

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4th January 2010
held at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mrs S Lidgate
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mrs P Roberts
Mr M Bradford	Mrs P Leech	Mrs Mowat
Mr D Adlam		

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk), PC Hayley Edwards (Thames Valley Police), Ms Wendy Matthews and Mr Eddie Wood (Richings Park Residents Association), Rebecca Carly, Stephen Young, Mark Averill (Bucks County Council officers), Cllr Roger Reed, Sally Tugwell (youth worker)

100. Public Participation. Mrs Wendy Matthews from Richings Park Residents Association reported that it is very difficult to get the District Council to object to new operator licences. The clerk added that the new licence request for 4 HGVs at Margaret Garden Farm in Thorney Lane North advertised in the paper has the wrong post code and she cannot locate the site. Having phoned the traffic commissioner it appears they cannot either but it doesn't matter to them because if they receive no objections it gets passed. As people cannot locate the site then there will be no objections. Mrs Matthews also pointed out that the SBDC core strategy amendments that are for response by 13th January still state that no relief road is necessary. The width restriction in Richings Park has been damaged and unlit for weeks and is causing many accidents but no date for repair is available.

Police Report. PC Hayley Edwards reported that 2 arrests were made just before Christmas in relation to the racist criminal damage incidents and that two more would be likely to be made in the next few weeks. She reported that her personal view on the problems with the footpath from Trewarden to Anslow Gardens will not be resolved by closing the path as the youths live nearby and would still congregate in the same area. There are no reports of problems with antisocial behaviour in Swallow Street over Christmas on the police computer. Mrs Mowat asked what was happening in regard to the damage to the cameras near Iver Heath library some time ago and PC Edwards said she would find out.

Sally Vigurs the youth worker for the parish gave a report saying that she would be changing her programme over the next 3 months and would be trialling more targeted work with the Iver Heath youths including football and food on Friday evenings and boxing on Saturdays. She then said she wanted to put a proposal for a project to take a group of about 8 young people (aged 15-18) to India in the summer and whether the parish council would support her in that. "In 2007/2008 Sally had a volunteer helper but she died suddenly at the end of 2008. She was a teacher who had spent her summer holidays going to rural India and volunteering at an orphanage. Many local people since her passing have continued to raise funds for that orphanage. ACT is a charity that makes grant funding happen and this body has started up a Danni Memorial Fund for use with local young people." The trustees of the fund approached Sally with a proposal that she takes a group from this area to India in the summer to work at the orphanage. This would be targeting those for whom it would normally be unaffordable. 50% of the costs for each young person would be paid for by the memorial fund and 50% would have to be raised by the individuals. Sally has sounded out some young people as to whether it is the sort of project they would be interested in and the response is generally positive. Sally is saying that there would be one evening a week set aside to make the preparations with the group and then 10 days of her working year would be in India (she would not be claiming any additional hours for the 24/7 care of the young people). The other 4 weeks of the summer holidays would be spent running projects in the parish as usual. The chairman asked Sally to prepare a written report to circulate to councillors as soon as possible and then to come to the meeting on the 1st February where the item would be on the agenda for a decision.

Stephen Young of Bucks County Council gave a detailed description of the structure and purpose of the Local Area Forum part of the locality strategy of BCC. (documents appended). Some questions were asked by individual councillors at this point and during item 125.

101. Apologies were received from: Mrs J Watkins, Mr D Clark, Mr R Gidar, Mr A Oxley, District Councillor Simon Bullock.

102. RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 2nd November 2009

103. Report of the Clerk on: a) Temporary footpath closure Order FP17 from 1st March 2010 for approximately 2 months for footpath improvements/repairs.

