

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15th MARCH 2021 AT 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

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

In attendance: Stephanie Bennett (Clerk), Jeremy Day (Deputy Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

C.104/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Karanveer Bembey and Ciarán Beary

C.0105/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

C.106/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Paul Griffin reported that the Bucks budget was signed off and that Bangors Road South was due to be resurfaced shortly. Cllr Griifin also reported that the released AQMA report was underwhelming and that Pinewood had gained permission to build 4 more sound stages. Cllr Griffin also advised that bus routes are due for change 1 April 2021

C.107/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of 15th February 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chairman

C.108/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Slough food bank was now operating out of Iver Heath Pavilion and increasing numbers of agencies were making referrals.

Covid 19 vaccinations are progressing with very few people not turning up for their appointments.

The Chairman alerted people to the requirement to complete the census on 21 March 2021 and advised that Bucks Council Helping Hands Service were able to assist those not able to complete the online form. Purdah starts on 22nd March 2021 and the Chairman advised councillors to be aware of the guidance.

There is a new procedure for the reporting to the external auditor and the Chairman is required to write to the internal auditor and confirm that the council complied with the requirements of the public inspection of accounts notices and provision. The Chairman

confirmed that this letter was written.

C.109/20 COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that

The minutes Facilities and Events of 3rd March 2021, and HR and Training Committee of 2nd March 2021 be received.

C.110/20 MEMBER REPORTS EXTERNAL BODIES

Pinewood Liaison Group

It has been a very long time since this group previously met however a recent meeting focused on the work to deliver the permitted development of the previous application. HGV traffic was covered and complaints about the condition of the road has resulted in road clearing which has improved matters. Pinewood were keen to provide details on the green credentials and confirmed that the temporary building will be in place until July 2021. The rainwater monitoring equipment had failed however it was confirmed that no event had occurred that had breached the 1 in 30 year event level.

Councillors expressed concern that the green credentials only related to the development work and are keen to see Pinewood engage in 'cross business' sustainability considerations.

The new ecologist company that has been contracted appears to be more engaged

C.111/20 COMMUNITY BOARD

Cllr Peter Stanhope reported that the Parking Consultation had been extended and that the results would be available to the Community Board after Sunday 21st March 2021. Cllr Matthews assured councillors that the Richings Park parking scheme is due to be implemented soon.

Cllr Stanhope also reported that the community allotment was progressing and that the sub group for community safety was looking at speeding issues.

A number of funding applications had been granted by the Board and the Board had submitted a complete list of asks to the planners in relation to Pinewood Section 106 agreement.

The Covid Recovery Group is looking at the use of the Hub for training.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the noticeboards are carrying posters about the parking

consultation and it was agreed to undertake a final promotion before the closing date

C.112/20 TRANSPORT FOR BUCKS PRESENTATION

Cllr Chris Jordan reported on the Transport for Bucks presentation that included information on the Parish Portal where issues can be reported, vegetation control and the work to diversify the habitats. Bucks has invested in new equipment that collects the grass cuttings to encourage native plant growth and we can request that service for the Ivers. It was agreed to express an interest in this

The presentation also included the return to devolution considerations to parish councils as Bucks are keen for Parishes to take on local works. It was agreed that The Ivers expresses an interest. There are wider devolution considerations with community assets that are soon to be published.

Conversation then took place regarding the increase in HGV movements through the Village.

C.113/20 GRANTS

RESOLVED that

- a. £300 BE GRANTED TO Richings Park Residents Association with a request that native trees be planted where appropriate
- b. £250 be granted to I-Can with a condition that the project complies with Bucks regulations on the provision of laptops to schools

C.114/20 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST TO BUCKS

RESOLVED that

Bucks Council be requested to provide data and information regarding the relief road for the Ivers for a period starting 12 months before the formation of the Ivers Management Liaison Group until the current date

C.115/20 PARKING CONSULTATION

The Deputy Clerk reported on the process and gave an overview of the responses to date. Councillors requested a 'last minute push' to reach as many of the community as possible.

C.116/20 IVER HEATH RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Julie Cook reported on the facts found to date.

RESOLVED that

- a. Wellers Law be appointed to provide legal opinion and a further report to be provided to council
- b. Council to rejoin Fields in Trust

C.117/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING CONSULTATION

Cllr Ann Mayling reported that the consultation was ongoing but that the community feedback had been low in numbers. The consultation is available on line and posters are on noticeboards advising that we can post copies of the Plan and survey; a number of people had requested copies and these had been sent.

The consultation period is about to end and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee will consider the responses and any necessary amendments to the Plan. Following that the Committee will undertake the formal Regulation 14 consultation.

C.118/20 HEALTH AND SAFETY

No further issues or incidents to report

C.119/20 FINANCE

The accounts for payment and budget comparison were received, and Cllr Stanhope reported that he had completed the bank reconciliation checks for January and February 2021.

RESOLVED that

The remaining funds of the food bank be passed to Slough Food Bank

C.120/20 COMMUNICATIONS

The Council wished to remind the community about the Parking Consultation

Signed Chairman

Date