

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
20th JULY 2020 at 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL**

Present: Councillors Wendy Matthews (Chairman), Ann Mayling (Vice Chairman), Chris Jordan, Chris Woolley, Geoff Bennett and Carol Gibson,

In attendance: Stephanie Bennett (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed members and the visitors and those standing for co-option.

C.033/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sylvia Lidgate.

C.034/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

C.035/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions or addresses were received

C.036/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Council held on 22nd June 2020 be agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

C.037/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Reg Gould had resigned as a councillor after many years of service to The Ivers community; the Chairman thanked Reg for his incredibly hard work and commitment. The casual vacancy notice has been posted and the period ends on the 4th August after which, if no election is called, a co-option for Wood Lane ward can be considered.

1804 Cllr Geoff Bennett joined the meeting

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The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Citizens Advice Bureau is recommencing the advice sessions in the Hub this coming Thursday and is fully booked. All appointments are for 25 minutes and advance bookings must be made.

The Chairman was also pleased to announce that our MP Joy Morrissey had visited the Jubilee Pavilion to see the work that we were doing and Cllr Ann Mayling has been

presented with a Community Heroes award by MP Joy Morrissey for her work on the Community Kindness Kits; Ann responded that it was an award for everyone who had helped.

The first meeting of the Wexham and Ivers Community Board is taking place on the 30 July 2020 at 6.00pm and the Parish Council will be represented. It will be held virtually and at the moment no details have been made available.

C.038/20 CO-OPTION FOR CASUAL VACANCIES

RESOLVED that

- i. Julie Cook and Peter Stanhope be co-opted to the Iver Heath ward
- ii. Ciaran Beary and Arun Gaur be co-opted to the Iver and Richings Park ward
- iii. The declarations of acceptance of office be received

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Beary, Cook, Gaur and Stanhope who then joined the Council meeting. The Chairman thanked all candidates for their interest in becoming a councillor and reminded of the potential for a further co-option opportunity.

1837 Cllr Geoff Bennett leaves the meeting

C.039/20 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Planning Committee minutes of 26th May 2020 were presented by Cllr Carol Gibson who reminded councillors about the changes to planning processes. The requirement for an application to be considered by committee if ten letters of objection are received has been removed; these changes are embedded in the Bucks Council constitution

RESOLVED that

the Planning minutes as presented to the Council be agreed

C.040/20 MEMBER REPORTS EXTERNAL BODIES

a. Colne Valley Regional Park – Cllr Gibson reported that The Ivers Parish Council is a member. The third runway at Heathrow does not appear to be a priority however the CVP has received funding from Thames Water. The organisation is investigating changing its structure to a charitable body.

b. Iver Village Hall – Cllr Woolley reported that it has re-opened.

c. Good Neighbours Scheme – Cllr Jordan reported that the organization has seen an increase in trips to medical appointments in the previous 2 weeks.

Other bodies were noted as not having met

C.041/20 APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Cllr Beary appointed to Planning Committee, Highways and Infrastructure Committee
- ii. Cllr Cook appointed to Policy, Finance and General Purposes Committee, Planning Committee, HR Sub Committee, SBALC
- iii. Cllr Gaur appointed to Amenities Committee, Planning Committee, Events Working Group, SBALC
- iv. Cllr Stanhope appointed to Amenities Committee, Planning Committee, Highways and Infrastructure Committee, Neighbourhood Planning Sub Committee, Pinewood Liaison Group, SBALC, and Wexham and Ivers Community Board
- v. Cllr Ann Mayling appointed to Wexham and Ivers Community Board

C.042/20 COVID-19

The Chairman reported that the Community Kindness Kits are still being delivered to vulnerable households weekly (86 delivered last week) and it is proposed to continue until the end of July when shielding is ended. The hotline is also ending and all households that are assisted have been written to and provided contact details of where they can seek help if they need it.

It is intended to continue to provide parcels to families through August and until the schools go back. The Chairman thanked everyone for the incredible donations and help.

The Clerk reported that the Hub had been made Covid secure and was thus suitable for the recommencement of CAB appointments.

The Council considered the draft risk assessment for the operation of the play areas and acknowledged that this was a very complex arrangement to keep children safe when using play equipment. A question was asked by Cllr Cook as to whether this could be 'harmonised' with the need to also be careful when using the play areas in school. It was agreed that it would be useful if there was a contact point for the schools when they returned.

RESOLVED that

The risk assessment for the operation of the play areas and outdoor gyms be adopted

C.043/20 NEW CHARITY

Considerable discussion took place regarding the evidence base for the potential new charity, what it was aiming to achieve and its charitable objectives. Councillors requested that the charitable objective d. be worded ‘The provision or assistance in the provision of facilities and/or services in the interests of...’

Examples of work to be considered under the new charity included a local foodbank however councillors recognised that there was a lot that could be done, but this was early days. It was felt that the charitable objectives should be kept broad so as not to restrict potential activity, that the Council needs to establish a Vision and that the charity should also include activities to help people generate income and not just receive help.

Further information to be made available to Council on the evidence base for the provision of a new charity.

C.044/20 FINANCE

Council considered the finance documents presented and the Chairman reported that the bank reconciliation checks had been undertaken.

RESOLVED that

The schedule of payments for June 2020, the budget summary report and balance sheet report for Quarter 1 2020 – 2021, and the Quarter 1 expenditure over £500 be received.

C.045/20 PRESS RELEASES/WEBSITE

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

1. Announcement of 4 new councillors
2. The Community Heroes awards presented for the work on the Community Kindness Kits
3. The Childrens pack being distributed by Cllr Beary
4. Changes to the planning processes

The meeting finished at 7.25pm

Signed Chairman

Date