

IVER PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the POLICY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE was held on WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2010, commencing at 8pm at the Committee Room, Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ

MINUTES

Present:- Mr Gidar (chaired the meeting), Mrs Vigor- Hedderly, Mrs Leech, Mr Lidgate, Mr Oxley

In Attendance:- Mrs Moffat (Temporary Clerk)

55. Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Bradford, Mr Wilson, Mrs Mowat and Mrs Watkins.

56. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. – none.

8.05pm Mr Oxley and Mr Lidgate joined the meeting.

57. Resolved to sign the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15th January 2010 (previously circulated)

58 Clerk's Report – (a) Letter of thanks from Iver Heath Village Hall Association for the grant it received.

(b) Street lights PC10 Thornbridge Road and PC12 Syke Cluan have been knocked down by unknown vehicles so unable to claim replacements from the vehicles' insurances. The Highways and Partnerships Committee has agreed to authorise replacements. The cost is £1380 for the two lights but there is only £45 in the budget for street lighting repairs not covered by contract. It was agreed for the Highways and Partnerships Committee to look at the possibility of using the Traffic Improvements budget. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, Chairman of this Committee, will investigate and report back.

(c) Request from Richings Park Residents Association for a donation towards Christmas tree lights. It was agreed to find out the amount set aside in the budget for this purpose and report back to the next meeting.

59 Finance

(a) Bank Statements – resolved to receive recent bank statement and the Chairman signed the reconciliation.

(b) Concern was raised regarding bank charges received. In view of interest rates of investments being so low in comparison to bank charges, members of this committee requested a list of all bank accounts with overdraft facilities and rate of bank charges to ensure investments are in the appropriate account.

60 Resolved to waive Financial Regulations relating to the churchyard maintenance and renew the contract with Nick Robins Ltd in view of this contractual arrangement working well for the best interest of the Council.

61 Resolved to waive Financial Regulations relating to the cleaning of the Parish Council's premises and renew the contract with Contract Cleaning Services (Southern) Limited in view of the charges remaining the same for 2010/11, the contractual arrangement is working well and last year it was very difficult to find cleaning firms to provide quotes for working four hours per week.

TRAINING and ADMINISTRATION

62 Ray Peters, Chris Spurles and Nick Fisher will be attending the course on 'Dealing with Difficult People and Situations' as already agreed. The training for the administration staff was postponed until a later date.

POLICY

63 Youth Work – The Clerk reported that Sally Vigurs continues to be working actively with the youth in the Parish. She is going to start up boxing sessions in the near future, has arranged informal football matches and is hoping to have the climbing wall and 'drop-in' bus during the half term holidays at Iver Recreation Ground.

PROJECTS

64 Christmas lights – A meeting was held with the representative of Lamps and Tubes regarding compensation for the problems that occurred with the lights last Christmas. An offer was made for Lamps and Tubes to buy back the faulty bulbs at sale price and for the Parish Council to purchase new bulbs with a higher specification at a reduced rate, plus a 100 rubber sealing caskets free of charge. This amounts to a cost of £2115 for the Parish Council to upgrade the Christmas lights. It was resolved to accept this offer.

65. Press Release: to resolve to draw no information to the attention of the press.

Meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Next meeting 14TH April 2010.