

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 18th March 2009, commencing at 8 pm at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room).

MINUTES

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

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk) and Mr Lane and Mr Luckhurst (see item 75)

- 67 **Apologies for absence were received from Mr Adlam and Mr Clark**
- 68 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – there were none.
- 69 **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 14th January 2009.
- 70 **RESOLVED to receive approve and adopt the minutes** of the following advisory group meetings:-
(a) **Iver Recreation Ground Group** – 7th January 2009
(b) **Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group** – 9th February 2009
(c) **Iver Heath Sports Association** – 16th March 2009 were not available
- 71 **RESOLVED** to approve Clerk's report on works carried out under delegated powers from 1st January to 28th February 2009 (appended).
- 72 **Resolved to receive and approve works carried out under delegated powers.** (1st January 2009 –28th February 2009 appended). The Clerk clarified again that the work at the churchyards and burial ground is undertaken by contractors as it would be too big a job for the maintenance team to undertake.
- 73 **Budget Monitoring 2008/2009 – resolved** to receive and approve the budget for 08/09 (appended) to 28th February 2009. Some concern was again expressed about the charges for the users of the pavilions and recreation grounds as it is being very heavily subsidized. It was felt that this should be an item for discussion on the next agenda.
- 74 **Playgrounds** – (a) it was noted that the new playground in Iver Recreation Ground being put in by SBDC with a grant they have may not now take place until nearer September. Also that there may have to be some further consultation undertaken by SBDC. (b) letters from 2 young resident of Iver Heath wishing to see another football court at Iver Heath Recreation Ground and some more challenging play equipment for older children were read and noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to them thanking them for their interest and for feeling able to approach the Parish Council and that some investigations into the possibilities would be undertaken.
- 75 **Recreation Ground Usage Requests** – (a) SBDC wish to hold another Chillin' in the Park event on Thursday 9th April at one of the recreation grounds. Approved and noted that this has been arranged for Iver Heath but that further events will be held in Iver at the next available opportunity.
(b) Delaford Colts wish to use Iver Recreation Ground for a fund raising tournament on 13th/14th or 20/21st June. Approved subject to the necessary licences being obtained and insurance being held.
(c) Mrs Lidgate and the Clerk reported on usage of the BMX track at Iver (or maybe Iver Heath) by someone who wants to form a BMX club in the future but initially is working with Sally to build up interest. The existing BMX tracks need some remedial work and may in the long term need re-designing. Mr Lane and Mr Luckhurst attended the meeting and the chairman invited them to explain their proposals – see appended note. It was resolved that the clerk should order the materials as would normally be required to refurbish the track and that Mr Luckhurst and Mr Lane should be invited to undertake the work with the young people. The Council resolved to support the starting a club using the track at Iver so long as the leaders provided the Clerk with copies of the necessary insurance and details of when the club events would be held and that the public had use of the track at all other times. The Council also resolved to investigate the use of other sites in the parish for a larger track to be built if required in due course. Council resolved that the spoil from the new play area could be used to enhance the existing track and that they would support re-design so long as it did not interfere with other activities already in place such as football and the play equipment, paths etc.
- 76 **Allotments** – (a) new allotments at both sites have been prepared and are ready to mark out for new applicants. Plenty of interest being shown. Noted. (b) There has been a lot of vandalism during late January and February in the allotments at Iver Heath and there is a request for a light to act as a deterrent. The allotment holders are willing to contribute £500 towards this. The only solar powered light that can be found so far that has a large light spread costs £3,000. The cost of electrically powered light would be about the same (if not more) because of the cabling required. Resolved not to put lights up because of the nuisance to the residential area and the fact that it was unlikely to solve the problem as it would cover such a small part of the allotment site.
- 77 **Nature Reserve** – request for a dog bin at or near the entrance. Resolved to approve purchase and installation.

- 78 Iver Heath Fields** – (a) insurance claim has been settled with no payments made. Noted. (b) Plaque and service in memory of Simon Hill- resolved to approve the design that was circulated at the meeting but with solid colour for the lettering and perhaps in green. The dates should come immediately under Simon’s name. Also agreed to the planting of another Service tree (which has been obtained by John Illenden) at the same time as the service is held in June.
- 79 Iver Heath Pavilion** – (a) in the light of the budget figures, as agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk has ordered the master locks for the pavilion and the keyholding company will begin on 1st April because the locks should be installed during March. Noted that these had now been installed and keys given to the clubs at the meeting on Monday night. The Clerk said that the tennis club had been given 4 keys but were asking for another 6. It was resolved that no further keys would be paid for by the Council
(b) Resolved that Mr Wilson and Mrs Lidgate would continue as support key holders for the keyholding company (to authorize works as needed).
(c) Noted fire risk assessment that has been carried out and recommendations. Resolved not to install a fire alarm but to investigate installation of smoke alarms. Noted that clubs had been advised to hold fire drills at the IHSA meeting on Monday and that staff have been trained in fire awareness. Approved signage to be provided by WJ Fire. Noted that the Bowls Club have removed their pallets and the tennis club their gas bottle.
- 80 New Pavilion in Iver Recreation Ground** – noted that as discussed at the full Parish Council meeting recently the Clerk is arranging a meeting with Richings Park Sports Club and Nexus in order to discuss the possible future arrangements for an integrated sports policy across the Parish. This meeting to take place on 16th April with 2 officers from Nexus, 2 from Richings Park Sports Club and Mrs Lidgate and Mr Wilson. Also noted that SBDC are building a new pavilion at Farnham Park and so there may be contacts at the District Council who could assist with project management etc for the Parish Council project. It may be worth looking at their plans.

Date of Next meeting – 13th May 2009
Meeting ended at 9.15 pm

CHAIRMAN

Appended note– proposals re BMX

Mr Luckhurst explained that he has been an Iver resident all his life and he has 3 children (2 sons of 17 and 18 and a daughter). The family are members of Hayes Hawks BMX club and Mr Luckhurst is a Team Manager for the BMX division of the British Cycling organization. He is passionate about it and devotes much of his time to the sport. He said it is a sport and not a pastime and it is for families. There are members at the Hayes club from the age of 6 to 50 years. It has been an Olympic sport since 2008 and the UK came close to an Olympic gold in Beijing. It gives young people a purpose and keeps them healthy. With adult supervision it provides a safe environment. The starting of a BMX club in Iver would benefit the whole of South Bucks and he is keen to get involved in forming a club with Justin Lane. Lots of girls are also involved in BMX so it is not just a male sport. Both of Mr Luckhurst’s sons are British Cycling coaches. The Hayes Hawks are involved in schools outreach programmes in Hillingdon and also in after school clubs. Justin Lane started BMX at the age of 13 and is now 40. He hopes his children of 13, 9 and 4.5 years will become as keen. Iver is seen as a practice track and a good starting point for a club. It would need a bit of re-designing which they could do themselves and involve the young people so that they learn to respect it. The Club would then offer them the opportunity to visit other tracks in the area for experience. In an ideal world the club would eventually have a much larger track with the use of a pavilion, water, parking and flood lights. However, this is something for in the future. Young people would maintain the existing track as part of the club activities. Justin and Tony said that the Hayes club finds grants easy to come by and that they have access to funding that the Council would not be able to obtain. Photographs of a large facility in Gosport were circulated showing the ultimate dream track. In 2012 Olympic games the BMX events will take place at Stratford.