

## THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**Present:** Councillors Chris Jordan, (Chairman, presiding) Wendy Matthews, Ann Mayling, Carol Gibson, John Gill and Sylvia Lidgate

In attendance: Mike Kennedy (Clerk), Jane Brown (Community Speedwatch)

Minutes prepared by Mike Kennedy.

The Chairman welcomed Mike Kennedy to his first meeting of the Committee and to Jane Brown representing Community Speedwatch.

**40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Geoff Bennett and Chris Woolley. Absent: Cllr. Nigel Harlow.

**41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions were put.

**43. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee held on 18 September 2019, be received, approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**44. VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

In accordance with Standing Order 10 (vi), it was **RESOLVED** that the order of business be changed to allow Jane Brown to make her presentation on the Community Speedwatch initiative.

**45. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

The Chairman invited Jane Brown to the table. Details of the number of volunteer sessions carried out during the weekends of 12-13 and 26-27 October were reported, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. Locations were chosen with safety in mind. The monitoring equipment, supplied by Burnham Parish Council, has been operated by at least 2 volunteers. The signage itself, together with the presence of volunteers in hi-viz clothing, had the effect of drivers reducing their speed on approach. Currently, 9 volunteers have been recruited.

The schemes have been extensively publicised on Facebook and in newsletters. A further 8 sessions are planned. Members suggested alternative locations for the initiative to consider. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted, coupled with the Council's thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers. The Committee requested a further report after the conclusion of 5 sessions.

**46. PROGRESS REPORT**

Members had before them the progress report dated 1 November 2019. The following points

were made:

- (i) High Street Pillar Clock  
The Clerk reported that 2 other companies had been invited to tender for the refurbishment works.
- (ii) Former Police Station Notice Board  
A second competitive quotation had been obtained for the installation of new LED lighting and time clock. It was **RESOLVED** that the quotation dated 3/11/19 from Hollis Electrical Limited in the sum of £448.58 exc. VAT be accepted.
- (iii) Parish Notice Boards Iver Heath  
Members agreed in principle to a request from Iver Heath Residents Association to attach a lockable A3 notice board to the existing community board subject to further details on how they propose to undertake this work.
- (iv) CCTV Coverage  
The application to erect signage on TIPC lamp columns in Richings Park had been made by Ged Weston. Clerk to establish where signage is to go and design.
- (v) Wellesley Avenue Street Lighting issues arising from TfL works  
In noting that correspondence had been sent to the Murphy Group on 31 October seeking reimbursement of the Council's costs, it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be chased up after 2 weeks if no reply is forthcoming.
- (vi) Jubilee Pavilion Car Park Lighting  
A member informed the Committee that a meeting with Palmac is scheduled to take place on 11 November to establish where the connection to the supply had been made.

It was **RESOLVED** that the progress report be received and noted.

#### 47. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Members had before them the report of the Clerk dated 1 November 2019. Arising from the report:

##### **CCTV COVERAGE IN IVER HEATH**

The Iver Heath Residents Association had sought Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality in Iver Heath. It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be noted in the absence of any further information.

##### **18 POST MEADOW, IVER HEATH, LAMP COLUMN RELOCATION**

The Clerk report that the resident had consented to reimburse the Council's costs for disconnecting, relocating and reconnecting the column on the boundary with number 20 Post Meadow and that the neighbour had supported this application. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted with satisfaction.

##### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING 150 ASHFORD ROAD**

A resident had sought the Council's agreement for improved lighting in Ashford Road like the recently upgraded lights in Thornbridge Road. Members empathised with the request however budgetary constraints prevented the Council from progressing this work

in the current financial year. It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be considered within the 2020/21 budget.

**48. LAF**

It was noted that the decisions arising from the LAF meeting held on 16 October 2019 had been reported to Council on 4 November

**49. PARISH STREETLIGHTS**

Members noted that the upgrade programme of works had been completed save for 2 columns in Parkway and Lossie Drive where a new column is needed. It was **RESOLVED** that SSE be asked to check which columns would be unsuitable for the new heads and that the Clerk arranges a meeting with SEE at the earliest convenience.

