

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010**  
**in St Leonard's Hall, Richings Park at 7.30 pm**

**Present:-**

Mr Wilson (Chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Adlam
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs P Leech	Mrs Mowat
Mrs Watkins	Mrs P Roberts	Mr A Oxley
Mr Gidar		

**In Attendance:-** Ms G Collins (Clerk), PC Hayley Edwards and several members of the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – PC Hayley Edwards answered questions from Councillors and members of the public. One of the questions (from Mr M Kennedy) was about the dangerous road narrowings in Richings Way and North Park and cars speeding through ahead of oncoming vehicles in a dangerous manner. Residents confirmed that screeches from skidding, speeding vehicles can be heard during most nights and there are numerous minor accidents and lorries mounting the kerb making it dangerous for pedestrians. The police officer said she would try to get the roads police out more often. A question from Mr E Wood was about the use of the new bays made for traffic police with CCTV to catch speeding motorists. These should be used once a month but never have been and they have been installed now for about 5 months. Could the police officer find out how many times the bays have been used please? John Samuels of Thorney Lane South also reported speeding as a problem in that road once cars have gone over the railway down to the Tower Arms public house. The police officer reported that a small group is looking at alternative ways of preventing speeding in Richings Way and North Park. The group comprises the NAG, neighbourhood police officers, District and County Council. The Residents Association in Richings Park is getting new speed watch equipment and there are recommended permanent signs that are A3 size in blue saying Speed Watch Area and Police Speed Check Area. A request has been sent to BCC for permission to put these signs onto the village gates. The chairman said that the Parish Council is supportive of residents over these issues but can only lobby the police and other agencies as it does not have powers in these issues.

Another resident of Thorney Lane South pointed out a large building in the garden of 44 Somerset Way that is causing nuisance to numbers 5 and 7 Thorney Lane South. There is no planning permission and the District Council enforcement officer has just asked the owner of 44 Somerset Way to put in a planning application for the building. The Chairman assured the residents that the District Councillors would take this up with the Enforcement Officers at the District Council.

Wendy Morris of Richings Park Residents Association said that there had been a disappointing lack of evidence to support the Definitive Map Modification Orders and so it was not surprising that these had failed. She was also concerned that Dog Kennel Bridge would be needlessly demolished as there was no definite answer as to whether Cross Rail would still extend as far as Langley. She has arranged a meeting with Cross Rail to find out more. The Heathrow Hub is back as a possibility again and the MP is trying to get time-scales.

**District Council reports** – Julian Wilson reported that the District Council is meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July to discuss reducing expenditure. The Internal Audit Committee is reducing the time of its work from 150 days to 135 – 140 days. Alan Oxley reported that Overview and Scrutiny has been looking at trying to reduce the fear of crime and has found strangely that the fear of crime is higher in areas of low crime and lower in areas of high crime. Bill Lidgate reported that 3 years ago Stoke Common was given to the City of London to manage and a recent visit proved that they have done a very good job and it is well worth a visit.

40. **Apologies** for absence were received from Mrs S Lidgate, Mr Bradford, Mr Clark and Mrs Vigor-Hedderly

41. **Resolved to confirm** and sign **the Minutes** of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010

42. **Report of the Clerk** a) the annual report and the annual return have been placed on the web site.

The annual report is available in local shops, libraries etc and on request to the office. The annual return is available on request to the office and a notice to that effect is on the notice boards. Noted.

b) South Bucks Partnership meets 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 6 pm SBDC. Noted.

c) Slough Kabbadi Tournament – Safety Advisory Group for South Bucks – minutes of meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June (circulated by email). Noted.

d) Community Impact Bucks is holding a workshop to discuss making a difference to the lives of older people in your community 22<sup>nd</sup> July at St Peter's Centre 7 – 8.30 pm. Cllr Gidar has offered to attend. Noted.

e) Olney won the Michaelis Cup for Best Kept Village with Buckingham as runners up. The clerk has requested the judges comments and marks. Noted

f) requests for related alterations following Community Governance Reviews must be made by 1<sup>st</sup> October. This will be on the September agenda for a decision. Noted.

g) delegated budget requests have to be in by 25<sup>th</sup> August. Iver has not made one and there is no meeting for a decision until 1<sup>st</sup> September. It was resolved that the clerk should put in a general request for white lines at driveway entrances at locations outlined by Mr Oxley (Swallow Street, Leas Drive, outside schools, Grange Way, High Street, Dutton Way, Iver Station, Bathurst Walk, Wellesley Avenue, Syke Ings). Also to request bollards at Richings Park shops and Swallow Street/Swallowdale. Decision to be ratified or not at the Highways Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The clerk advised that requests can always be withdrawn but may not be able to be added by that date.

h) consultation from BCC on day care services for response by 24<sup>th</sup> August. Resolved not to make any comments from the Parish Council but to ask Alan Carey whether he has seen the consultation as he may wish to make some comments.

**43. Chairman's Report** The chairman reported that the hearing for the Village Green application on Pinewood land will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September. There is no date yet for the Pinewood planning appeal hearing. He and Sylvia Lidgate are meeting with Dominic Grieve MP on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July re. Pinewood.

The chairman reported a statement from NALC regarding the precept, which said that *"it is unlikely that the freeze would apply to town and parish councils, as we receive no government grant; but it is very likely that there will be intense political pressure on our member councils from principal authorities. NALC has also pointed out that many parish and town councils have spending commitments for new projects, with the full support of the community, and that these would be damaged by any constraint on precepting."*

He also reported on legislation that the government is removing or simplifying (appended).

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

(a) Planning Committee 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**45. Circulars List for June 2010** – resolved to receive and note

**46. Correspondence for action:**

(a) **Request from Cipfa** that quality parish councils consider what their interest would be in a proposal to collect information on council budgets and other operations. This is similar to something called Finance and General that is already used for other local authorities. Parish councils could use the information collected to support decision making, compare and monitor performance and manage resources more effectively. It was resolved to report that the Council did not have much interest in this as each parish is responsible for such different things that comparisons would not be likely to be helpful.

(b) **Innovation Fund** – South Bucks Partnership – resolved to agree to seek funding for a large screen outdoors at Evreham Centre for viewing the Olympics (with Nexus support) under the heading 'Supporting Residents and Businesses to get the most from the Olympics'. Resolved also to seek funding for the street lighting survey (required by the Highways and Partnerships Committee) for recommendations on reducing the carbon footprint. Resolved also to see whether a bus service to Uxbridge (Sunday/Bank Holidays) could meet any of the criteria.

(c) **Definitive Map Modification Order Application** for 3 claimed byways in Richings Park. Noted that this was refused by the Inspector and BCC.

**47. Accounts:**

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for June in the sum of £70,714.72 (as appended)
- b. Resolved to receive income for June (appended) in the sum of £7,572.63 net
- c. Resolved to receive and approve recent bank statements and the chairman signed them.
- d. Resolved to agree to make a donation of £100 to Farnham Park Golf Club for the board room table that they have made available to Iver Parish Council. This resolution was made under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972

**48. Press release:** It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press to the indiscriminate parking and speeding problems in the parish. Also the launch of the BMX club and new track in Iver Recreation Ground.

**Date of next meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the Coppins Room of Iver Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed ..... Chairman Date .....