

## THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 AT 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

**Present:** Councillors Chris Jordan, Ann Mayling, Wendy Matthews, Carol Gibson, Peter Stanhope, Kevin Brown, Ciaran Beary and Julie Cook

**No apologies** were received.

**In attendance:** Jeremy Day (Deputy Clerk)

**OS&H.017/20**

#### **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence had been received

**OS&H.018/20**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared

**OS&H.019/20**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present and therefore no questions or addresses were received.

**OS&H.020/20**

#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Open Spaces and Highways meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

**OS&H.021/20**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chairman made the following announcements:

- Reports of HS2 lorry traffic in the Ivers had raised comment and concern across the parish. Vehicles had been observed travelling between Link Park and HS2 construction sites. Buckinghamshire Council had advised IPC that it has no control over the routing of HS2 traffic. It was agreed that the Chairman should draft a letter to the company managing the HS2 project expressing concern and requesting measures to minimise the impact on the parish.
- The Chairman noted that proposals for improvements to cycleway and Public Right of Way infrastructure had been submitted through the Community Board.
- Items from the TfB conference – TfB is committed to clearing all gullies over the next 12 months and annually thereafter. New equipment had been introduced that enabled grass cuttings from roadside mowing to be

collected. This facilitates growth of wild flowers. It was agreed that a request should be made for this activity to be introduced in the parish., Focus groups to discuss next steps in devolution of certain maintenance activities are planned. It was agreed that a request should be lodged for IPC to be represented on these groups.

- Air Quality Management Plan. Various documents relating to the parish-wide AQMA had been circulated to members. The Chairman invited members to submit comments through the Community Board. In addition, it was agreed that the Chairman should draft a formal response from IPC.
- Richings Park Gardening Group. It was noted that the group had expanded its activities. This group and the Iver Heath Volunteer Group have had a major impact on the appearance and accessibility of footpaths, PRowS and other open spaces. It was hoped that a similar group might be established in Iver Village.
- It was noted that Sgt Ryder of Thames Valley Police had expressed willingness to attend a future meeting of the committee.

**OS&H.022/20**

**CONDITION REPORTING**

The committee received the report covering defects, refurbishments and improvements, which was accepted.

**OS&H.023/20**

**DRONE POLICY**

Cllr Peter Stanhope presented a draft policy previously circulated  
**RESOLVED** that the policy be reviewed by the Clerk & Deputy Clerk ahead of adoption.

**OS&H.024/20**

**STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Chris Jordan presented the report of the Strategy Working Group to the committee. This was accepted. The Deputy Clerk agreed to follow up and arrange future meetings in May.

**OS&H.025/20**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Deputy Clerk asked the Cllrs to assist with identifying any funding opportunities for the future alongside his researching. Information regarding funding from the Community Board was discussed and the Deputy Clerk will follow this up and report to the next meeting.

**OS&H.026/20**

**NETBALL GOAL**

Cllr Julie Cook presented thoughts on replacing the damaged piece of equipment at the Iver Heath Recreation Ground with a

Netball Goal. The Deputy Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr Cook on the matter to progress the idea and look at costs to bring to the next meeting.

**OS&H.027/20**

**INFORMAL PARKING CONSULTATION**

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee on the response rates after the extended period of consultation ended on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. He then advised the committee of the next steps that were agreed at the full council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March to share the responses received with Cllr Matthews and Cllr Stanhope and to produce a cut of the data so that councillors could reply to the respondents.

**OS&H.028/20**

**SWAN MEADOW BENCH**

The Deputy Clerk shared pictures of the condition of the Bench and his concerns of health and safety to the public.

**RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk takes required action to ensure any health and safety issues are addressed and remedial work is carried out.

**OS&H.029/20**

**CYCLE RACKS**

The Deputy Clerk reported that a second set of cycle racks had been purchased with funding from the Community Board On receipt, both sets would be installed; one set at Iver Recreation Ground and the other at Iver Heath Recreation Ground. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with Cllr Ann Mayling on exact location and progress installation.

**OS&H.030/20**

**IVER VILLAGE HALL PLANTERS**

The Deputy Clerk reported on the condition of the planters at Iver Village Hall using photos. The planters at this location, previously been funded by Heathrow, are damaged and looking unsightly on close inspection.

**RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk explore possible replacements considering the use of sustainable materials and the potential for using railway sleepers. It was further **RESOLVED** that knee high wooden rails be considered on the corners of Grange Way where the grass verges have been eroded by parked cars.

**OS&H.031/20**

**FOOTBALL CLUB RESTARTS**

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee on plans for the restart of Football on the Recreation areas from week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March and that the clubs had been contacted to ensure everything was in place.

**OS&H.032/20**

**REOPENING OF OUTDOOR GYMS**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that our Outdoor Gyms and standalone Gym equipment will re-open as per Government guidelines and appropriate signage will be in place to remind users of the current guidelines where applicable.

**OS&H.033/20**

**FINANCE**

The current budget position as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 was received and accepted.

**OS&H.034/20**

**WEBSITE / PRESS RELEASES**

The Council wishes to inform the public of the setting up of the installation of the new cycle racks at our Recreation Grounds and also on significant developments on the Iver Recreation Ground path.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Signed ..... Chair

Date .....