

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17th November 2008 held at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr J Wilson (chairman)	Mrs P Leech	Mrs J Watkins
Mr D Adlam	Mr D Clark	Mrs C Gibson
Mrs S Lidgate	Mr M Bradford	Mr W Lidgate
Mr R Gidar	Mr A Oxley (arrived 7.55 pm)	

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

93 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were 30-40 residents in attendance. Many were there to hear the report on the new pavilion building in Iver Recreation Ground. Mr William Fisher, the owner of Court Lane Estate (15 acres), informed the Council that the area is earmarked in the Local Development Framework as an area for change. At present the uses are unattractive but there is an old farm house that is a Listed Building and some other original buildings dotted around. He would like to reduce HGVs from the site and the metropolitan Police would like to build a training centre on part of the land (about half of it). They would like this up and running by the Olympics in 2012. Most transport would be mini buses and cars. There would be training sets but they would like privacy and so the area would be fenced with no footpaths running through it but he would ensure that existing footpaths were retained and perhaps enhanced. The other half of the site may eventually be taken by the Metropolitan Police but he would like the support of the Parish Council for the use in order that work can start in time for the Olympics. The chairman said that those councillors who were District Councillors would speak to the District Council about this. He said that he personally felt it was a better use of the land.

Wendy Matthews reported on behalf of Richings Park Residents that the speedwatch and data collection project is well under way but that no data had yet been put into the police computers although she had been working with the PCSOs to sort that out. She and some other residents had been to visit the highways engineers about the turning off of street lights in Richings Park and had asked to see the risk assessments and data presented to Council for the decision to be made. She asked for an update on the TSID and whether the amount of money had been requested from the delegated budget for the hard standing and whether the Council had been asked to comment on the “30 for a reason” campaign.

The Chairman asked Mr Clark to report (item 100) during the public session rather than later in the meeting. He stated that the Football Foundation is the only likely source of significant funding and they would probably give 50%. The total building cost is likely to be around £500,000. The rest of the funding could come from the District Council, Parish Council, County Council or a government loan to the Parish Council. The plans may have to be amended to take out the tractor store or make it smaller and take out the sprung floor in the main hall. Delaford Colts is a well respected club by the FA and if the project went ahead then it would likely be built by 2010. However, there needs to be a commitment to the rest of the money before the FA will consider the application. *Mr Oxley arrived at this point 7.55 pm.*

Alan Oxley reported as a County Councillor that the Fitzpatrick will be replaced as the highways contractor for the County and it is hoped to have some joined up thinking to include some of the District items as well such as road name plates. The footballers said they were concerned about what would happen in the meantime before the new building was built.

The PCSO reported that anti social behaviour has reduced but that burglaries and car crime is on the increase and he asked residents to be vigilant.

Mr Oxley reported as County Councillor that the second energy from waste site would be at a site by a railway and therefore it made it more likely that Richings Park site would be favoured in the future as it is also near a railway.

Mr Lidgate reported as County Councillor that the County has had great success in prosecutions for fly tipping. Also that as the value of scrap metal declines the fly tipping may well increase and people should be vigilant. There is to be a walkabout by County Council officers and Members regarding the street light switch off.

There were no District Council reports.

