

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20th JUN 2022 AT 7.00PM THE RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB, IVER RECREATION GROUND, IVER, BUCKS

Present:

Councillors Ciaran Beary, Adam Burke, Julie Cook, Vishal Gupta, Sarah Hutchins, Peter Kinchin, Wendy Matthews, Stuart Mills, Peter Stanhope, Michael Sullivan and Graham Young.

Apologies accepted from: Councillor Sam Bhachu

Absent: Councillors Mohinder Bhatti Paul Brooksby

In attendance: Louise Steele (Locum Clerk)
Jeremy Day (Deputy Clerk)
Three members of the public

080/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stanhope declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12, the grant application from the Iver Heath Royal British Legion on the grounds that he is a committee member of the organisation. Councillor Sullivan declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same application on the grounds that he is a member of the Iver Heath Royal British Legion.

081/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One of the members of the public present spoke in support of the grant application from the Iver Heath Bowls Club. A second member of the public asked about the parish council's progress on the first anniversary of it declaring a climate emergency.

082/22 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Beary congratulated everyone on all their wonderful efforts to ensure the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across the community.

083/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the annual meeting of Council on 16th May 2022 be agreed

084/22 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

The following decisions made in informal, remote meetings of the Council were confirmed:

- a. The co-option of Sam Bhachu to the Council (minute 088/21 refers)
- b. The co-option of Vishal Gupta to the Council (minute 275/21 refers)
- c. Agreement of Direct Debits (minute 282/21 refers) with an updated schedule of direct debits being agreed at this meeting

In answer to a question the Locum Clerk indicated that she did not feel that any other of the Council's decisions in 2021/22 needed to be revisited.

085/22 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following committee minutes were received:

- a. Open Spaces and Highways Committee – 25th May 2022
- b. Facilities and Events Committee – 1st June 2022 –
- c. Planning Committee – 24th May and 7th June 2022

086/22 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The report of the Internal Auditor dated 16 May 2022 was received.

087/22 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Council considered the Annual Governance Statement and asked the Locum Clerk to explain the purpose of the report and the answers recommended.

RESOLVED that:

The Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 be agreed

088/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22

Council considered and agreed the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 (AGAR Section 2); received the full statement of accounts for 2021/22 and noted that the dates planned for the period of the exercise of public rights are Wednesday 22 June to Tuesday 2 August 2022.

RESOLVED that:

The Statement of Accounts 2021/22 be agreed.

089/22 FINANCE

RESOLVED that:

The accounts for payment for May 2022 be agreed

Cllr Stanhope to reported on the bank reconciliations undertaken to date

090/22 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Council considered and agreed the grant application received as detailed below:

- a. £2,005 was agreed for Citizens Advice (CA) Bucks to provide an Outreach Citizens Advice at the Iver Parish Council Office. It was noted that this sum does not include the costs of accommodation at the parish council office and that this should be costed and considered as grant aid in kind. The Locum Clerk was asked to seek more clarity from CA Bucks about overhead costs and numbers of residents helped in this way
- b. £3,850 was agreed for Iver Heath Bowls Club as a contributing third party payment matching a grant application made to Veolia for a new prefabricated building. It was agreed that the parish council would fund this grant from Community Infrastructure Levy.
- c. Upon the reassurance that biodegradable plastic glasses had been used £719 was agreed for Iver Heath Royal British Legion as a contribution towards its Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting event.

091/22 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Council received an update report from Cllr Kinchin and agreed that the question of whether £6,176.17 funding be agreed as a contribution towards the costs of installing EV charging points be brought back to the next meeting of the Council.

092/22 ACTION UNDER CLERKS DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council noted the action taken by the Locum Clerk, on grounds of urgency and in consultation with the Council Chair, to contract for three consultancy days at a total cost of £1,950 for support in preparing responses to questions posed by Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.

093/22 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

It was agreed that the Locum Clerk would distribute draft minutes of Council meetings as soon as they were completed; it was also noted that given the frequency of Council meetings this might not be until the agenda for the next meeting were circulated.

**094/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
RESOLVED that:**

To exclude the Public and Press from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which will be discussed are considered to be confidential

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095/22

GROUNDS TEAM RESOURCING

Council considered the confidential report of the Deputy Clerk and the advice from WorkNest. With the substitution of the term “pilot” for the term “trial” the steps outlined in the report were agreed.