

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Councillors Chris Jordan, Wendy Matthews, Ann Mayling, Carol Gibson, Nigel Harlow, Sylvia Lidgate

In attendance: Dawn Fleming (Clerk)

Minutes prepared by Mike Kennedy (Interim Clerk) from notes taken by Dawn Fleming

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Geoff Bennett, John Gill, and Chris Woolley.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee held on 5 June 2019, be received, approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

It was reported that the Speedwatch volunteer sheets for the 10 sessions had been received. Confirmation of the dates for implementing the campaign were awaited. A formal invoice for the loan of the equipment by Burnham Parish Council at the previously agreed rate of £25 per day would be issued in due course. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

25. TVP

It was understood that the Police would no longer be attending these meetings. The Chairman would write to TVP to ask for a short-written report for circulation to all Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that the item be removed from future agendas.

26. CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Former Police Station Noticeboard – The Committee having rejected a proposal for a new notice board, the Clerk was requested to investigate the cost of refurbishment by the grounds staff. The report outlined the costs of new Perspex and window tape, paint and new LED lights. It was **RESOLVED** that expenditure of up to £300 be approved for the refurbishment of the noticeboard as outlined in the Clerk's report.

(b) Iver Heath Public Noticeboards – The Committee considered an application from the Iver Heath Residents Association (IHRA) to monitor and maintain the noticeboards in Iver Heath on a regular basis. IHRA had requested attaching an A3 lockable noticeboard to the two noticeboards at Thornbridge Road and Heathway to display their own activities and those of other organisations they support. Members sought

clarification from IHRA on the size of the lockable cabinet and nature of their monitoring and maintenance role on the Council's behalf. It was **RESOLVED** that IHRA's offer to monitor and maintain the 2 noticeboards in Thornbridge Road and Heathway in return for IHRA attaching an A3 lockable noticeboard be approved in principle subject to further clarification as discussed.

(c) Clock Tower Refurbishment – The Committee had previously agreed a quotation from Smith of Derby for the restoration of the pillar clock in the sum of £3,499 and had instructed the Clerk to make a funding application to the Heathrow Villages Fund for a contribution towards the cost of the scaffolding, c£2216. The Clerk reported that no further progress with the funding for the scaffolding had been made. It was **RESOLVED** that application be also made for funding from the South Bucks Community Fund and that sponsorship be sought from other sources, including ASDA.

Arising from the report it was noted that there were also now some dead plants surrounding the clock tower which need replacing.

(d) Pinewood Road Cycle / Footpath – covered under Status of Highways, Footpaths and ROW Min. No. 35.

(e) Letter re M25/Palmers Moor Lane – Noted

27. **CCTV COVERAGE**

The Committee considered a request from the Richings Park Residents Association (RPRA) for signage on TIPC lampposts in Bathurst Walk and Syke Ings following the installation of 4 CCTV cameras that were now working. It was **RESOLVED** that further details of the proposals be sought from (RPRA).

Arising from the foregoing, a suggestion was put that the Council considers CCTV cameras for Iver Heath.

28. **LAF**

It was noted that the next meeting of the LAF takes place on 18 October 2019.

29. **PARISH STREETLIGHTS**

- a) Iver Recreation Ground – the Committee noted that the new lights had been installed and were working. It was **RESOLVED** that hedging plants be purchased to form a barrier around the new car parking area.
- b) Wellesley Avenue – Quotations in the sum of c£800 had been received from SSE following an inspection of the reinstated column by the Murphy Group at Iver Station. It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Project Manager for the Murphy Group seeking reimbursement of the Council's costs.
- c) Status of the upgrade programme – Members noted that the lights have been ordered and paid for and were due for delivery approximately 8th October. SSE had suggested a timescale of 6 weeks for the work, for completion by the end of November. It was acknowledged that the schedule for installation of LED lanterns in selected roads is due for upgrade. Attention was drawn to the replacement of a lamp column in Holmsdale Close that remains outstanding. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk considers a proposal for the reuse of a former lantern, i.e. one removed

during the upgrades programme, when installing the new column.

30. STREET FURNITURE

- a) Bus shelter – The Committee noted that the bus shelter had been successful relocated from Bangors Road North to High Street Iver
- b) Dog Waste Bin, Hardings Row - Members noted this had been ordered. A second bin had been ordered for Iver Heath Recreation Ground.
- c) Parish Gates – The Committee noted that a new gate had been ordered to replace the damaged one at Mansion Lane. This will be used in place of the damaged gate at Church Road and a slightly old one, held in stock, will be used to replace the damaged gate at Mansion Lane.
- d) Parish Benches - The Clerk reported that an inventory of all parish benches had been completed. **RESOLVED** that a more detailed report be presented to committee with quotations for the cost to upgrade.

31. IMLG

Concerns had been raised by Members over the state of the footway in Thorney Lane South and the large number of O-Licences granted for sites in the Ivers. Continued pressure would be applied to reinstate funding for an upgrade to the footway (previously lost through virement to a project elsewhere in Buckinghamshire). A meeting had been scheduled for 7th October with Mr. Graham Hillary (BCC Freight Strategy Officer) to discuss approaches towards controlling the number of licences issued. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

Arising from the foregoing it was noted that a contribution of £385K had been approved towards developing a business case for the relief road.

32. HGV NUMBERS/MOVEMENTS/GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR LICENCES

A Member presented details of O-Licence applications for sites in the Parish. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

33. AQMA

No update received. Chairman to progress.

34. TSID DATA

Data from Mansion Lane was noted.

35. STATUS OF HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a. Pinewood Road Cycle / Footpath - It was reported that the road closures for road resurfacing had been extended by 2 weeks due to drainage problems
- b. Forthcoming Works and other issues – It was noted that the resurfacing works were behind schedule. Rights of Way - it was noted vegetation on the footpath from Church Road to Pinewood Road had been cut back

36. BCC FREIGHT STRATEGY

The matter was due to be pursued with Mr. Hillary at the meeting scheduled for 7th October. This meeting was cancelled at short notice and is now scheduled for 1st November at 09:30. **RESOLVED** that the matter be noted.

37. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) **HS2** – Under review

- b) **WRLtH** – Consultation starts soon; paperwork recently received.
- c) **Heathrow** – TIPC has submitted a response. Meeting re new terminal upgrade
- d) **Crossrail** –Statement – may not be ready by 2021. Station upgrade taking shape. Public meeting Richings Park next week.
- e) **Cemex** – Response from Bucks routing to A4 been told to stop this stockpiling on site.
- f) **Link Park** - No further information.
- g) **Breedon Southern** – Permission has not been finalised. The Applicant is objecting to the payments requested to support AQMA initiatives.
- h) **M4 Smart Motorway** – On going progress. Discussions regarding bridge works.
- i) **M25 Smart Motorway** – Nothing to report.

38. BUDGET MONITORING

Budget papers had been circulated and questions invited. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**: that the reports be noted.

Arising from the foregoing it was reported that the three new streetlights erected at Jubilee Pavilion Car Park had been connected to the Pavilion supply instead of the SSE network. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to progress this matter.

39. PRESS RELEASES/WEBSITE

None.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 6 November 2019, 7.30pm, The Ivers Parish Council Offices.

Signed.....Chairman

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