

IVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th October 2009
held at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:-

Mr Wilson (chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mr A Oxley
Mr W Lidgate	Mrs P Leech	Mrs J Watkins
Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly	Mrs S Lidgate	Mrs P Roberts
Mr D Adlam		

In Attendance:- Mrs G Collins (Clerk)

68. **Public Participation.** There were 3 residents in attendance. Mrs Matthews from Richings Park Residents Association requested that action be taken at Thorney Park because it is in a dreadful state. A dog bin should be provided also. If the Parish Council were to manage the site they would like to see non-noisy water sports in order to generate income and to be consulted on future uses. Mrs Gorton complained that there is no bus to Heathrow from Iver but there is from High Wycombe and Amersham. Mr Lidgate spoke as County Councillor and said that it is disgraceful that all buses to Heathrow by-pass Iver that has a population of 12,000. The resident also stated that it is very difficult for residents to walk to Langley station or Langley College from Shredding Green now that the lights have been turned off on the main road. Mrs Matthews said that the same applies in Richings Park for residents to walk to Langley now that the lights are turned off there. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly said that she would take up this issue with the County Council as she was opposed to turning off the lights and perhaps they could be turned off after midnight. She had similar complaints from residents of Iver Lane. Mrs Gorton also asked what was happening to the land at the end of Iverdale Close and was assured that although it was being sold off in small plots that the District Council had put an article 41 on the land so that it cannot be marked out with fences or hedges. Therefore, it may well still be managed as farmland. A resident from Swan Road asked whether the Parish Council is buying the land next to the Light and Life Church. The chairman confirmed that the District Council was purchasing the land and would be leasing it to the Parish Council. The resident was keen to have an input into the future use of the land and also enquired about the access point.

County Councillor reports. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly thanked parish councillors for attending the public meeting at Croft House and said that the County Council and a Chesham County Councillors had provided possible alternatives at that meeting. Both alternatives were returned to the County Council with comments and requesting that any bus takes in Iver Lane. She said that she had complained to the site manager and project manager about Langley Park being a mess and that it will be sorted out. Both County Councillors are meeting with officers of the County to sort out dates for the completion of outstanding highways matters.

District Councillor reports. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly reported that the roads around Bardons are in a poor state with regard to cleaning and she is meeting with Jason from the District Council to sort this out. Pinewood will be licensed for outdoor movies (drive-in) but from September to December only.

69. Apologies were received from: Mrs Mowat, Mr R Gidar, Mr D Clark, Mr M Bradford, District Councillor Simon Bullock and the Police.

70. **RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held 7th September 2009.

71. **Report of the Clerk** on: a) Councillor Training – Power of Well Being–confirmed 14th December 7–9 pm.
(b) Street Collection Licence – 28th November 2009 Thames Hospice care (Iver only)
(c) Street Collection Licence – 25th September 2010 RAFA (whole of South Bucks)
(d) Street Collection Licence – 2nd October 2010 RAFA (whole of South Bucks).
(e) Early Years Consultation by BCC. Mrs Leech took this to look at and report back at the next meeting.
(f) Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter’s Church – the Council was invited to put in a tree again this year and it was agreed that this would be a real tree with clerk given permission to purchase it. Mrs Leech and Mrs Lidgate to decorate it.

72. **Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that the carnival was well attended and successful but there had been one complaint from a resident about the cost of the fairground rides. He thanked all those who had helped with the carnival. The Parish Tour for councillors was successful and of value to those who attended. There had been a walk across the Project Pinewood land and also the Swan Road land that the Parish Council would soon be leasing from the District Council. Thanks were given to the chairman by councillors and also to the Tower Arms for a superb lunch. Project Pinewood would be debated by the

District Council on 21st October at 4.15 pm at the District Council offices and the chairman encouraged as many councillors and residents to attend as possible. There would be extra parking available in a nearby field. The Police Station has re-opened and the clerk was asked to write to Chief Inspector Paul Cooke with a copy to the Chief Constable about Richings Park Residents Association has set up a meeting with the District and County Council and Cross Rail regarding a back exit for vehicles from the Trading Estates on 19th October at 9 am. Mrs Watkins agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

(a) Planning Committee 22nd September 2009 (Mr Oxley commented that the planning application on Fourelles might have warranted some comment regarding the fact that this was an agricultural dwelling).

