

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th June 2019 at 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Councillors Chris Jordan, Wendy Matthews, Ann Mayling, Carol Gibson, John Gill, Geoff Bennett, Chris Woolley

In attendance: Dawn Fleming (Clerk)

Minutes taken by: Dawn Fleming

In accordance with the Standing Orders of The Ivers Parish Council, item one was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Cllr. Chris Jordan

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Chris Jordan asked for nominations for Chairman. A proposal for Cllr. Jordan was received from Cllr. Ann Mayling and seconded by Cllr. Carol Gibson. There were no other nominations. It was:

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Chris Jordan be elected as Chairman of The Highways and Infrastructure Committee for the ensuing year.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Ann Mayling proposed Cllr. Wendy Matthews to stand, this was seconded by Cllr Carol Gibson. There were no other nominations. It was:

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Wendy Matthews be duly elected as Vice Chairman of Highways and Infrastructure Committee for the ensuing year.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Sylvia Lidgate.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

With reference to item 6 on the agenda, Cllr. Ann Mayling registered an interest.

5. **THE MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting held on the 14th March 2019 and to authorise the Chairman to sign the same.

RESOLVED: to sign the minutes as a correct record of proceedings.

6. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Jane Brown from the Neighbourhood Watch forum gave a short talk about the work being carried out throughout the area and what the priorities were for Iver. There are constant reports of speeding and the proposed Speedwatch will assist the Police to gather information. Equipment held at Burnham Parish Council can be loaned at £25 per day. This consists of a camera on a tripod with a memory card which stores all data. The data is then uploaded, analysed by specially trained individuals and letters sent out to owners of vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit. There are 10 volunteers in total for Iver. Community Speedwatch are seeking a grant to run a pilot for 10 sessions (£250). The measure of success would be the number of letters sent out. Since Speedwatch is a group of volunteers rather than a fully constituted organization, it would be necessary for TIPC to hire the equipment on their behalf. It was: **AGREED: to fund the pilot scheme of 10 sessions (£250) from the Highways budget subject to appropriate insurance being in place and a report of progress made, after 5 sessions.**

Jane Brown left the meeting at 7.45pm.

7. TVP

There was no report available from TVP.

8. CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Noticeboards – A quotation for replacement has been received for the noticeboard outside the Parish Council offices. The price is between £1221 and £1518. This cost is felt to be too expensive. It was: **AGREED: that the Clerk is to look at a refurbishment, possibly by the grounds staff.**
- b. Clock Tower Refurbishment – the cost for the work to the clock has previously been agreed. The quote for the scaffolding needed to complete the job was £2,216. There are various licenses required. It was: **AGREED: that a funding application would be submitted to Heathrow Villages Fund for a contribution to the project.**
- c. Pinewood Road Cycle / Footpath – covered under Status of Highways 16a.
- d. Best Kept Village – Iver Heath. It had previously been agreed that the bus shelter on the Parkway could have planters and flowers growing up it. IHRA have painted the bus shelter and will be applying for funding for the cost of the paint.
- e. TIPC have received the new 2019/20 Price List for SSE unmetered Highway Equipment Electrical Supplies to be carried out during normal working hours. It was: **NOTED.**

9. LAF

- a) Iver Heath Recreation Ground, footpath lighting. Following award of a grant to fund footpath lighting, a quote has been received from SSE which has been accepted. Discussions took place on the floodlights and other lighting on the site. It was:
AGREED: to focus on the car park lighting going forwards as there is lots of through traffic in the way of footfall. Any lights should be on timers if possible.

10. PARISH STREETLIGHTS

- a) The Street Light maintenance contract for the period 2019-2022 has been received and was approved at the Special Meeting of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee on 14th March 2019.
- b) Swallowdale – request for a new street light: The cost of a new street light is in the region of £5,000 and it was felt that this level of expenditure could not be justified. The owner of the property has been advised that the best solution would be to install their own light.
- c) Missing street light outside 233/234 Parkway. Evidence has been found of where the street light was previously situated but it would be better to put the replacement away from entrances to driveways. SSE audit shows another missing light to replace. It was:
AGREED: To include this light as part of the planned upgrade.
- d) Iver Recreation Ground, 2 lights have been taken out which will be replaced by 3 modern flat headed units at a height of 5m with dimmers at a cost of approximately £4,000. It was:
AGREED: To go ahead with the works
- e) Wellesley Avenue – The Clerk reported that TIPC had been contacted by Murphy Group with regard to moving some street furniture at Iver Station to accommodate a crane needed to install the structure for a lift. A quotation for works was received from SSE and Murphy were instructed to contract directly with SSE or work through TIPC. On 16th May Murphy Group removed the street light under the guise that it was ‘loose’ and reinstated it the following day with no reference to SSE or TIPC. TIPC have instructed SSE to undertake an inspection and make a report to TIPC to ensure that the structure is safe. Inspection costs to be paid by Murphy Group. It was:
AGREED: To go ahead with the inspection.
- f) Next phase of upgrade programme had previously been circulated. An audit of streetlights had been provided to TIPC. There is concern about the reliability of old stock. The percentage of upgrades needed for the four main areas has been assessed and a figure of 90 units has been proposed which will mean that, on completion, approximately half of the total lights will have the new lanterns. There is a proposal to set aside an additional 20 units (heads) to hold as stock to use to replace older lanterns that fail. If these have not been used by an agreed date, they will be allocated to the upgrade

programme. There is also a need for works to cut back trees around lights. Parish Groundsmen do not have the qualifications to undertake this and so an alternative contractor will be sought. It was:

AGREED: To the support the upgrade proposals put forward.

