

**THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM  
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Cllr Ciarán Beary (Chair)  
Cllr Julie Cook (Vice Chair)

**Present:** Kevin Brown, Wendy Matthews, Stuart Mills, Peter Stanhope, Michael Sullivan, Graham Young, Councillors Mohinder Bhatti, Paul Brooksby, Peter Kinchin, Adam Burke (Joined at 1914 )

**Apologies:** Councillors Christine Ball

**In attendance:** Stephanie Bennett (Clerk)

**084/21            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared

**085/21            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present

**086/21            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reminded councillors of the benefits of appropriate meeting behaviours that are positive and respectful, and that deliver good decision making.

The Chair reminded councillors to consider which committees they wished to sit on and asked that they consider at least 2 committees; please could councillors notify the Clerk of their choices before the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**087/21            MINUTES**

Cllr Sullivan asked for clarification on how minutes are recorded for decisions taken in a meeting where the press and public are excluded. The Clerk explained that the minute of the decision is recorded in the publicly accessible minutes but in a form that does not breach confidentiality. Cllr Sullivan raised a query regarding minute 067/21. Councillors agreed that they wished to receive more information and Cllr Cook was tasked with looking at certain aspects with the Council then considering the request from the Clerk.

RECOMMENDED that

The minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chair

**088/21            CO-OPTION**

A closed ballot was undertaken

RECOMMENDED that

Satnam Bhachu be co-opted as a parish councillor

**089/21**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councillors expressed a wish to meet physically as soon as possible but also recognised the challenges that such an approach would create.

RECOMMENDED that

- a. The meeting arrangements and decision making to remain as per the current arrangements
- b. Council to meet at the beginning of September to consider a return to face to face council meetings
- c. Committee meetings to remain virtual

**090/21**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Councillors considered the need to provide equal access to meetings, communications and papers for all councillors. Councillors were unsure about what type of IT to commission and Cllr Cook clarified that Chromebooks were being discontinued so they were not an option. It was felt appropriate to consider an interim approach whilst the Council reviews its IT systems and provision.

RECOMMENDED that

- a. Chair to approach I Can to enquire whether they are able to provide 3 laptops for councillor use. It would be imperative that support was also available for councillors and that the system was workable for meetings.
- b. If I Can are unable to assist the matter to be returned to Council

The meeting ended at 8.43pm

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....