

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2010
in the Coppins Room, Iver Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (Chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mr Adlam
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs P Leech	Mrs Mowat
Mrs Watkins	Mr D Clark	Mrs Vigor-Hedderly
Mrs S Lidgate	Mr A Oxley	

In Attendance:- Ms G Collins (Clerk), PC Hayley Edwards, Chief Inspector Paul Cooke, Liz Verrall (FA), Steve Lewis, Keith Mounteney and Mr and Mrs Harper committee members of Delaford Colts.

23. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – PC Hayley Edwards answered questions from Councillors and said she would look into 2 recent incidents (Ford Lane and Iver Heath Village Hall) and get back to councillors. She said that there was not a vast racism problem in the area at present and that there had been no reports about the bus shelter in Swallow Street. Chief Inspector Paul Cooke outlined changes he has made that will ultimately affect this parish. He has been in post for 11 months and recognises the unique position of Iver (between the large population areas of Slough and Uxbridge. There were some big issues last year. He has achieved 2 extra staff for the area. Sgt Clayton George will be moving on and a newly promoted sergeant will come to Iver. There will be another full time Neighbourhood Specialist Officer and a detective sergeant and 4 crime team detectives based in Iver. He has invested in an offender manager (a probation tracker dedicated to known offenders). Mr Lidgate said that he welcomed the commander focussing on the needs of South Bucks. Mrs Gibson asked who initiates the VOSA highways operations and was told that it is not the police (although they assist in the operations) but possibly the highway authority. Mr Oxley asked whether there are Have Your Say meetings in this area and was told that the Beat Surgeries have turned into Have Your Say meetings and are held once a month. Chief Inspector Cooke clarified that the establishment for Iver is now 1 sgt, 2 NSOs (or 1 NSO and 1 NO), 3 PCSOs. He said that this summer there would be an additional PCSO as a student is joining them for the holiday period.

Delaford Colts made their presentation of their Development Plan. The main points being that they have been operating as a Club for 30 years and cater for young people aged 5 years to seniors and they work closely with the FA. They have a strict welfare policy with a child protection officer and have just achieved their Charter Standard (Development) because they have a 5 year programme to raise the standard of football. The officers, managers, young people and parents adhere to a code of conduct and all managers have a level 1 coaching qualification. CRB checks are carried out. They intend to introduce 21 teams over 5 years. At present there are 8 teams with another 3 planned for 2010/2011. This will increase to 12 teams in 2011/12 and 14 teams in 2012/13; 17 teams in 2013/14 (including a female team) and 21 teams in 2014/15 (including a disabled team). 3 new posts have been created on the Committee (press officer, social secretary and volunteers co-ordinator). The club intends to target local schools to raise their membership and work with a new school each year. They advertise using their web site, newsletters, local newspapers. They hold social and fund raising events. This year they are working with a Premier League club (Fulham Football Academy) and are working closely together. The current facilities are not good enough and senior teams cannot play without showers. The new building would make social inclusion easier. Mr Lidgate asked how they would fit 21 teams playing on the existing pitches and was told that the Berks and Bucks League would arrange so that half the teams were away each weekend and then with Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon matches it would be possible for all teams to play using the existing 3 small pitches and 2 large ones. Liz Verrall stated that the Development Plan is sufficient to accompany the funding application to the FA although it does not guarantee the funding but this is a priority case. It was confirmed that if the FA provide funding they will expect 70-80% usage by football. The FA contribution if made would be 50-70% of the building costs and could include some work to the grounds. Councillors stated that they had been most upset to find that after having a very agreeable meeting with Delaford Colts and the FA at Kings Church Hall earlier this year that some members of the Club had gone to the MP to complain that the Parish Council were throwing them off the recreation ground and that the Parish Council were being slow in providing the new building. Councillors said that they felt it was the Club's responsibility to establish the facts through the Clerk of the Council and to allay parents fears and affirm the Delaford Colts' confidence in the Parish Council. Questions were also asked about the stability of the Club and this was said to be getting back on track since the 2 breakaway groups in the last 4

years. As the FA and the Parish Council internal auditor were seeking reassurance about the partnership working of Delaford Colts and the Parish Council, councillors were asked whether they supported moving ahead with the FA bid using the Delaford Colts Development Plan. There was unanimous support from Parish Councillors. Delaford Colts committee members confirmed that they were also committed to the project and working with the Parish Council.