- 94 Apologies were accepted from:** Mrs P Roberts, Mrs C Mowat, Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly and District Councillor Simon Bullock.. Apologies were received from Mr A Oxley that he would be late.
- 95 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr and Mrs Lidgate declared an interest in item 100 in case any mention was made of the tractor storage.
- 96 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held 6th and 29th October 2008.
- 97** Resolved to note the report of the Clerk as follows:
- (a) Colne Valley Park Wildlife and Recreation Forum 7 – 9 on 27th November. Who will be attending? Nobody could attend as it clashed with Planning Committee.
 - (b) New Development at Syke Cluan – to note order being made to call it Northumberland Walk as suggested by the Residents' Association and supported by this Council. Noted.
 - (c) Licence for house to house collection – Rotary Club 15th December to 23rd December this Parish only. Noted.
 - (d) Sally Tugwell – the amount raised purchased 8 Denby Azure Coast Rice Bowls as a wedding gift. Noted.
 - (e) Richings Park Land – to note that Sandy Oxley is continuing with the private allotment idea but may be open to talking about a play area in the future. I also suggested the idea of a burial ground to her as the Council may be looking for land for this within a few years. She may come back to us with regard to play equipment in time. Noted.
 - (f) BCC Energy from Waste initiative update appended to the agenda. Noted.
 - (g) Trees at St Leonard's Mound require some work urgently. The Clerk said the cost of the work is more than is in the budget for the Mound and that she would be undertaking this work using the £2,500 health and safety delegated power.
- 98** Chairman's Report. The chairman reported that he would be attending the Pinewood/Chalfont School film night on the 18th November. He thought that Pinewood Project planning application would not be put in until the spring. There was a significant need for secondary school places.
- 99** Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-
- (a) Planning Committee 16th October and 6th November 2008
 - (b) Amenities Committee 29th October 2008
- 100 New Pavilion Project at Iver Recreation Ground** – this was discussed and councillors were informed that there was a shortfall of £160,000 between the money likely to be obtained from the Football Foundation with the £80,000 already committed by the Parish Council. If the project is to go ahead the Parish Council needs to commit to these funds either by borrowing or some other means. Once the commitment from the Parish Council is there then the Football Foundation application can be submitted.
- 101 Licence to Sell Alcohol** – changes to times for the Co-operative Store, Thornbridge Road. Resolved to object to this application on the grounds of increase in crime and disorder, public nuisance and increasing vulnerability of young people. However, it was noted that the Coop would be withdrawing the application.
- 102 Pinewood Project** – Peter Tredwell of CPRE is in discussion with Fulmer Parish Council and would like to know whether Iver Parish Council wishes to be involved or would like CPRE involved in discussions and to put Iver Parish Council name to a newsletter they will be producing in the new year. Fulmer Parish Council will have their name on it. Resolved to put the Parish Council name to the flyer. Meeting to be held with County Council officers regarding proposals for the A412 and other issues on 2nd December at 11 am at Aylesbury. Resolved that the chairman and Clerk would attend. The chairman hoped that County Council Members would seek to meet with County Officers on different occasions about this.
- 103 Parish Plan** – findings from the initial questionnaires had been circulated on email (appended). It was noted that there had been 600 hand delivered with a return of 68. (a) Noted further supporting information from SBDC (appended to the agenda) (b) Resolved that the initial key issues to be fed to the District Council would be those on page 1 of the report from the Clerk (c) Resolved that a working party of Pat Leech, Julian Wilson and Alan Oxley would meet to progress the production of a Parish Plan by the Spring. The initial meeting would be prior to the 3rd December so as to incorporate Mr Oxley.
- 104 Office Move** – (a) The Clerk only had quotes for internal shutters at this stage. It was noted that the lowest quote was for £1,400 and the next quote was £2,070. Resolved to ask whether the builders who are working on the property for the police could get near to matching the £1,400 and if so then appoint them. (b) Resolved to sign the lease with the police and nominated Mr Wilson and Mrs Watkins to do so when

the document is ready.

105 Dorney Parish Council – devolved highways functions. Dorney Parish Council wish to ask whether Iver Parish Council would join forces on the provision of devolved highways works. Ideally they would like to employ someone (this could be Nick Fisher or it may not be) for one or two days per week and then pay Iver Parish Council for admin time, use of the small van, cost of training and use of tools. Report appended. Obviously if Dorney did not use the same employee as Iver then they would not pay towards training costs nor for cost of PPE and maybe not for use of tools but they may still like to share the van. This decision impacts the budgets for Iver and Dorney and will need to be agreed in principle as quickly as possible. This item was deferred for consideration at Highways & Partnerships meeting on 19th November and for a final decision at the Finance Committee on 26th November.

106 Circulars List for October 2008 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).

107 Correspondence for action:

(a) **Land at Swan Road** – agents have approached the parish council to see if they might be interested in renting or purchasing the land. A previous discussion took place about 6 or 7 years ago about whether the Parish Council would be interested in using the land for recreation purposes but the answer at the time was negative. The Clerk suggests that this site may be suitable as a burial ground bearing in mind its proximity to the existing one and the fact that this will be full within a few years. Resolved that the chairman would ask the District Council whether it would purchase the land.

(b) **Communities and Local Government consultation on the making and enforcement of byelaws** – comments by 20th November. Agreed to respond positively.

(c) **South East England Regional Assembly consultation on plans for new legal camping spaces for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople in South East England** for response by 21st November. Hard copy in the office or available at www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/consultations.html or hard copies from secretariat@southeast-ra.gov.uk. Agreed to respond choosing Option C.

(d) **Communities in Control: Real people, real power: Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees** – A consultation for response by 24th December. Agreed to respond as Mrs Watkins report appended and choosing the second item in the last paragraph.

(e) **Policy & Parliamentary Consultation of whether the voting age should be lowered to 16** – for response by 20th January 2009. Resolved to respond negatively.

(f) **Buckinghamshire Fire Brigades Union** – drawing Council's attention to 3 proposed changes to the service which the writer feels will impact the public in general in Buckinghamshire (copy appended). Resolved not to take any action as a Council.

108 Accounts:

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for October in the sum of £28,641.62 net (appended)
- b. Resolved to receive income for October in the sum of £4,721.66 (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive and approve recent bank statements. Signed by the chairman and clerk.
- d. Resolved to receive externally audited accounts (copy of annual return appended)
- e. Christmas Lights – noted that the Christmas Lights budget and the Events budget and the Grant from SBDC (£10,300) will not cover the hire of lights on lamp posts (£3,000), purchase of lights for shop fronts (£4,700), installation and taking down of the lights (£3,850) and the event to switch them on (at least £1500). There is a shortfall of nearly £2,000. Resolved to fund this from capital (ie to fund part of the purchase of the lights for the front of the shops from capital).

Date of Next Meeting 5th January 2009

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm

Signed Chairman Date