

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 30th September 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

In Attendance:- Mrs Collins (Clerk)

54 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Roberts and Mr Clark

55 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – Mr Lidgate declared an interest in the storage part of item 72.

56 RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting – 22nd July 2009.

57 RESOLVED to receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the following advisory group meetings:-

(a) Iver Recreation Ground Group – 23rd September 2009

(b) Iver Heath Sports Association – 21st September 2009

(c) Iver Heath Fields Liaison Group – 20th July 2009

58 Clerk's report (a) Cottage in the Woods footpath – tree works completed and residents report that they are very happy with the work and the contractors were very courteous and tidy. Noted.

(b) Playbuilder funding bid was unsuccessful. Noted.

(c) Post installation report by RoSPA for new Monster Play equipment is available. Noted that this makes the point that the design of the climber is challenging and should be changed. Councillors felt that it was to the correct play safety standard and therefore challenging was goo.

(d) report of rats in Iver Heath Recreation Ground – SDK pest control took a look and verbally reported no evidence of rats – written report awaited. Noted.

(e) Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens and woodland burial area at Parkside Cemetery – invitation to view and learn. Noted.

(f) Clerk has asked Kebbell Homes to do something about the design of the gate hooks at Iver Recreation Ground as people are falling over them apparently. Noted.

(g) Zurich insurance is inclined to pay out on one bollard claim and not the other. The clerk has pointed out the inconsistency and they are looking into the matter again. With regard to the claim they are refuting the claimant's solicitors are trying to pursue this through the courts. The clerk will keep the Council updated. Noted.

59 Budget for 2009/2010 – Resolved to approve the budget to 30th August 2009 (copy appended) but concern was expressed about the spend on electricity for Iver Recreation Ground and the clerk agreed to look into this.

60 Resolved to Receive and Approve works carried out under delegated powers. (1st July to 31st August 2009 attached).

61 BMX track proposal – (a) RoSPA response to new design was noted. SBDC has granted a Certificate of Lawfulness for the revised track design. BMX Club has been set up. Noted. (b) The chairman reported that designers (Clark and Kent) have looked at the site and believe they can work around the trees and equipment on the site but realize that if anything has to be moved then the cost will have to be borne by the BMX club and approval will be needed from the Amenities Committee. (c) BMX club should note that Building Control permission and Importation of soil permission may be required. (d) Committee resolved to charge the BMX club 10% of their income from members (ie membership fees or subs) quarterly. To be reviewed annually.

62 Fields in Trust – the Parish Council can protect their recreational land by using a Deed of Dedication providing charitable protection in perpetuity ensuring the continued use of recreational space for the local community for ever. There is no cost to the Council but it could not be done until the land is registered with the land registry. Resolved not to consider proceeding until all land is registered and then to review the proposal.

63 Iver Heath Fields – request via Jan Buck of the Friends of Iver Heath Fields for permission for an ex police dog trainer to run dog training classes in Iver Heath Fields – picnic area. Resolved to permit this

activity so long as it is informal and no charges are made and no structures are left on site and that all dog mess is cleared up straight away.