**50. STREET FURNITURE**

Nothing to report

**51. IMLG**

Next meeting scheduled to take place later this month.

**52. HGV NUMBERS/MOVEMENTS/GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR LICENCES**

A Member presented details of O-Licence applications for sites in the Parish to 6 November 2019, previously circulated. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that the data be added to SharePoint.

**53. AQMA**

No update received. The Chairman mentioned the problem of parking in Iver High Street and the on-going attempt to upgrade the road surface in Swan Road that would generate additional parking provision.

**54. TSID DATA**

Data from Mansion Lane was noted.

**55. STATUS OF HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

- a. Pinewood Road Cycle / Footpath - Completed
- b. Langley Park Road Carriageway Resurfacing & Pinewood Road – patch repairs only repair to road surface deferred to 2020/21
- c. Somerset Way Footway – work starts next week

**56. BCC FREIGHT STRATEGY**

The Chairman referred Members to the notes of the meeting held on 1 November, copy having been issued. Several salient points were highlighted as set out hereunder:

- a. Freight Strategy Action Plan – There are 5 priority areas across Buckinghamshire of which one is for The Ivers but no plan is attached to that.
- b. Operators Licences – Over 500 additional HGV movements per day along North Park will result from planning approvals granted in the last 12 months. County to supply TIPC with a weekly list of all applications for sites. A separate meeting with planning officers to be set up to correlate O-Licence applications.
- c. Standards of operation by local based hauliers - Trading Standards could be used to generate lists of companies who contravene the 7.5 tonne weight limits on local roads.
- d. Signage – IPC could purchase and install signage e.g. “Unsuitable for HGVs “at the junctions with North Park to dissuade HGVs turning into Syke Cluan or Wellesley Avenue. Transport for

Bucks should be asked to reposition signage at the junction of Bangors Road North and the A412 to provide more advanced warning of the 7.5 tonne weight limit. It was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting be received and noted.

**57. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE**

- a) **HS2** – Under review. It was reported that following the protests by the residents of Great Missenden, the A412 roadworks had been taken away
- b) **WRLtH** – Nothing further to report; consultation delayed until January 2020.
- c) **Heathrow** – Brexit planning could have an impact on local roads due to lorry parking.
- d) **Crossrail** –New station opens in January 2020. New timetable from 15 December 2019.
- e) **Cemex** – No meeting. Concern expressed as to how they are going to enforce routing of HGVs
- f) **Link Park** – Application for Concrete Batching Plant to be considered by Planning Committee next week
- g) **Breedon Southern** – Nothing to report.
- h) **M4 Smart Motorway** – Public meeting 27 November; weekend closures between J6 and J8/9 from 8pm on 15 November until 6am on 18 November and 29 November until 2 December.
- i) **M25 Smart Motorway** – Put on hold; item to be removed from future agendas.

**58. BUDGET MONITORING**

- (i) Papers showing the current budget status had been circulated and questions invited. The following comments were made:  
Street Lighting - A stock of 20 heads is currently held. Following the upgrade programme to LED lights, the unmetered electricity supply charges should be lower. Clerk to follow up with SSE. It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.
- (ii) Members proceeded to consider the draft budget for 2020/21, papers having been issued. The Chairman highlighted the reduction in the maintenance charges for the Clock Tower from £3,500 to £500. Recognising the desire to cap the increase to around 3% and having regard to the virement this year of £2,500 from Highways Schemes to pay for the temporary administrative assistant in 2019/20, it was **RESOLVED** to reduce the provision for Highways Schemes in 2020/21 from £7,500 to £5,000 and that the revised budget of £79,300 be presented to Policy and Finance on 27 November for further consideration in compiling the overall budget to Full Council on 6 January 2020.

**59. PRESS RELEASES/WEBSITE**

The following items were agreed: AQMA; Langley Park Road Pedestrian Refuge; Heathrow Bus; Resurfacing works; Community Speedwatch

**Meeting finished at 9.30pm**

**Next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 12 February 2020, 7.30pm, The Ivers Parish Council Offices.**

Signed.....Chairman

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