

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL  
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009, commencing at 8 pm at the Committee Room, Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver SL0 9NJ

**MINUTES**

**Present:-** Mrs Leech (chaired the meeting), Mr Lidgate, Mrs Mowat, Mrs Watkins, Mr Wilson, Mr Adlam, Mrs Roberts

**In Attendance:-** Mrs Collins (Clerk), Mrs Gibson (Tree Warden) and 2 members of the public who spoke in respect to item 89 (a) as they live behind the damaged wall and requested that the parish council consider putting a palisade fence up to protect it in future.

- 75 **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Clark
- 76 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 77 **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 78 **RESOLVED to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following sub committee meetings:-**  
(a) Iver Recreation Ground Project Sub Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- 79 **Clerk's report** (a) Clerk has asked Kebbell Homes to do something about the muddy path left from one of the entrance gates into the recreation ground. (b) installation of Monster Play shelter at Iver Heath completed and apart from some racist graffiti (not isolated incident) there have been no problems. (c) new goal posts are being used at Iver Heath (d) both bollard insurance claims have now been repudiated.
- 80 **Budget for 2009/2010** – Resolved to approve the budget to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 (copy appended)
- 81 **Budget 2010/2011** – noted that following the Policy meeting in November some changes had been made to the budget (appended) – budget for new bus shelter was removed and Swan Road land maintenance was set at £20,000.
- 82 **Resolved to Receive and Approve works carried out under delegated powers.** (1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 attached).
- 83 **New Pavilion at Iver Recreation Ground** and Iver Recreation Ground Project Sub Committee – resolved to approve a change in terms of reference of that sub committee to include the possibility of installing a brick built pavilion because it is not working out any cheaper to install a modular one.
- 84 **Tree Warden** – (a) tree warden update report was noted (b) Mrs Gibson reported on grant of £1600 received from Tree Council for 250m hedging at Iver Heath Fields and 250 m at Swan Road land on the northern boundary with Iver Lodge. Resolved to approve ordering from Murray McLean (3 quotes were tabled). Resolved to approve any additional works/expenses required to complete the project (up to £500). This would include rabbit spirals as required and some fencing posts and a skip if required. The Committee were pleased that Mrs Gibson had secured offers of assistance from Black Park and Practicality Brown and A & M Fencing. The Committee thanked her for her work. Resolved to put up a two rail post and rail fence on the unclear boundary to the south of Iver Lodge land (£1,050 A & M fencing).
- 85 **Swan Road Land** – (a) resolved to approve appointing an arboriculturalist to undertake a complete tree survey of condition of trees and digital mapping and tagging at £1,020 (Patrick Stileman). (b) resolved to approve stage one of a process to find out whether land is suitable for future use as a burial ground. Resolved to appoint Cemetery Development Services at £2,300 as they had more experience in this specialist field and also would be cheaper at future stages of development when required.. (c) resolved to approve a contractor for repairs to the wall in order to make it safe and to make the land secure. Clerk to seek clarification on pricing for the first 3 or 4 items on the tender document from Keveren and also to ask him to take out the jet washing costs as it was felt this was unnecessary and possibly could cause more damage to the wall. Clerk could then appoint him if the quote was within £500 of the RRR quote but otherwise appoint RRR.
- 86 **BMX track proposal** – Mrs Leech reported that the BMX committee had met and were having problems with building the track before the end of March (partly because one funder had declined to

grant money and this had had to be found elsewhere and partly because of the wetness of the ground). The funders are being asked whether the money would be lost if work was started but not completed by the end of March 2010. Access to the ground could possibly be obtained through the Grange Farm land if this helped.

- 87 **Iver Heath Fields** – hedge fund grant – resolved to approve planting of hedging between these fields and Pinewood fields on the motorway edge as Rural Payment Agency require all boundaries to be clearly marked in order to qualify for their grants. This will be done with part of the Tree Council grant reported in item 84.
- 88 **Nature Reserve** – resolved to approve spraying of ragwort in June at approximately £500.
- 89 **Iver Heath Recreation Ground** – (a) request from a resident for palisade fencing from the end of the existing fencing on St David’s Close boundary to end of footpath to Bangors Road North. It was noted that the resident in attendance had made the request and that he stated it was not necessary to have 32 metres of fence but probably 10 metres would be sufficient. The quote for 32 metres was £?. It was resolved that the clerk should write to Rightscope who are the management company responsible for the wall and see if their insurance company would put up a more substantial full wall to prevent it happening again. (b) request from Mr Sibley and his neighbour for palisade fencing on the Anslow Gardens boundary and lowering of the safety netting. Resolved to ask the football club to put up temporary netting at a lower level during matches and to stop climbing into the gardens of residents in Anslow Gardens and to stop swearing when they want their balls back. Also clerk is to plant hawthorn bushes in the gap where the laurels have not taken.
- 90 **Iver Recreation Ground** – (a) footpath from entrance – resolved to defer this decision as it was hoped that Kebbell Homes would assist (b) noted that a resident has been training goal keepers during the week in the goal mouths. Agreed that there is nothing that can be done except request that he uses a goal mouth that is not going to be used the following weekend. (c) resolved to approve installation of a noticeboard at the front of the recreation ground entrance once the Kebbell Homes boards have been taken down. One side to be for sole use by the Parish Council and the other for users of the recreation ground.
- 91 **Bowls Club** – (a) resolved to approve a request for use of grass for parking during Bucks County Bowls Association finals day for 2010 – a great honour to host this event on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July. Bowls members to be asked to supervise entering and leaving the additional car parking space. Also there is a Middleton Cup game on 5<sup>th</sup> June which will also require additional parking – resolved to approve parking on the grass on this occasion as well. Maintenance team to supply stakes and tape for the Bowls Club to mark off an area at the start of each event and take down at the end of each day.
- 92 **Sports Pavilion, Iver Heath** – (a) noted that one of the changing rooms has been refurbished and will be ready by Christmas and then a second one will be done.
- 93 **Burial Ground** – (a) resolved to approve the new burial ground regulations as appended. (b) resolved to approve purchase of 2 seats (up to £500 each approx) for the burial ground and delegated the power to agree locations and design for these to the clerk in liaison with Mrs Leech. Also to be agreed with the church administrator. Resolved to approve removal of seats not provided by the parish council on grounds that the locations and design are not approved and for health and safety reasons. (c) resolved to approve increased fees for 2010/2011 of £194 per burial and £78 per interment of ashes (in line with diocesan fees for churchyards).
- 94 **MP** has forwarded a letter from a resident requesting a skate park in Iver Recreation Ground. Resolved that a skate park would not be provided as there is insufficient space in Iver Recreation Ground and there are already two projects under way in that location. However, Mrs Leech will try to get the SBDC mobile skate park to the area during the coming year and then see what demand there is for it.
- 95 **Walk your Local Paths Initiative** by BCC Rights of Way – resolved to ask Iver & District Countryside Association to take this up on the Parish Council’s behalf.
- 96 **Press Release** – resolved to circulate to the press information on the hedge fund grant and the wall knocked down to rear garden in St David’s Close (item 89a).

Date of Next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Meeting ended at 10.35 pm

**Signed CHAIRMAN** ..... **Date** .....