Mr Oxley then put a question from Sarah Meere who could not be present at the meeting. She wanted the Parish Council's support at the LAF for her proposal to seek funding from the LAF for activities for the young people of Iver (under 12s) such as holiday clubs and after school clubs. The answer was deferred to item 32 (c).

24. **Apologies** for absence were received from Mrs Roberts, Mr Gidar and Mr Bradford

25. **Resolved to confirm** and sign the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th May 2010

26. **Report of the Clerk** a) Overview and Scrutiny meeting at SBDC on 9th July will include an opportunity to hear from the CEO of Wexham Park Hospital NHS trust about the turnaround plans for future of the hospital and also a presentation from the CEO of South Central Ambulance Trust. Cllr Watkins offered to attend. (b) SBDC chairman's awards – the clerk circulated copies of the forms to complete for nominations for young people and adults for the awards. Deadline is 22nd September.

27. **Chairman's Report** The chairman reminded councillors of the LAF meeting on 30th June at Iver Heath Village Hall. He asked the Council to appoint an alternative representative in the event of Mr Gidar not being available to attend. Resolved to appoint Mr Oxley.

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

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| (a) Planning Committee | 11 th May and 1 st June 2010 |
| (b) Highways Committee | 9 th June 2010 |
| (c) Policy, Finance & Gen Purposes Committee | 23 rd June 2010 |
| (d) Amenities Committee | 19 th May 2010 |

29. **Annual Report** – resolved to approve the draft for printing (appended).

30. **New Pavilion Iver Recreation Ground – resolved** to receive and approve the Feasibility Study prepared by Wilby & Burnett and to receive and approve the Delaford Colts Football Development Plan as supporting documents to the FA for funding. There was unanimous support for the partnership with Delaford Colts for the application to the FA to proceed and for the building of the new pavilion with the Parish Council borrowing up to £250,000 as previously agreed.

31. **Circulars List for May 2010** – resolved to receive and note

32. **Correspondence for action:**

- a. **Slough Kabaddi** – Iver Golf Course – to be held 18th July 2010. New event (a Sikh sport) to this area as it has previously been held in Upton Court Park. Likely to attract about 3000 people. SBDC Safety Advisory Group has met with the organisers. Resolved not to make any comments to the SAG as Cllr Oxley reported that they seem to have the whole matter very much in control.
- b. **NAG request** – that the Parish Council should consider whether the Clerk should be the local contact for the Community Payback team for jobs that they can do around the parish. Resolved that the clerk should not be involved in organising or co-ordinating jobs that are not on Parish Council property.
- c. **LAF (a) funding** – a request from Transport for Buckinghamshire that the LAF considers whether to use the delegated highways budget money for this year only to fund additional road repairs in this area was discussed. It was resolved that the Parish Council would not like to see the delegated budget used for additional road repairs this year. **(b) web site** – resolved that the LAF could have a page on the parish council web site to keep the public up to date so long as the Parish Council has full editorial control. **(c)** The Parish Council resolved to give their support to Sarah Meere's proposal and to ask Mr Gidar as the Council's representative on the LAF to vote in support of this proposal.
- d. **BCC Parish Consultation Portal** – noted that the Parish Council can opt not to have paper copies of consultations and the Clerk may access all consultations via the portal. Resolved not to have paper copies any longer and to nominate the clerk as the person to receive the links to the portal.
- e. **South Bucks Partnership** – next meeting 14th July. Any questions to go on the agenda by 30th June. There were none.

33. **Circulars List** for May 2010 – resolved to receive and note.

34. **Accounts:**

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for May in the sum of £31,727.75 (as appended)

- b. Resolved to receive income for April (appended) in the sum of £184,138.69 net and May (appended) in the sum of £4,683.55 net
 - c. There were no bank statements for approval.
 - d. Resolved to approve the accounts for external audit (appended). The chairman signed the annual return and balance sheet and supporting notes.
 - e. Resolved to complete the Statement of Assurance on the Annual Return (as appended).
- 35. Press release:** It was resolved to draw to the attention of the press the intention of the parish council to apply to the Football Foundation for funding towards new changing rooms on Iver Recreation Ground now that the Delaford Colts Development Plan has been finalised and approved by the Parish Council and full planning permission obtained. The changing rooms will be used for football and other activities on the recreation ground and the Council wants to make it clear that there is to be no bar in the building although there will be a community room and a kitchen. This will be available during term time in the daytime for community use.

Date of next meeting: 19th July 2010 at St Leonard's Hall, Richings Park

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed Chairman Date