(b) Amenities Committee 30th September 2009 (were not available). Mrs Leech reported that the major decision made at the meeting was to build a modular pavilion in Iver Recreation Ground.

(c) Policy, Finance & Gen Purp Committee 9th September 2009

74. **Land at Swan Road** – resolved to approve the chairman and vice chairman to sign and seal the lease with the District Council on behalf of the Parish Council (wording as previously agreed). The Amenities Committee was asked to set up a working group to formulate a management plan for the land and consult with local residents.

75. **Land at Leacroft Road** – received a report from the District Valuer and resolved to make an offer for all of this land based on that report.

76. **Christmas Lights Ceremony** – Saturday 28th November - the working group is seeking assistance from Councillors (marshalls, refreshments, shopping, sound, rides, escorting father Christmas, first aid, clearing up, putting out tables and chairs, lost children and property etc). Noted. Mrs Vigor-Hedderly volunteered for kitchen duty. Mr Gidar is Father Christmas. Apologies were given by Mr Oxley, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Watkins who would not be available. Mr Clark would be assisting with the exhibition/consultation on the new pavilion on that day.

77. **Country Parks** – noted that the County Council is considering alternative means of managing the parks. The County Council could transfer the Parks to a Parish Council to manage. Resolved that the Parish Council would express an interest and ask the County Council to consider transferring its asset of Thorney Park to the Parish Council. Clerk to write to Ann Davies at the legal department of County Council with a copy to Mrs Vigor-Hedderly who would also advise the Clerk as to who is on the Programme Board so that a letter can go to them as well.

78. **Aggregate Industries Liaison Committee, West Drayton site** – resolved to appoint Mr Oxley as the Parish Council representative on this committee, as Mrs Watkins no longer wishes to attend. (Daytime meetings)

79. **Circulars List for September 2009** – resolved to receive and note.

80. **Correspondence for action:**

a. Naming development in Colne Orchard: new suggestions from District Council were considered. It was resolved that Cherry Close was the only suitable option that retained the memory of the Cherry Orchard that the estate was built on and requested that the clerk ask the District Council to ask the Post Office to reconsider their objection as the nearest similar road is Cherry Tree Lane which is in Iver Heath some miles away. Councillors did not like the suggestions made by the District Council.

b. South Bucks Cohesion and Inequality Strategy – for comment in October. Mr Gidar was not available to report back and no written report had been received.

c. Community Planning (parish appraisal type) event – Saturday 14th November at Quainton or 24th October Hazlemere (near High Wycombe). Demonstrating how the new community led planning database can help you to follow your actions and priorities, ensuring your community led plan makes a difference to community life. Resolved that Mr Oxley and Mrs Gibson would attend on the 24th October.

d. Local Area Forum – Delegated Budget bids – these have to be in by 30th November and involve consultation and involvement of members of the public. Bids can be made for highways/transport issues. Resolved that funding would be sought for bollards outside The Orchards in Love Lane and also at Swallowdale junction with Swallow Street. Mrs Gibson would consult with local residents

in areas where she thought bollards would be suitable. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk of any other requests for funding other things or sites for bollards.

- e. School Travel Planning – reminder that the Junior School in Iver Village could obtain £4,600 and the infant school £4,320 if they produce a school travel plan and the Parish Council could help them to receive this funding. Noted and councillors reported that both schools are well on the way with a travel plan.

81. Accounts:

- (a) Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for September in the sum of £22,468.10 net.
- (b) Resolved to receive income for September in the sum of £2,060.80.
- (c) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed reconciliations.

82. Press Release: resolved to inform the press that the Parish Council is keen to manage or lease or own Thorney Park; has signed a lease for the land in Swan Road; A30 bus – residents and councillors are concerned that yet another bus service to Heathrow is by-passing Iver; bollards on verges are being considered for funding from the County Council's delegated budget.

Date of next meeting: 2nd November 2009 at Iver Village Hall (Coppins Room)

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Chairman Date