



IVER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2010 – 2011



Iver Parish which comprises the areas of Iver, Richings Park, Iver Heath and Iver West has a population of about 10,000 people which is about one sixth of the population of the district of South Bucks.

THE COUNCIL comprises: The Council is comprised of 14 councillors, 6 from Iver Heath, 1 from Iver West, 7 from Iver and Richings Park. The council has a full time clerk and two part time assistant clerks, a maintenance team of two full time maintenance employees, one new part time employee undertaking highways work funded by the County Council and one full time outreach youth worker. Our clerk is also the clerk to Dorney Parish Council for which we charge them a fee. In addition we have 4 Committees covering Policy, Finance & General Purposes, Amenities, Highways & Planning which meet 5 times a year and Planning which meets every three weeks. We also have 2 sub committees and 5 working groups.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010-11

The Council has recently taken a lease from the District Council to take over a piece of Green Belt land in Swan Road, Iver with a view to it being used either for leisure activities and/or later as a new burial ground. The Council also aims to improve the appearance of the areas owned by the parish council such as Swan Road, Iver Heath Fields, Cottage in the Woods, Iver and Iver Heath Recreation Grounds. The Council is still committed to reduce antisocial behaviour and vandalism. To do all this, the Council pays half the cost of an extra Police Community Support Officer on our streets, a full time youth worker who has been very effective and a Maintenance team to look after all the grounds except for St Peter's churchyard and burial ground.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Policy

The Committee set the budget at £373,076 which was approved by Council. It renewed the Service Level Agreement to undertake work at St Peter's Churchyard and renewed the Memorandum of Understanding with Thames Valley Police Authority to continue supporting a PCSO. Also the Council has agreed to support Stop Project Pinewood and Mr Wilson, the Chairman, has given evidence at the Inquiry in opposition to such a large development.

Parish Guide

The Council is in the process of producing a new Parish Guide this year which will be a source of information for residents until 2013.

Paid Councillors

Your Parish Councillors decided unanimously that they would not vote in favour of payment for councillors.

Thorney Park

The Parish Council has expressed an interest in purchasing Thorney Park if Bucks County Council decides to sell this land in the future.

Local Area Forums

Recently the Council has joined the Local Area Forum and has been successful in receiving grants from delegated budget for special projects.

Amenities

Iver Recreation Ground

The BMX track is now opened and has been well-used by the youth in Iver. Soon we should know if we have been successful in achieving a grant for the new pavilion at Iver Rec. It is looking hopeful and if we do get the go ahead it will at last mean that this 8 year project will eventually reach completion.

The children's playground has a wide range of activities and continues to be well used.

Iver Heath Recreation Ground

The pavilion is used regularly by Iver Heath Football Team and our youth worker, Sally Vigurs, who meets up with the young people of Iver Heath there every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Iver Heath Bowls Club and Tennis Club are also found in the recreation ground and are flourishing.

Iver Heath Fields

We remain grateful to the Friends of Iver Heath Fields for their work in looking after these four fields, 41 acres in total.

Allotments

The allotments at both Iver and Iver Heath are well used and there seems to be a renewed interest in allotment holding – possibly due to the economic situation and gardening programmes. There are still allotments available at a modest annual cost.

Millennium Nature Reserve

The work on the Millennium Nature Reserve at Hardings Row (off Swallow Street) continues, being undertaken by the Groundwork Trust under the guidance of the Parish Council which owns the land. This Nature reserve is well worth a visit, preferably on foot, and there will be a ‘Volunteer’ day in the near future. It has recently received a £4,000 lottery grant for a water and wildlife project.

Christmas lights

The turning on of the Christmas lights in late November was very well attended and took place in Iver Village Hall and the Kings Church hall. The Council took the opportunity to consult with the public on parking in the High Street in Iver.

Summer Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets placed around the parish over the summer have again brightened up the shopping areas in all parts of the parish.

Planning

The proposed HS2 will not go through Iver but will take in parts of Denham. The Core Strategy has been passed by the Planning Inspector and the Council did respond to the consultation but still no likelihood of a relief road in Richings Park.

