

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

Present: Councillors Wendy Matthews (Chairman), Ann Mayling (Vice Chair), Chris Jordan, , Geoff Bennett, Carol Gibson, Kevin Brown, Arun Gaur, Peter Stanhope, Ciaran Beary joined at and Julie Cook joined at

In attendance: Stephanie Bennett (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

C.064/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Julie Cook will join late

C.065/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

C.066/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No representations were received

C.067/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

that the minutes of 7th September 2020 and 19th October 2020 be agreed and signed by the Chairman

C.068/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was proud to announce that Cllr Mayling had received a highly commended award from the Bucks Heroes Awards in recognition of her work for the Community Kindness Parcels. Also awarded highly commended was Martindale residents and Valerie Tuckwell.

A new food bank scheme was being set up and had delivered 22 food parcels to schools for half term. Funds are being raised so that parcels can be made available to local residents following referral from an agency or school. The Stop Pinewood Project has been wound up and their remaining funds have been passed to the foodbank. The Chairman recorded thanks to them and others for their kind donations.

The Chairman drew attention to the new Just Giving page that is raising funds for the food parcels and informed Council that further information will be made available tomorrow on social media and the website.

Cllr Ciarán Beary joined the meeting

The Chairman requested the Clerk to brief on the arrangements at the Council for the next lockdown period and the Clerk explained that work was continuing in a Covid secure manner.

The Chairman informed Council that the Healthy Streets survey was undertaken and Cllr Beary raised an issue that when he took part the people doing the interviews seemed to be confused as to which end of the scale was bad and which was good. He had a concern that this would result in inaccurate survey results.

The Christmas Light schedules are all agreed and a new finance system is being commissioned.

C.069/20 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The committee chairmen provided overviews on the agenda items that have been considered at the committees.

RESOLVED that

The minutes of Policy, Finance and General Purposes Committee of 23rd September 2020, Amenities Committee of 9th September 2020, Planning Committee of 15th September 2020 and 13th October 2020, and Highways and Infrastructure Committee of 16th September 2020 be agreed and signed.

C.070/20 MEMBER REPORTS EXTERNAL BODIES

Iver Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Chris Jordan reported that the Village Hall was struggling to survive and would now be closed again for the new lockdown. They had submitted a funding application to the Community Board.

Good Neighbours Scheme

Cllr Chris Jordan reported that the scheme had lost a couple of drivers and was looking to recruit. Also, requests are reducing.

South Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Wendy Matthews reported that there was a general concern that the Community Boards are not operating as it was expected that they would and that Parishes do not have voting rights whereas they did on the previous Local Area Forums. There is a lack of engagement and the Buckinghamshire ALCs are looking at this collectively. Cllr Bennett flagged up that when the unitary model was flagged up it was supposed to reduce costs and that we must not forget to monitor that.

Wexham and Ivers Community Board

Cllr Peter Stanhope reported that not much has happened since the last meeting. The Parking and Covid recovery groups have met.

Colne Valley Regional Park

Cllr Gibson reported that the restructuring work was ongoing and that we were to consider a later supporting the view of the Park later in the agenda.

C.071/20 FINANCE

RESOLVED that

- a. The overall budget position of the Council be received
- b. The payments over £500 for Quarter 2 be received and published
- c. The Council's direct debit payments be agreed
- d. The schedule of payments for August and September 2020 be received
- e. The reconciliation of the banking statements to 31 August 2020 be noted

C.072/20 RISK REGISTER

The Council received the Corporate Risk register and noted the review dates of the risks. The Clerk was instructed to review the risks at least once per annum and councillors requested that the register be classified into sections.

RESOLVED that
The Risk Register be agreed

C.073/20 RIVER POLLUTION BILL

The draft letter from Colne Valley Regional Park was considered and councillors agreed to submit a letter from the Planning Committee to local MPs supporting the private members bill of The Right Honourable Philip Dunne MP. Councillors felt that The Ivers was experiencing waste systems that were unable to cope.

C.074/20 COMMUNICATIONS

Councillors highlighted the following for communications and releases:

- The Ivers Community Connect
- The Just Giving page for the funds to purchase food parcel content
- The refurbishment of Iver Heath Pavilion
- The Awards received by local residents from Buckinghamshire Council for their work to support others during the pandemic

The meeting finished at 7.23pm

Signed Chairman

Date