

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 29th June 2009
held at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room) at 7.30 pm

Present:-

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

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk), PC Hayley Edwards of Thames Valley Police

25 Public Participation. There were 5 members of the public present. Also a police officer, 2 county councillors and 5 District Councillors.

Residents questions and comments: Wendy Matthews told the Council of 2 options for holding council meetings in Richings Park. One is that Richings Players would let the Council have one of their nights or secondly the Sports Club would allow the Council to use the function room. Clerk to put this on a future agenda. Community Speedwatch that the Richings Park Residents Association has been carrying out in line with Bucks County Council procedures and working with the police to input data to their system has had to stop because residents have been told they can no longer put data onto the police system or it can only be used to target local traffic but not traffic from outside the area. The residents have a meeting set up with the Police and the chairman of the Parish Council's Highways & Partnerships Committee in order to try and resolve the issues. Mr Oxley reported that Mrs Gill had been going to come to the meeting to complain about the use of the recreation ground by Delaford Colts for a tournament, which caused major disruption for other recreation ground users and they left behind loads of rubbish. The chairman said this would be put onto an Amenities agenda. Two other residents complained about the anti social behaviour in the recreation ground during early evenings and the amount of damage being caused by them. The Clerk showed pictures of the most recent damage where the turf has been dug up and some of the tarmac area around the youth shelter area.

Police report: PC Hayley Edwards said that she was there to answer any questions from the parish council but there were none. The chairman said that he had heard that the police would be moving back into the Iver police station in July. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she had met with Sgt Clayton George and was pleased with what she had heard from him and felt that the police are doing quite a lot in Iver but it just doesn't get heard about.

County Council reports: Mr Lidgate reported that he is now dealing with footpaths at the County and was surprised that there are more miles of public footpaths in Bucks than roads. Mr Lidgate was asked to inform Councillors of other facts like this during the Parish Tour. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly reported that she had made a comprehensive list of all yellow lining and footpath repairs needed as well as a blocked ditch in Richings Park and the pinch point problems and street light problems there too. Meetings are pencilled in with County officers to address these issues. The numerous collisions on the A412 and Langley Park Road have led to County officers suggesting a review of the locations to improve safety. She will be following this up with the officers concerned.

District Council reports: there were none.

26 Apologies were accepted from: Mr Bradford, Mrs Watkins, Mrs P Roberts.

27 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th May 2009 (with the removal of one of the references to Mrs Leech in the Amenities Committee membership list as she appeared twice).

28 Report of the Clerk on:

(a) South Bucks Partnership Workshop – Monday 20th July 2 – 5 pm. Reminder.

(b) SBDC chairman's community and volunteering awards. Councillors were asked to consider nominating somebody from the community for one of the awards.

(c) SBDC Standard's Committee would like to train members of Parish Councils on the revised regulations and ask Parishes to let them know the best way to do this to ensure that there is a good response from Members at Parish level. Clerk was asked to suggest that an officer attends a Parish Council meeting when other parishes from around could also be invited to join in.

(d) Variation of Licence application by Food and Wine in Iver High Street to extend opening hours to 7 am to 11 pm Monday to Sunday rather than 9 am – 11 pm Monday to Saturday and 10 am to 10.30 pm

on Sunday.

(e) Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy – part of the Network Management Duty placed on the Transportation Authority by the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Clerk asked whether someone could look at this on the BCC web site Have Your Say and report back to the next meeting as comments have to be in by 24th July.

