

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17th March 2008 held at Iver Village
Hall (Coppins Room) at 9.05 pm

Present:-

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

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk)

142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were no members of the public present. The chairman reported that the opening of the playground in Iver Recreation Ground on 11th March had gone well. County Councillor Alan Oxley reported that there is a public meeting at Evreham on 1st April at 7.30 pm about the provision of health services for East Berkshire, which affects this area. He encouraged everyone to attend. County Councillor Bill Lidgate reported that there would be a vote at the County Council on 24th April regarding the Locality Forums.

143 Apologies were accepted from: Mr D Adlam. Mrs Gibson apologised that she would have to leave at 9.40 pm.

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

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

146 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 4th February 2008 (subject to the addition of PC Hayley Edwards in attendance).

147 Report of the Clerk on: -

- a. Crossrail Petition heard at the House of Lords 3rd March – the clerk reported that the Lord had appeared sympathetic but she had been subjected to cross examination for about 15 minutes by the QC for Crossrail. The report should be out soon giving the decision.
- b. Local Police Commander for South Bucks – update letter circulated to Members in a previous dispatch. Noted. Members were concerned about serious crime such as violent crime and burglary following circulation of the crime figures and asked that the Clerk write to the Chief Inspector about this. It was also noted that the Swallow Street dispersal order had ended and asked the Clerk to request that consideration be given to making a dispersal order in other parts of Iver Heath such as the Village Hall area and the recreation ground.
- c. Peace Road footpath opening – this is planned for the end of April possibly the 25th.
- d. Cheap bus travel for young people is available to those with BCC Citizen's Cards. It was noted that one member had had trouble obtaining a card for a pupil not attending a Bucks School although living in Bucks. The County Councillors were asked to look into this anomaly.
- e. Thames Valley Police were extending the lease on the police station offices for the parish council on a monthly basis until the house is ready for occupation.
- f. Mrs Rust had written to the council to thank them for the new bus shelter in Swallow Street.
- g. Chris Furness, CEO of SBDC had offered to attend any parish council meeting to update councillors on issues such as Pathfinder. It was decided to ask him to attend the meeting on May 12th or June 23rd.
- h. CPRE had written to remind Councils to respond to two important consultations – Heathrow and Waste Incinerators. Noted.

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

- (a) **Planning Committee** 14th and 28th February, 13th March 2008
- (b) **Amenities Committee** 12th March 2008

149 BAA increasing capacity at Heathrow Consultation – response made by the Clerk was noted and approved..

150 Resolution proposed by Mr Lidgate and seconded by Mrs Vigor-Hedderly

That this council writes to Bucks County Council to insist that they ensure that there will be no traffic diverted through Iver Heath during the construction of the new roundabout on the A412 at the junction with Willett Lane. Carried unanimously.

151 RESOLVED to Receive and Note the February Circulars List appended to the agenda.

Mrs Gibson left the meeting 9.40 pm.

152 Correspondence for Action:

- a. **Consultation on Strengthening Bus Passenger Representation** – it was resolved to respond stating that this Council supports the aims of the proposal and that there are no items covered that should not be. The preferred option is 3 (b) the creation of a new multi-modal public transport users' committee.

- b. **BCC Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework Preferred Options Consultation** for response by 25th April. Proposed Waste Transfer Station in Richings Park. Resolved to comment that if Richings Park is the chosen site for a waste transfer station then it would only be acceptable if there was infrastructure to support it. This would mean a road south from the site to the M4/A4 to get waste in and it would be totally unacceptable for traffic to come in on the A412.
- c. **Bucks Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan** – for response by 26th March. The Clerk reported that there was nothing in the plan that specifically affected response times for the parish. Mrs Mowat agreed to take the document and report back to the Clerk for comment if there was anything else that required a response and the Clerk would pass them on.
- d. **NATS consultation on proposed changes to airspace** – information previously circulated. For response by 22nd May 2008. The decision on this consultation was deferred to the next meeting to give Councillors more time to look into the affect of the proposals.
- e. **Bucks CC Locality Strategy Consultation on a partnership approach and establishing Local Area Forums** – for response by 7th April. The chairman reported that at SBALC most parishes were against the new proposals and it had been felt that the questionnaire was poorly devised. The chairman also reported that he and the Clerk had met with Steve Orchard and Alison Derrick of the County Council for a briefing on the proposals and it appeared that a Forum would be formed comprising District, County and Parish Councillors within each of the 19 GC2C areas and that there would be some money that could be voted upon how it is spent. Other organisations would be represented on the group but not allowed to vote.
The Council resolved to respond to the consultation stating that the consultation is fundamentally flawed and the timescale to respond is unreasonable. The Council finds it strange that there was no consultation with Pathfinder and it does not appear to fit with it. The structure of the existing Joint Local Committee is right in this area and could be adapted to be the South Bucks local forum. The Council would not wish to sever the links with other parishes that are available through the Joint Local Committee. The Council would not be comfortable with a Local Forum that is comprised of non-elected bodies (irrespective of voting rights). As a Parish Council we are very happy to work more closely with the County and District Councils on matters that are in their remit but want to do it as a parish council and not as a GC2C area.
- f. **South Bucks Joint Local Committee** – questions required for next meeting (16th April) by 18th March. There were none.
- g. **DeFRA consultation on Improving Surface Water Drainage** – for response by 30th April 2008. Available on www.defra.gov.uk/envirom/fcd/policy/surfacewaterdrainage.htm. Mr Wilson took this and would report to the next meeting.
- h. **Bucks Rural Strategy Consultation** – response by 9th May (copy available at the meeting). Mrs Lidgate took this document and would report back to the next meeting.

153 Accounts:

- a. RESOLVED to authorise payment of Accounts for February (£23,778.17 net). Appended
- b. RESOLVED to receive list of income for February (£3,542.75 net). Appended
- c. Appointment of External Auditor – the Audit Commission proposes to appoint Mazars LLP as auditor to Iver Parish Council for a five year period commencing with the 2007/08 accounts.
- d. RESOLVED to receive and approve recent bank statements and the chairman signed the reconciliations.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm

Signed Chairman

Date