

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

Present: Cllrs Chris Jordan (Chairman), Wendy Matthews, Ann Mayling, Carol Gibson, Peter Stanhope, Kevin Brown and Ciaran Beary.

In attendance: Martin Haley (Administration Officer) and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the new three new Cllr members and the visitor to this the second meeting of 2020 - 2021.

H. 014/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were received.

H.015/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

H.016/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A question was asked about the current Survey in the High Street [Buckinghamshire Council 28th Sept 4th October] the nature of the question, traffic on the High Street and notices in respect of HGVs over 7.5 tonnes. Cllr Beary offer to meet the resident on the 29th Sept for a site visit. The resident was advised the nature of the survey and questions are determined by the DfT to ensure the statistics can be compared on a national basis.

H.017/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee held on 10th June 2020 be agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

H.018/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the refurbishment work on the Clock Tower had now been completed and the results are very pleasing.

Parking schemes – The initial proposal for a scheme in the High Street had been rejected by Buckinghamshire Council due to representations by two Unity Councillors. The Community Board has now set up a Sub Group [under the chair of Cllr Wendy Matthews] and will now look at issues across the Parish, including proposals for The High Street, Iver and Thornbridge Road Iver Heath. The temporary trial in Richings Park has now finished. Noted that a TRO to cover as many projects as possible at the same time will reduce costs of such schemes.

Community Speed-watch – No change – currently suspended due COVID 19

Road Resurfacing - Langley Park Road, Pinewood Road - now completed and work is due to commence on Holmsdale Close, Iver. Investigating work at the Black Horse junction Bangors Road/Slough Road completed and utilities identified OK. Road marked for the resurfacing work. Suspect that a spring is responsible for the water egress and consequential flooding of this spot. Work on Swan Road has still to be agreed with Buckinghamshire Council.

Survey of Healthy Streets – Survey being undertaken in the High Street this week. Noted that the questions are set by the DfT as a model to be used on a National basis to ensure that statistical analysis remains constant.

H.019/20

STREET LIGHTING

I. P.C Street Lighting - The Council placed the order for 3rd phase of the street lighting LED improvements to be undertaken and with the exception of a few units the work has been completed on schedule. This should see a further reduction in energy costs and cost savings in respect of call out for failures. A total of 99 Heads have been changed and a further 5 Lamp posts and Heads [including Mansion Lane, Old Slade Lane, Cedars Close, The Parkway and Lossie Drive] still have to undertaken but are awaiting issuance of Permits. During the course of the upgrade work a further unit [PC19 – Adjacent to the Doctors Surgery] in Trewarden Avenue has been identified as being in a poor state of repair and will need replacement.

Buckinghamshire Council Street Lighting – The problem with the network supply resulting with the malfunction of 10 lights at Thorney Lane South has been addressed although a couple of individual units still need attention.

Cllr Beary – raised the query regarding the proposed removal and change of location of a BC unit adjacent to no 100 High Street to the south side of the road. This is work we suspect being paid for by the developer of 100 High Street – Evreham Lodge. Concerned that this will change the scope of illumination at this junction. Noted and agreed that IPC will write to Ian Fraser Fox at Buckinghamshire Lighting to express concern and seek clarification.

H.020/20

STREET FURNITURE

Benches: The work to review the condition of the benches has still to be undertaken to, Cllrs Chris Jordan, Kevin Brown and Peter Stanhope undertook to make the inspection upon receipt of the full listing. MH to update & provide listing.

Installation of Cycle Racks: Cllr Jordan produced visual of the “Sheffield” cycle racks suggested for installation in front of the Clock Tower. **Agreed** [subject to services] to seek approval from Buckinghamshire Council to site the racks in the square. This is also subject to funding of £400.00 from Heathrow Airports Community Fund. Also suggested

that if funding is still available that the Council seek to secure 4 units in total – Action Cllrs Chris Jordan and Wendy Matthews to investigate accordingly.

Wild Flower Verges – Blue Sky Project. A project has been successfully trailed in Hillingdon – to “cultivate” verges and open spaces with wild flowers. This comes at a cost especially in the first year. Blue Sky had approached I.P.C.to enquire whether there would be interest in undertaking similar projects in the Ivers.

An approach would need to be made to the Highway Authority for permission to undertake the work. As an example, the triangle on the junction of Love Lane and Langley Park Road would cost £620.00 + cost of seeds. **Agreed** to make further enquiries and seek clarification of costs for years 1, 2 and 3 of any planting scheme. Councillors to forward suggested areas for development.

H.020/20

WORKING GROUP - FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS

Draft Report circulated – and thanks noted to all members of the working group for their detailed work and commitment in the undertaking the work which fits well with the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular it was noted the work in drawing up a wish list of Cycleways and key routes through the villages to improve connectivity.

The report was formally **accepted** by the Committee.

Noted that Pinewood still had Section 106 money and Heathrow Airport Community Support Fund still had money available. It was **agreed** that **the working group** should be reconvened to agree a single project to be submitted as a candidate for development with the S106 funding.

H.021/20

HGV OPERATOR LICENCES

Councillor Carol Gibson reported that the number of Operator licences current in August had risen with 7 new Operators since June 2020, with a rise from 1,100 to 1,400 units possibly based in and around Iver. Full details circulated to Councillors separately. New site in Church Road has been granted an Operators Licences – but no Planning Permission has been sought for this site.

H.022/20

LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The following updates were provided:

- a. **HS2** There have been no major changes but noted the new site adjacent to the M25 [Junctions 16 &17] for preconstruction and delivery to site work.
- b. **WRLtH** Now delayed by one year and LHR has withdrawn funding. The DCO (Development Consent Order) application has been put back to December 2021.
- c. **Heathrow Airport** Despite the appeal against the High Court judgement relating to the Third Runway project was scheduled for October, understand the project has been put back 5 years. The Airport has cut back on current operations and made some 25,000 staff redundant. No new work on routing of Aircraft. Expected impact in south Bucks is that postponement will lead to a loss 600 jobs in the next 12 months.
- d. **Crossrail** Construction work on the new station at Iver is now complete. Improved

frequency and through service not expected before late 2021.

- e. **Link Park** Further presentation made on the 15th September, but understand since then, The L B of Hillingdon have objected the proposal to extend the footprint over the boundary. Still seeking answers in regard to planning matters.
- f. **M4 Smart Motorway** The works are progressing with weekend closures of the M4 occurring as planned. Old Slade Lane Bridge now demolished and is to be replaced with new structure capable of tacking 40 Tonne vehicles. Repeated requests for sound attenuating fencing to be provided at the southern border of the Parish have been rejected and appears never to have been requested by the former District and County Council Planners. Understand Slough Borough Council will have control of access road to the south of the bridge and may seek to develop land to south of Richings Park.
- g. **Grundon** – Withdrawn.
- h. **Pinewood Visitor Centre** – Proposals published last week and propose construction at new site West of Pinewood Road. Fulmer Wexham and Gerrards Cross Councils have expressed their concern and intend through the Co-ordination of the Community Board to object to the proposals.

H.023/20 BUDGET MONITORING

Details circulated to members. Following upgrade of Lighting It was noted that the final invoice for the work has to be taken into account. Also a reduction of electricity and maintenance costs are now expected.

H.024/20 PRESS RELEASES/WEBSITE

The committee requested that the following media releases be prepared for approval by the Chairman:

- Completion of stage 3 of the lighting upgrade programme [over 60% of units now upgraded] lead to reduction in energy costs and saving in maintenance, with more reliable lighting.
- Promotion of the Active Travel Plan and options to seek funding. .

The meeting finished at 7.59 pm

Signed Chairman

Date