

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 held at Iver Village**  
**Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.30 pm**

**Present:-**

Mr J Wilson (chairman)	Mrs P Leech	Mr A Oxley
Mrs J Watkins (arrived 8.45 pm)	Mrs P Roberts	Mr W Lidgate (arrived 8.15 pm)
Mrs C Gibson	Mr R Gidar	Mr D Clark
Mrs S Lidgate	Mrs C Mowat	

**In Attendance:-** Mrs G Collins (Clerk)

**29 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – some residents expressed concern about the bus shelter in Swallow Street and 2 incidents that have occurred since 12<sup>th</sup> May. One was on the 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5.10 am and the other on 14<sup>th</sup> June at 4.05 am. Both incidents were reported to the police and a URN obtained. 7 or 8 young people were in and around the bus shelter behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner, shouting and screaming in the road. On one occasion the resident filmed the activity and watched out for 1.5 hours but no police car came and no police have contacted her to see the film. The chairman re-iterated that the Council would not give into the vandals and remove the shelter but the Council had removed the side of the shelter in order to make it less attractive for sleeping in and asked the residents to monitor whether this had made an improvement. He also asked them to supply the URNs and he would ask the police what action had or could be taken. He advised the residents that Chief Inspector George Wrigley would be attending the next meeting of the Council. The residents were thanked for their vigilance and communication. A police report was circulated (appended).

**30 Apologies were accepted from:** Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly, Mrs Watkins (late), Mr Lidgate (late)

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

**32 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

**33 Resolved to note the report of the Clerk as follows:**

- (a) Chief Inspector Wrigley will be attending the July meeting
- (b) Internal auditor appointment for the ensuing year. The clerk reported that the internal auditor has indicated that she will not be able to carry out any further work for the Council. One quote has been obtained so far and more will be presented to the next Policy Committee meeting.
- (c) Post Office Closure programme – meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June Amersham. Noted that Iver Parish has no post offices on the closure list. Agreed to write in support of the decision not to include our post offices which are well used but to express concern at the one in Denham Garden village closing as it serves an area reserved for the elderly.
- (d) Roadworks Slough Road from 10<sup>th</sup> July to replace electricity cable. Noted.
- (e) Mansion Lane re-surfacing 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August – diversion. Noted. Clerk was asked to put Billet Lane re-surfacing on the agenda for the next Highways & Partnerships Committee.
- (f) M25 widening J 16 to J 23. Noted.
- (g) Letter from the Chief Constable's office thanking the Council for the compliments paid to Sgt Bryan and PC Taylor stating that she would pass the comments on to the officers concerned. Noted.
- (h) Request from St Peter's Church to use the Iver Recreation Ground from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> July for a Messy Church activity. Noted and approved.
- (i) Burial Ground – noted that the Church had passed on a complaint about the number of seats, and memorials being placed without permission and the number of items that are not traditional flowers and wreaths being left on graves for very long periods. A suggested article for the parish magazine that had been prepared by the church was read out and councillors agreed that this should be publicised as widely as possible including on a board in the burial ground and in local papers. They also said that they should reserve the right to remove anything that has not got the relevant permission or is outside the Diocesan guidelines.
- (j) Devolved Highways Functions – noted that the legal documents have now arrived for signature by the Clerk but the wording remains the same. It was noted that this is standard and although of concern it was agreed that it should not prevent signature.

**34 Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that the District Council chairman had made a point about a

dress code for councillors at meetings and that the new Parish Council standing orders also had a comment about standards of dress. He also asked that all instructions to staff should go through the Clerk. Some of the Bisons concrete blocks had now been installed at Iver Heath to protect the tennis court netting and the rest would be installed soon. He thanked Mr Lidgate and Mrs Leech for their hard work in seeing this project to fruition. The clerk was asked to write to Dave Killick at Bisons to thank him.