- 29 Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that he has been working closely with Fulmer Parish Council chairman on project Pinewood issues and he also attended a Stop Project Pinewood Group meeting. At the recent SBALC meeting it appeared that all were against the formation of Local Area For a. This council has not yet made a decision about them and he asked that it go on the next agenda. Payments to councillors was also discussed at SBALC and no other council was doing it although Beaconsfield had agreed to investigate it further. This also to go on a future agenda. The Big Lunch being arranged nationally by Police and NAGs for 19th July has been cancelled in Iver. The delivery of the Annual Report, Project Pinewood information flyer and the Parish Guide is taking place this week. He asked whether the Planning Committee has enough people on it as it seems difficult to get a quorum. The clerk informed the Council that it has the required number according to the Council's terms of reference (8) and that the quorum is 4. The chairman asked that this be put on a future agenda for discussion as to whether to change the terms of reference with regard to increasing the number of members or reducing the quorum to 3 or a third (which the clerk said is the norm for other council committees).
- 30 Resolved** to receive and adopt the **minutes of the following committee meetings:-**
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| (a) Planning Committee | 14 th May and 9 th June and 23 rd June 2009 |
| (b) Amenities Committee | 13 th May 2009 |
| (c) Highways & Partnerships Committee | 10 th June 2009 |
- 31 Land at Swan Road** – resolved that the Council would want vacant possession of the land from the District Council. Resolved that the Clerk should ask the Parish Council maintenance team to keep a watchful eye on the land initially when it comes into Council possession particularly with regard to security of fencing but that a decision on use of the land and detailed management would be made at a later date once the lease was signed. Resolved that the Amenities Committee will have responsibility for this land once the lease is signed and incorporate it into the terms of reference for that Committee..
- 32 New Pavilion Iver Recreation Ground** – resolved to approve delegation of all matters relating to this project to the Amenities Committee including all the funding being in the Amenities Committee budget and incorporate it into the terms of reference for that Committee (apart from the application for borrowing approval, which has to come to full Council).
- 33 Pinewood Project** – noted that the planning application has been received by the District Council and by the Parish Council. The Clerk and Mr Oxley warned councillors to be careful about pre-determination issues prior to the Council making its decision about whether to object to the planning application or not. (*Mrs Vigor-Hedderly left the meeting at this point at 8.50 pm*). Resolved that the public meeting in Iver Heath Village Hall would be on the 6th July at 8 pm and that the chairman would chair the meeting and show a DVD of parts of the planning application and invite information from residents about their views on the 3 planning applications and advise them as to who to write to, and how, if they wish to object to any or all of them. The Clerk should arrange for use of the projector and laptop from the office. The chairman would arrange for a sound system and operator to be provided in case the meeting has to be broadcast outside. Finance for this was approved. The clerk said that she would not be able to clerk the meeting but would try to arrange another member of staff to do so. The clerk was asked to inform the press about the meeting. Resolved that this Council would draw up its initial response to the application at a special planning meeting to be held at 8pm on 14th July in the Parish Council committee room, following the usual planning meeting that begins at 6.30 pm.
- 34 BMX project** – noted that SportEngland can be applied to by the end of June for up to £50,000 funding for a large BMX track. Resolved to approve the drawing up of an application for this to be placed on land at Swan Road to see whether the funding would be forthcoming, although it was not agreed that this should be the actual final venue that would be used. Councillors would try to get the County to discuss the use of Thorney Park for the project and the Amenities Committee would have to discuss in detail whether (if the money was forthcoming) there is any location in Iver where it would be appropriate or whether the grant should be refused if offered.
- 35 Circulars List for May 2009** – resolved to receive and note.
- 36 Correspondence for action:**

(a) NHS consultation on proposed changes at Heatherwood Hospital. Response by 13th July. Resolved to send individual responses rather than a Council one.

(b) BCC consultation on Policy on Planning Obligations for Education Provision for response by 17th July. Resolved to support the policy so that the education service can obtain funds from developments in any way it can as a secondary school of some description is much needed in Iver Parish.

37 Accounts:

- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for May in the sum of £41,649.59 net (appended)
- b. Resolved to receive income for May in the sum of £743.97 net (appended)
- c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed the reconciliations.
- d. Resolved to receive and approve the Annual Return and other documentation required by the external auditor (appended)
- e. Resolved to receive the internal auditors reports (appended) and referred it to the Policy Committee (1st July 2009) for action.
- f. Resolved to approve the annual performance review of the internal audit (checklist appended along with the audit tests completed sheet provided by the Policy Committee).
- g. Resolved to complete the Annual Governance Statement (appended) with Yes for every answer apart from the last question about Charity accounts, which is not applicable.

Date of next meeting: 20th July 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Chairman Date