

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND EVENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON 5TH JULY 2021 AT 6.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

Present: Councillors Peter Stanhope, Julie Cook and Stuart Mills, Elizabeth Hemsley, Mo ??, Pat Leech

In attendance: Stephanie Bennett (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ciarán Beary and Tina Heath. Ged and Sally both sent their apologies as they are unable to assist in 2021 due to other commitments

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE WORKING GROUP

It was agreed that Peter and Julie be elected Co-Chairs.

3. CHRISTMAS 2020

It was felt that in spite of the challenges posed by Covid that the arrangements for Christmas 2020 went very well. The Advent Windows were branded as 'Light up The Ivers' and many businesses and households engaged. It was recognised that the communications was a particularly important part of the success ensuring that people knew where to go each night in each of the three areas.

The lights were also a success however the mistletoe balls did not show up as brightly as hoped on the junction by the Stag and Hounds in Iver Heath.

The Working Group thanked everybody for their hard work and felt that it was important to continue the advent windows as part of the Light up The Ivers in 2021.

4. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2021

Considerable discussion was had regarding the Christmas tree at Iver Heath and the lack of a suitable living tree to decorate. It was also noted that the trees at the Stag and Hounds were unable to support the number of mistletoe balls that would provide a good display.

The following was agreed:

- a. Clerk to urgently look at the removal of the non working lights that have been left in the tree at Iver Village Hall

- b. Clerk to seek a costing from Lamps and Tubes to transfer the contractual Christmas tree lights from outside 45B to the tree at the Village Hall
- c. Clerk to seek a costing from Lamps and Tubes to provide icicle lights at Iver Post Office parade of shops
- d. Clerk to seek an opinion from Lamps and Tubes about how to improve the Mistletoe Ball positions at Iver Heath
- e. Cllr Stanhope to investigate whether the large oak opposite the Co-op in Iver Heath could display mistletoe balls and if so Clerk to seek a costing from Lamps and Tubes for provision at this location and permission from the owner
- f. Clerk to raise the issue of the diseased tree at Iver Heath with Bucks Councillors; should this be removed as it is beside the footway.
- g. IHRA to be approached for ideas on where a replacement tree could be placed and group to investigate funding options for the placement of a real tree

5. CHRISTMAS EVENT 2021

There is overwhelming support for rerunning the Advent Windows. Various options for events were discussed and the following was agreed:

- a. A working group to be formed to develop and deliver the Advent Windows part of Light Up The Ivers.
 - i. The following people will co-ordinate the specific areas with assistance sought from the residents associations:
 - 1. Richings Park Peter Stanhope
 - 2. Iver Village Pat Leech
 - 3. Iver Heath Mo ?? and Liz Hemsley
 - ii. Communications will be co-ordinated centrally by Julie who will provide letters of introduction to the area leads
- b. A further working group will be formed to develop and deliver a Light Up event in the Village Centre with the following arrangements:
 - i. Event to be a co-ordinated switch on and to be held on 27th November
 - ii. Switch on will be centred at the Christmas Tree outside the Iver Village Hall
 - iii. The Village Hall will be booked and will host the event in the case of inclement weather
 - iv. Event to include Christmas Carols and music
 - v. A Father Christmas to be sought
 - vi. Food and drink providers to be encouraged along with children's entertainment

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26TH July 2021 at 6.00pm

7. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP

Residents Associations will forward nominated persons to join the working group. Other community members are confirmed as Mo, Elizabeth Hemsley, Tina Heath, Pat Leech, and Cllrs Stanhope Cook, Mills, Ball, Bhatti, Burke, Brown

The meeting finished at 7.23pm

Signed Chairman

Date