Community and Volunteering Awards – reminder to anyone who wishes to make a nomination that the closing date is 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- c. South Bucks Cohesion and Inequality Strategy – for comment in October. Mr Gidar took this to report back his recommended comments at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**56 Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that there may be a proposal for a drive through cinema at Pinewood Studios. Stop Project Pinewood signs were now allowed by the Parish Council on its lamp posts (following a resolution at the Highways Committee meeting). He also read out a letter of thanks from the Clerk and her husband to councillors for their wedding gift and circulated a photograph.

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

- (a) Planning Committee 4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 (noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept meeting requires Mr Bradford's declaration of interest in item 66 within the second item and also the council's comments are not appended)
- (b) Amenities Committee 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009
- (c) Highways & Partnerships Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

**58 Land at Swan Road** – a) resolved to pay £367.50 for an indemnity policy relating to the insurance cover for absence of a legal right of access. b) resolved that if future consent is given under the lease for subletting or sharing of occupation under a licence or the like that the Parish Council and the District Council will share on a 50:50 basis any amount by which the rent or licence fee under such an arrangement exceeds the rent payable under the lease ie profit rent. c) resolved not to issue Mr Ball with a licence (once the Parish Council is the lessee) to keep horses on part of the land where he has been grazing a couple of horses for some years.

**59 Standing Orders** – resolved to change the quorum for a Committee from half to 3 or a third (whichever is the larger). This matter has been standing since approved at the last meeting.

**60 Parish Tour** – noted that 11 parish councillors can attend on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 3 staff. The 2 District Councillors who are not parish councillors have been invited and one cannot come and the clerk is still waiting to hear from the other. Maximum likely number of attendees is 15. Resolved to go ahead with the tour on 26<sup>th</sup> September and to arrange lunch at the Tower Arms.

**61 Councillor Training** – a) BALC can provide bespoke training on the power of well-being. 80% of councillors must attend this in order for the Council to be able to use the power ie 11.2 councillors so probably 12 would be necessary to attend for 2 hours. Resolved to ask BALC to attend from 7 pm to 9 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (Mr Oxley, Mrs Roberts and Mr Clark gave apologies). b) NALC Leadership Academy 2009 for councillors and chairmen – leading through change, relations between the tiers, designing a corporate plan for parish councils among other things. 3 day event 15-18 September £703. Resolved not to attend.

**62 Tree Warden** – resolved to appoint Carol Gibson as tree warden for Iver and approved a session of training at Windsor Great Park (£15).

**63 Land at Leacroft Road** – noted that the Clerk has been speaking with the agents and they would like to know the details of the exact piece/size of the land that the parish would be interested in purchasing and how much money they would be prepared to spend. Resolved that the Clerk should obtain a valuation on the land from the District Valuer.

**64 Circulars List for July/August 2009** – resolved to receive and note.

**65 Correspondence for action:**

- a. Naming development in Colne Orchard: resolved that the suggestion from the Parish Council should be Cherry Close or Cherry Tree Close because the clerk advised that the original development was built upon a cherry orchard.
- b. Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy reference document – resolved to ratify response made by the clerk in conjunction with Mrs Gibson as resolved at the last meeting (appended with BCC response).
- c. Flu Pandemic Response Planning – BCC Resilience Team state that the PCT are anxious that Parish Councils consider how they might prepare for a flu pandemic in their community. NB The Parish Council has already resolved not to undertake an emergency plan. Resolved that in the event of a flu pandemic then councillors and staff should stay at home if they have any flu symptoms.

d. **Sustainable Communities Act** – noted information about the Amendment Bill – resolved to take no action.

**66 Accounts:**

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for July/August in the sum of £51,778.18 net (appended). There was some discussion again about the cost of telephone calls. It was noted that all staff calls on mobile telephones are checked (if they are charged for) and staff repay any sums that cannot be justified as work related calls. Also there was an error on the approval sheets in that one BT bill appeared twice for approval although it was not paid twice (it was originally on the sheet as a cheque but then the cheque was cancelled as it was a direct debit and it was put again onto an approval sheet as a direct debit). The chairman said that he was sure that staff were not abusing the use of the phones.
- b. Resolved to receive income for July/August in the sum of £9,175.34 net (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed the reconciliations.

**67 Press Release:** resolved to inform the press of the updated bus information and also the police report about the ANPR and the re-opening of the police station..

Date of next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed ..... Chairman    Date .....