- 64 **Nature Reserve** – report from Louise Morris of Groundwork was noted. Resolved not to contribute up to £800 to the reanalysis of test results because the Committee felt that they would prefer to have an analysis of the pond water now rather than re-analysing previous results. Resolved that the clerk should find out who the resident is with a back gate onto the land and write stating that there is no right of access onto the land from the property and no works should be carried out on the land.
- 65 **Iver Heath Recreation Ground** – (a) resolved to grant £200 under S137 of the Local Government Act (1972) towards new goal posts for Iver Heath Rovers. (b) new shelter for the young people. Approved clerk to order from Monster Play in silver and black at a total cost £10,925 net. Noted that the young people had been totally involved in the selection of the shelter and that there was a discount equivalent to that which the Council would have received from an ex display model at Saltex. Resolved not to allow the shelter to replace one of the existing old ones and noted that the tarmac under the old ones would therefore not get repaired as part of the installation. Clerk to liaise with the young people and the maintenance team and the installers as to a suitable position elsewhere in the recreation ground.
- 66 **Bowls Club** – noted that the chairman and clerk had met with the Bowls Club and it was resolved to agree that rather than change the lease agreement or make additional legal paperwork that the Council would look sympathetically at any grant requests in the future when works are required to the building or grounds or they need to purchase equipment for maintenance. Clerk to write a letter to say that in light of the additional responsibilities required of the Club when the new 3 way lease agreement was made between the Club, the Council and the NPFA that the Parish Council will look sympathetically at any request for grant assistance by the club in that regard.
- 67 **Sports Pavilion, Iver Heath** – there is some damage to the changing rooms (some accidental and some wear and tear). Resolved to approve works to be carried out at Council expense to make good/refurbish the changing rooms so long as it is work that the maintenance team can undertake without assistance from outside contractors. Any larger works requiring contractors to be costed and brought back to the Committee. The football club will be asked to remove the bags from one of the changing rooms to enable that to be used whilst work is carried out. The maintenance team will then work on one changing room at a time whilst 2 remain in use. Clerk to find out how much it would cost to install an electric shutter on one or all of the doors so that they can be opened from inside. Mrs Leech to have a meeting with the football club to say that in future either we will pay for a cleaner and add the charge to their rent or they must pay a cleaner.
- 68 **Nexus central booking system for sports pitches** – Noted that if Richings Park Sports Club were still interested in joining in the shared booking system then there may have been possibility of negotiating an 8% charge instead of the 10% previously quoted but as things stand there would be no reduction. There was also no availability at Evreham for our players to use their ground. Resolved not to go ahead with this for this season.
- 69 **Burial Ground** – noted that Mr Toth (whose wife's ashes are buried, at his request, just inside the gate) has complained about the fact that the SITA bin is sited near to his wife's grave and that it is often left with rubbish around it which spills over to the grave. The clerk has arranged for fencing to be put up to shield the bin and Mr Toth will plant something to climb the fence to make it more attractive. Noted that Mr Toth has reported that he is happy with the arrangement.
- 70 **Woodlands Park, Iver** – SBDC has been asked to provide information concerning recreational requirements in South Bucks in relation to this site. SBDC will respond according to the SBDC Open Space, Sports and Recreational Facilities Study. The Committee resolved that the clerk should inform SBDC that they would prefer it to remain as Green Belt.
- 71 **New Pavilion in Iver Recreation Ground** – (a) report on drainage survey was received and it was noted that the FA had advised that the major works would not be required but sand and slitting was all that would be necessary (b) revised plans from Wilbey Burnett were discussed and it was agreed that the internal arrangements were not suitable for the requirements of the Council. Resolved unanimously to use modular construction and Mrs Leech agreed to get detailed plans and prices and a meeting with the representative from a modular construction company to advise the committee. Resolved that it should have 4 changing rooms designed initially. It was noted that the FA may only fund 40-50% of a modular building but this would be offset by the reduced costs. (c) resolved not to approve plans to be submitted for planning permission at this stage until modular designs had been submitted as there may be no need

to re-submit. Resolved that the hall should be larger than 10m x 4m and that there should be separate fire exits for football and other users so that the two areas could be completely discrete. The office should be at the front of the building and accessible by corridor rather than the main hall. Preferably 4 changing rooms with some as open showers and some with cubicles. Also have cubicles in all toilets relating to the hall rather than urinals so that they may be interchangeable. There should also be more internal storage related to the hall. There should also be an outside toilet. (d) resolved that there should be an exhibition of the new plans and consultation at the Christmas lights ceremony on Saturday 28th November from 11 am to 4 pm and Mr Clark has agreed to be available for that period to answer questions etc. (e) resolved to approve a press release informing the public of the exhibition but the new sub committee would look in detail at the consultation period.

72 Storage, Workshop and Mess Room facilities for Maintenance Workers and Equipment – resolved that the clerk should obtain approximate costs and feasibility of adapting the old changing rooms into storage for the equipment and a workshop with a toilet.

73 Set up Sub Committee of Amenities for New Pavilion and associated items Project – resolved to form a sub committee to be responsible for the decisions and management of the Project at Iver Recreation Ground including a possible new pavilion with associated pitch works and maintenance accommodation with terms of reference as appended. Sub Committee to have delegated powers as in the appended document. Sub Committee to comprise Mrs Leech, Mrs Watkins, Mr Adlam and Mr Lidgate with an invitation to Mr Clark to join the sub committee if he wished. Mrs Mowat the vice chairman of Amenities who is entitled to serve on the sub committee declined. It was resolved not to have the first meeting on 15th October as the date was inconvenient for some members. The first meeting of this sub committee will take place on 16th October at 1.30 pm

74 Budget 2010/2011 – resolved to set the budget for the next financial year as per the appended budget but noted that the new sub committee would review the figures for management of the new pavilion and also would set the charges to apply to Delaford Colts when the new pavilion is used. The Clerk agreed to look into the electricity bills for Iver Recreation Ground to see why it was more than budgeted this year.

Date of Next meeting – 9th December 2009

Meeting ended at 10.30 pm

Signed CHAIRMAN **Date**