Crossrail plans were approved last year and as a result the Dog Kennel bridge has now been removed. Heathrow Rail Hub is not expected to come to fruition.

Road Safety & Partnerships

Thornbridge Road

Although there has been the improvement to the parking around the shops in Thornbridge Road, parking restrictions are still needed.

Street lighting

As a result of the icy weather a number of street lights have been damaged beyond repair. Unfortunately those who drive into your street lights do not tell us of the damage they have done and as a result the cost of replacement falls to the Parish Council and the lights are not insured due to cost being prohibitive. Replacement costs £800 each time.

Devolved Highways work

The Devolved Highways work is going well and Trevor Sargant, the Highway’s Worker, works 2 days a week carrying out much needed improvement works such as cleaning signs, removing flytipping and cutting back overgrown vegetation.

Bus Routes

The Parish Council has worked hard to improve the bus services in Iver and is providing financial support so we have a No 58 bus service running on Sundays. If this proves successful over the coming year this bus service will become financially viable and will continue.

Website

The Parish Council website provides much information about the parish and the activities of the council. It also has the facility for organisations to advertise their events on the social calendar. www.iverparishcouncil.gov.uk

Youth Work

The Parish Council now employs a full time outreach youth worker, Sally Vigurs. The aim of the youth work is to provide encouragement and reduce anti-social behaviour amongst young people. She works with young people throughout the parish and holds ‘drop-ins’ at St Peter’s Centre on Wednesday and at Iver Heath Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as activities during school holidays. Sally now has a team of volunteers who help her and the youth work has attracted a lot of grants from outside bodies to fund various activities and projects.

[The chairman expressed his thanks to](#) – the Clerk and Assistants, Maintenance and Highways teams, Youth Worker, Vice Chairman, Chairmen of Committees, Councillors, Partners of Councillors who let them out to attend meetings. He also thanked those District Councillors who have attended to give us information and County Councillors who get our voice heard in Aylesbury. The chairman went on to thank helpers at the office, working group members, Police and PCSOs and Iver Educational Trust.

Community Service Awards were given to the following people in recognition of their service to the community: Eddie Wood for work using the speed camera in Richings Park; Paul Graham for the work he has undertaken for Iver and District Countryside Association; Gwen Williams as Treasurer of Heathway and Iver Heath Ladies Groups; Margaret Smith for her community work and work for Iver Women's Institute; Sue Wilson as Treasurer of Iver Heath Village Hall; Keith Mountenay as Chairman of Delaford Colts FC; Kath Horlor as Chairman of Heathway Ladies Group; Sheila Tregunna as Secretary of Iver Heath Village Hall; Annette Gilman as Choir Director of St Margaret's Church; Charlie Mungai for his excellent work he carries out in the parish keeping the streets clean and Margaret Bowers for her work with Richings Choral Society and Choir.

HOW IS IT PAID FOR? (See also pie charts on next page)

How the Parish Council spent its money 2010/2011

Budgeted Net expenditure for 2010/2011 = £871,422 (approximately 50% of this is for the new pavilion at Iver Recreation Ground but this work will not now take place in 2010/11 financial year).

Precept (Council tax) income = £364,000 (£352,000 in 09-10)

Budgeted Other income £488,733 (Approximately 94% of other income is from loans and grants for the new pavilion but these are not expected to be received in 2010/11 financial year).

Budget 2010-11 – The Council performed substantially in line with budget.

Budget 2011-12 – The Precept in the year 2011-2012 will be £373,076.

Julian Wilson Retiring Chairman

Alan Oxley New Chairman Iver Parish Council

Following the elections in May 5th we have 9 new councillors of which 2 have previously been councillors. With the retirement of 9 past parish councillors we have lost a lot of experience and I thank them for the time they gave up since being a Parish councillor is a voluntary role. The new councillors present an exciting opportunity for us to take Iver Parish on to being an even better place to live and work in.