- b) Colne Valley Garden Room – available for hire at competitive rates
- c) Rotary Club licence for street collection 14th December to 23rd December (Iver, Iver Heath and Richings Park)
- d) New development of 5 houses in Colne Orchard will have the name Cherry Close provided no appeal is lodged within one month.
- e) Licences for house to house collection for whole District i) Children our Future (Unicare Ltd) 25th Jan to 6th Feb 2010 ii) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 6th November to 13th November 2010
- f) South Bucks Core Strategy Document has been amended and the Court Lane Strategic Site will be re-classified as a wider “South of Iver Opportunity Area”. The item will be on the planning agenda for detailed discussion. An additional document was circulated (appended).
- g) Draft dates for meetings for the next Council year (May 2010 to April 2011) have been circulated. Any comments to the clerk by 15th January because they will be on the February agenda for formal approval.
- h) SBDC pay and display car parking changes report – the clerk said it was available but she did not intend to put it on an agenda as it did not affect this Parish. If any councillor felt it should be then to let her know.

104. Chairman's Report. The chairman reminded councillors of the importance of the core strategy consultation and asked that the Planning Committee give it detailed consideration in order to draft a response by 13th January.

105. Resolved to receive and adopt the **minutes of the following committee meetings:-**

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| (a) Planning Committee | 3 rd and 24 th November and 15 th December 2009 |
| (b) Amenities Committee | 9 th December 2009 |
| (c) Highways Committee | 11 th November 2009 |
| (d) Policy, Finance & General Purposes Committee | 25 th November 2009 |

106. Footpath from Anslow Gardens to Trewarden Avenue – resolved to defer a decision as to whether to recommend closure of this pathway to prevent anti social behaviour until the clerk has established ownership of the path.

107. Land at Leacroft Road – noted that the owner dropped the price a little more but not quite to the level advised by the District Valuer. Resolved not to purchase at this price.

108. Civic Reception – resolved to have a theme of showing appreciation to volunteers in the community and agreed that councillors would nominate residents for awards.

109. Councillor Training – Power of Well Being – resolved to set a new date of Wednesday 24th February for this – from 7 pm – 9 pm (venue to be notified). The chairman reminded councillors that 12 people need to be trained.

110. Licence for 107 High Street to access the entrance to the recreation ground – resolved not to offer a personal licence to the proposed new occupiers because of the problems accessing a gate that does not belong to them but to number 105.

111. Local Area Forum – First meeting of the Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum was to have been held on 7th December 2009 but was postponed. Resolved to defer a decision on whether to attend future meetings and if so who the representative(s) of the Parish Council should be until the February meeting.

112. Circulars List for November/December 2009 – resolved to receive and note (appended to agenda).

113. Correspondence for action:

- (a) Coombe Hill Monument Appeal – resolved not to donate as this is not within the parish.
- (b) Thorney Farm Field Consultation – noted the results (previously emailed) and resolved to make no additional comments at this time.
- (c) Parish Liaison Project – BALC would like to meet the chairman, clerk and any other interested councillors to complete a few key questions and listen to concerns that require action in regard to strengthening and improving relations between local councils and BCC. NB a meeting has been arranged for 10.30 am on 7th January if any councillors are available to attend with the chairman and clerk. Noted.
- (d) Derek Adlam has resigned from the Policy Committee – resolved not to nominate a replacement at this time as there are still 9 members of the committee.
- (e) Bucks CC - Application by Mrs Parsons to Register Land at Pinewood Fields and the Clump Iver as a town or village green. Comments by 14th January. Resolved to write in support of the application and to state that the Parish Council knows that residents use this area for walking and exercising dogs and have done so for many years.
- (f) Flowerland – request for Parish Council support for brown heritage signs to the site. Resolved not

the support this application as the Council does not support brown signs for retail sites in the parish.

114. Accounts:

- (a) Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for November/December in the sum of £48,784.64 net.
- (b) Resolved to receive income for November/December in the sum of £11,216.69.
- (c) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed reconciliations.
- (d) Resolved to agree the budgets for 2010/2011 as Policy Committee Minutes of 25th November 2009 and appended to these minutes.
- (e) Resolved to set the precept for 2010/2011 as recommended in Policy Committee Minutes of 25th November 2009 at £364,000.
- (f) Resolved to approve the wording for the Council Tax leaflet (as appended)

115. **Press Release:** resolved to inform the press that the decision on the footpath was deferred and that the Flowerland sign was not supported (after informing Flowerland).

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Date of next meeting: 1st February 2010 at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room)

Signed Chairman Date