

**IVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**held at Iver Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present:-**

Mr Wilson (chairman)	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Mowat
Mr W Lidgate (arrived 7.57 pm)	Mrs P Leech	Mrs J Watkins
Mrs R Vigor-Hedderly (arrived 7.57 pm)	Mrs S Lidgate	Mrs P Roberts

**In Attendance:-** Mrs G Collins (Clerk), Sgt Clayton George (Thames Valley Police)

**38 Public Participation.** There were no members of the public present. **Sgt Clayton George** introduced himself and stated that the information he would be giving had been provided to him by PCs Edwards and Tailor. Acquisitive crime is a problem in Iver at the present time. Since 15<sup>th</sup> June there had been 9 burglaries from dwellings, 4 non-dwelling burglaries, 4 instances of criminal damage, 9 thefts from motor vehicles, 3 thefts of motor vehicles, 16 other thefts. Neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are giving out crime prevention advice to residents as far and wide as possible and he encouraged all residents to attend a beat surgery for advice. Many of the thefts are opportunist such as milk from a doorstep, tools, metal, caravan and a handbag snatch. Lots of these crimes have happened at the Pinewood Studios site and Sgt George had met with staff there to try to address the issue. With regard to anti social behaviour, there are targeted patrols in areas that have been highlighted by members of the public. There is a core group of youths causing problems and measures are being put into place to deal with them. With regard to speeding, officers have been out using the Speed Indicator Device and the laser device. 33% of tickets issued were to local residents. Sgt George was asked if he knew anything about the Evreham Youth Club closure but he did not. Did he know anything about AdAction being in Iver Rec? He did not. A councillor reported seeing a couple of Paynes Scrap Metal lorries with dangerously high and precarious unprotected loads. She was advised to telephone the non-emergency police number and report it in future.

Julian Wilson reported as a District Councillor that he had been to the planning department and looked at the letters of objection and support for Project Pinewood. There were about 90 letters of support (mainly from companies who are suppliers to Pinewood) and about 120 letters of objection. He said that many more letters from residents were needed and that they must go to the District Council. The District Council is trying to arrange for a new golf clubhouse at Farnham Park at a cost of 2 – 2.5 million pounds. The question that is being asked is whether it should go ahead in this time of recession. *Mrs Vigor-Hedderly and Mr Lidgate arrived*

Mr Lidgate reported as a County Councillor that he had met with the leaders advisory group regarding Project Pinewood and made them aware of the local issues.

Mrs Vigor-Hedderly reported that as a County Councillor she is on the Scrutiny Panel.

**39 Apologies were accepted from:** Mr M Bradford, Mr D Adlam, Mr R Gidar, Mr A Oxley, Mr D Clark

**40 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**41 Report of the Clerk on:**

(a) Crime level figures and Community Safety Newsletter and Neighbourhood Team newsletter previously circulated to councillors by email Noted.

(b) Mobile Library time changes – Richings Park every Thursday and alternate Saturdays – times move half an hour earlier. Iver Village Car Park every Thursday and alternate Saturdays - times move half an hour earlier. Noted.

(c) NALC booklet on youth work – Iver has 2 pages as a case study. Noted

(d) A & H Grocers – licence application for variation to conditions. Noted

**42 Chairman's Report.** The chairman reported that the inauguration had taken place of a plaque, seat and tree in memory of Simon Hill earlier tonight at 6.30 pm at Iver Heath Fields. The Friends of Iver Heath made a seat, the Parish Council provided the plaque and IDCA had planted the tree. Simon's daughter and 2 of his grand children were in attendance but unfortunately owing to mis-communication his wife did not arrive. The chairman, Mrs Lidgate and John Illenden had said a few words. The Parish Tour will be on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and the chairman encouraged as many councillors as possible to attend.

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

(a) Planning Committee 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 6.30 pm. The 8 pm minutes were not

complete and so would have to be re-presented at the next meeting.

(b) Policy, Finance & Gen Purposes Committee 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

- 44 Land at Swan Road – resolved** that the Parish Council is still prepared to go ahead with the arrangement of renting the land from the District Council at a cost of £3,870 increasing annually by the RPI in the knowledge that something will have to be done to the boundary wall (probably costing at least £6,000). Also noted the overage clause on part of the land that means any planning permission could result in the Parish Council having to pay up to 50% of the increase in the land value to a previous owner. Also noted that nobody knows who owns the unadopted lane and that the existing access to the site is off the unadopted lane although it may be possible to secure access from the highway providing the relevant planning permission was obtained. **Resolved** unanimously to accept all of these uncertainties and to go ahead with renting the land. The clerk was asked to obtain detailed quotes for repairs to the boundary wall.
- 45 Local Area Forum – resolved** unanimously not to support the setting up of these cluster meetings (including non elected members) by the County Council. The clerk was asked to inform the County Council of this decision and copy in the 2 County Councillors.
- 46 Councillor Allowances – resolved** not to issue Iver Parish Councillors with an allowance by a majority vote.
- 47 Committees – resolved** to change standing orders for Committees so that the quorum is 3 or a third (whichever is the larger) rather than half. This will stand until the next meeting for ratification. The chairman reminded councillors that attendance at meetings of the Council and its Committees is not optional.
- 48 Council Meetings in Richings Park – resolved** to try to have 2 meetings per year in St Leonard’s Hall provided this can be arranged sufficiently far in advance with Richings Players. Clerk to write with suggested dates for the future and try to get agreement. Also to ask whether St Andrews Hall is available.
- 49 Circulars List for June 2009 – resolved** to receive and note.
- 50 Correspondence for action:**
- (a) **Resolved** that the Parish Council wants to be involved in publicising a Keep Britain Tidy campaign by putting up posters and making car stickers available to residents? The District Council will provide.
  - (b) Naming of the new development in Colne Orchard: Suggestions from L & Q are Sharpe Close, Colne Mews, Orchard Drive. **Resolved** that the name should be Orchard Close.
  - (c) Buckinghamshire Network Hierarchy reference document – response by 24<sup>th</sup> July. Delegated response (if any) to the clerk in liaison with Mrs Gibson.
  - (d) Land for sale at Leacroft Road, Iver adjoining the recreation ground. 3 acres. **Resolved** to express an interest with a view to purchasing.
- 51 Accounts:**
- a. Resolved to authorise payment of accounts for June in the sum of £27,626.44 net (appended)
  - b. Resolved to receive income for June in the sum of £12,269.63 net (appended)
  - c. Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman signed the reconciliations.

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed ..... Chairman Date .....