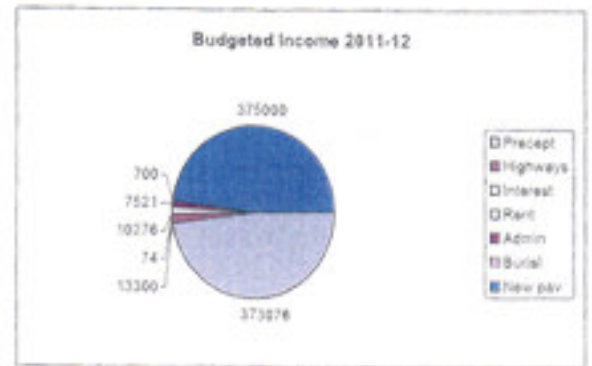
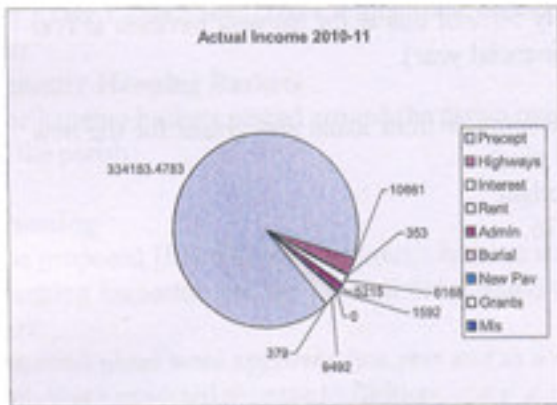
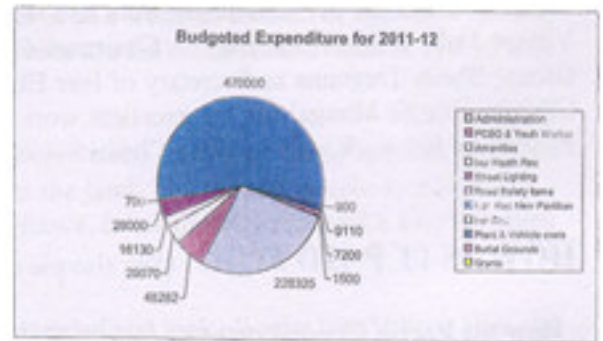
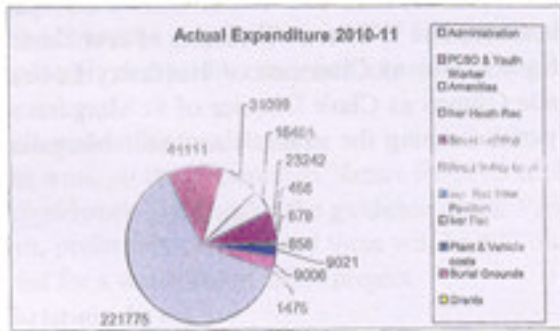
Obviously easing the traffic problems we experience will be a major priority, we will continue to oppose developments that potentially increase the HGV movements. We hope a satisfactory outcome to the Project Pinewood Public Inquiry. The past Parish Chairman, Julian Wilson and I presented evidence to the Inquiry in support of the Stop Project Pinewood Action Group.

I hope the new Parish Council will continue to support the youth work, community policing, planned recreation ground projects, Hardings Row nature reserve, Iver Heath Fields, the Christmas lights and the summer flower basket scheme. We are currently funding the 58 bus Sunday service. We will continue to undertake highways work funded by Bucks County Council. However we do face some challenges with Bucks County Council closing Iver Heath library and the Evreham Youth centre. If there is sufficient demand and support we hope these services will continue on a volunteer basis, but this does require that concerned local residents to offer their time. Iver Parish Council will I am sure continue to give every possible support to any such volunteer groups.

The cost of the Parish Council precept on your council tax is less than £1.50 per week for a band D home for all the services I have outlined. I believe we give good value for money, we will of course continue to strive to give even better value for your council tax. We will also listen to our residents to make sure that the services we provide are services that you value.

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