- 35 Resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committee meetings:-
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| (a) Planning Committee                   | 15 <sup>th</sup> May and 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2008                                       |
| (b) Amenities Committee                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2008  |
| (c) Highways & Partnerships Committee    | 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2008  |
| (d) Policy, Finance & Gen Purp Committee | 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2008  |
| (e) Office Accommodation Committee       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2007 – these were signed off as the committee no longer exists. |
- 36 Resolved to approve the recommendation and proposal from the Planning Committee under 36(a) of Standing Orders that the Council decision (12<sup>th</sup> May) regarding the time of the Planning Committee meeting be rescinded and that the time of planning meetings should be to start at 6.30 pm. Proposed by Mr Bradford and seconded by Mr Gidar.
- 37 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – resolved that the new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as proposed by the working group delegated to review them at the annual meeting in May. (proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Mrs Watkins) should now stand adjourned without discussion to the next meeting of the Council (21<sup>st</sup> July).
- 38 Use of allotments for filming – use of the income (£250). It was noted that the final amount was £300 as clearing up was completed on the following day. It was resolved that the money should be used for the allotments in Iver Heath as needed (clerk may arrange for a skip or other works as necessary).
- 39 Staff Appointment - noted that an appointment to the Admin (accounts) position for 3 days per week, has been offered to and accepted by Mrs Fisher following interview by Mrs Lidgate, Mrs Watkins and the Clerk. Start date 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- 40 Pension – resolved to offer Local Government Pension Scheme entry to all eligible employees from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Adlam.
- 41 Dog Kennel Bridge – to note report of Select Committee, which did not support the retention or replacement of Dog Kennel Bridge and suggesting that negotiations take place about the route of the footpath diversion. Noted that Paul Graham (Ramblers Association) had suggested a meeting with Mike Walker of BCC regarding the diversion route. Parish Council supported this idea and Mr Oxley, Mr Lidgate and Mr Wilson expressed an interest in attending any meeting.
- 42 Circulars List for May 2008 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).
- 43 Correspondence for action:**
- (a) Delaford Colts - request to write off some of their fees for 07/08 season. This was deferred pending the chairman speaking to Keith Mounteney. Resolved to allow an adult team to play at Iver Recreation Ground next season and to charge Delaford Colts the full price for one pitch (use by adults) and half price for the other pitch (use by children). It was also resolved that decision on when the pitches could be used would be delegated to the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor .
- (b) SBDC playworkers – request for ideas for venues and times to work with 7-13 year old young people in the Parish. Resolved to allow Sally Tugwell to work with them to agree suitable projects, times and locations with the proviso that they try to use Richings Park Sports Club in order to get some activities in that part of the parish.
- (c) 105 High Street – the chairman read a letter from the solicitors advising the Council that the Court had awarded £2,500 of the defendant’s costs to the Council but that the Council’s costs up until the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007 should be paid by the defendant. The decision of the court had been to award a licence according to the wording in April 2007 but that could be terminated by the Council with 6 months’ notice. It was resolved to express concern about the advice given and to ask the solicitor to terminate the licence with 6 months’ notice and then offer another licence on the terms that the Council wished. It was also resolved to seek advice about writing to number 107 with a copy to 105.
- 44 Accounts:**
- a. Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for May in the sum of £29,256.24 gross (appended)
- b. Resolved to receive income for May in the sum of £2,057.53 (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed reconciliations.
- d. Resolved to receive and approve the internally audited accounts and to complete the section 2 of the

annual return with a yes to each question and not applicable to the Trustees of a Charity question (appended).

- e. The internal audit review panel reported that they had met with the internal auditor and were satisfied with the work that she had done and that she was working through the Council's audit plan. They had made some recommendations which would appear in her report.
- f. Resolved to note that following discussions about a fuel card at the last meeting a Kwik Fit card for each vehicle has been applied for that will cover purchases of fuel and tyres at a cost of £16.50 per annum per vehicle. A limit of £100 has been put on each card for purchases. Any purchase coming to more than this will have to be authorised by the Clerk. Invoices will be sent to the Clerk for checking prior to payment. This will also cover AA breakdown cover which will mean that the Council will no longer have to pay an annual fee but only pay when used. Approved.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed ..... Chairman    Date .....