

## THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

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

**Present:** Councillors Sam Bhachu, Kevin Brown, Wendy Matthews, Graham Young, Peter Kinchin, Michael Sullivan, Peter Stanhope, Adam Burke and Stuart Mills

**Absent:** Councillors Paul Brooksby and Mohinder Bhatti

**In attendance:** Cllr Luisa Sullivan (Bucks Councillor) and Stephanie Bennett (Clerk)

**194/21            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared

**195/21            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**196/21            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reported that Cllr Christine Ball had resigned due to personal circumstances and that the vacancy was currently advertised. If an election was not called then the council could consider a co-option. The Chair reported that he had sent Christine his thanks and hoped to see her as a councillor in the future.

The Chair also reported that the Clerk had secured further grant funding to take the Plan through to its planned submission date and that the Council had received a 'clean audit' from the External Auditor.

Cllr Kevin Brown asked the Chair to report on the Ivers Action group progress meeting held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 and the Chair reported that it was a very positive meeting with items being actioned. The Chair also reported that he had learned that the sewerage system in South Bucks does not have the capacity/infrastructure for what is needed and that this deficit is not a material planning consideration. He confirmed that notes would be available.

A number of councillors expressed a strong desire to have attended the meeting and wanted to know why they did not receive an invite. Cllr Cook explained that she specifically wished to address the MP about Pinewood that is the most important issue for the Parish Council. Cllr Cook had called the office of the MP and had been informed that it was expected that the parish councillors would be in attendance. Cllr Cook will be progressing her investigation into what the process is for the invites.

Councillors expressed dissatisfaction that the Clerk attended. The Clerk responded that a direct calendar invitation had been sent and that it did not ask for it to be cascaded to councillors. A question was asked if this type of meeting with elected representatives, residents associations and members of the community is appropriate for officer attendance.

The Chair said that he would look at what had happened and councillors agreed to discuss this further at an informal pre meeting to be held before the council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committees and membership was considered

RECOMMENDED that

- a. The Finance and Audit Group be known as a Working Group
- b. Cllrs Sullivan, Kinchin and Bhachu be appointed to Facilities and Events Committee
- c. Cllrs Bhachu and Kinchin be appointed to Open Spaces and Highways Committee
- d. Cllrs Bhachu, Bhatti and Kinchin be appointed to Planning Committee
- e. Cllrs Bhachu and Luisa Sullivan (Bucks Council, and Huw Williams, Carol Gibson and Leigh Tugwood be appointed to the Neighbourhood Planning Committee

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### **MEETINGS**

The report of the Clerk was considered and council debated the consequences and processes required in regard to the resumption of physical meetings. There was a consensus that it was important to return to, at least, physical Council meetings but that it might be best to wait a little longer to see what is happening with regard to Covid transmission rates and further identified vulnerabilities. Councillors recognised that if the arrangements for virtual meetings continue then the Council will be required to hold at least another two physical meetings before the next annual parish council meeting.

It was felt that the venue at Richings Park would be more suitable once the council does return to physical meetings as it is larger than the Jubilee Pavilion.

RECOMMENDED that

The council and committees continue to meet virtually with the arrangements for delegation to the clerk to be continued.

The meeting ended at 8:17PM

Signed ..... Chair

Date .....