11. STREET FURNITURE

- a) Bus shelter – TIPC has only managed to secure one quote for moving the bus shelter from Bangors Road North to High Street Iver, in the amount of £380 plus VAT. There is no guarantee that the bus shelter will remain in good order during the move but it will be braced before it is moved. As the cost of a new bus shelter is in the region of £5,000, it was:
AGREED: To accept the quotation and move the bus shelter.
- b) Dog Waste Bin, Hardings Row. There is an old dog waste bin at Hardings Row that needs replacement. Cllr Gibson approached users to see if the location needed to be changed, but they are happy that the location is the best one. TIPC need to check if the dog waste bin in the garage might be a suitable replacement, otherwise it was:
AGREED: To purchase a dog waste bin from SBDC and replace the broken one.
- c) The Clerk reported that the Dog Waste Bin at Iver Recreation Ground had been taken down when the works were carried out at the Recreation Ground. It was put back up immediately and the resident came in to TIPC offices to thank the staff for their assistance.
- d) The Clerk reported that a Parish Gate has been demolished on Mansion Lane. Insurance Claim in process. Awaiting quote for the cost of a new gate.
- e) The Clerk reported that benches around the Parish are being inventoried with a view to placing them on the Parish Online map. There will be a condition report for each to assist with maintenance.

12. IMLG

There is no update.

13. HGV NUMBERS/MOVEMENTS/GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR LICENCES

Cllr. Gibson reported on the schedule of vehicle movements. There is a rise in numbers of HGVs at Thorney Business Park where there is an extra operator. Numbers for February were 403 and are currently 429. This needs to be taken to IMLG. It is the policy to reduce HGV vehicles in the Parish but currently this is not happening. Cllr. Gibson is to produce a summary.

14. AQMA

A meeting at TIPC offices with District and Parish Councillors. Proposal to focus

on the High Street and Thorney Lane North. HGVs are responsible for much of the atmospheric pollution but the problem in the High Street also involves diesel cars. Cerys Williams proposed that grant funding should be allocated between South Bucks and Slough to monitor air quality, focusing around the schools. Need to reduce on road parking and provide off road parking for the High Street. There is a requirement to have a plan in place.

15. TSID DATA

- a) To note the appended reports – Data from Mansion Lane had been circulated. The committee felt it was very difficult to understand all of the analysis.
- b) Proposal for purchase of another unit. There was a discussion about what would be the benefit of purchasing another unit and where to use it. A quote from Westcotec in the amount of £6,000. How can the data be used if people are exceeding the speed limit? Formerly, data had been relayed to the police and it had been used to identify areas for them to focus their own speed monitoring activities. However, constraints on police resources meant that this was no longer the case. There is evidence that a 'smiley face' changes attitudes. Perhaps look at a kit that monitors numbers of HGVs, cars and motorbikes. Current unit is working appropriately but it needs to be moved to an alternative location, possibly to a site in Slough Road. It was:

AGREED: That there was not currently a need for the purchase of a second TSID unit.

16. STATUS OF HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a. Pinewood Road Cycle / Footpath. Cllr Gibson reported that the path has been started and is due for completion by September. Road closures will be happening between now and September for road resurfacing.
- b. No other issues

17. BCC FREIGHT STRATEGY

Mr Graham Hillary, the officer appointed by BCC to oversee freight strategy, met with members of TIPC recently. However, he felt that there is not a lot that can be done to reduce HGV movements in the Parish but he would engage with HGV operators to encourage best practice.

18. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE

- a) **HS2** – Access works on the A412 beyond Denham.
- b) **WRLtH** – This is moving ahead. DCO Statutory Consultation later this year.
- c) **Heathrow** – The consultation starts in 2 weeks, documents can be accessed in the community hub.

- d) **Crossrail** –Work is continuing on the new station at Iver due to complete by September. A consultation on BCC’s proposals for managing on-street parking by commuters in Richings Park had received a negative response from residents. In particular, residents appear to be opposed to permit parking. Further meetings with BCC are planned to discuss options.
- e) **Cemex** – Meeting next week.
- f) **Link Park** - The planning application was heard today and deferred.
- g) **Breedon Southern** – Permission has not been finalised. The Applicant is objecting to the payments requested to support AQMA initiatives.
- h) **M4 Smart Motorway** – Nothing to report.
- i) **M25 Smart Motorway** – Nothing to report.

19. **BUDGET MONITORING**

- a) Budget papers had been circulated and questions invited. Following discussion, it was:
RESOLVED: That the reports be noted.

20. **PRESS RELEASES/WEBSITE**

Promotion of the Iver Heath Best Kept Village entry.
Support of the Speedwatch initiative.
Increase in HGV movements.

Meeting finished at 9.30pm

**Next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 18th September 2019, 7.30pm,
The Ivers Parish Council Offices.**

Signed.....Chairman

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