

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18th JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM IVER HEATH VILLAGE HALL, IVER HEATH, BUCKS

Present:

Councillors Sam Bhachu, Mohinder Bhatti, Adam Burke, Julie Cook, Vishal Gupta, Sarah Hutchins, Peter Kinchin (in the Chair), Wendy Matthews and Peter Stanhope.

Apologies accepted from: Councillors Ciarán Beary, Paul Brooksby, Stuart Mills, Michael Sullivan and Graham Young.

In attendance: Louise Steele (Locum Clerk)
Jeremy Day (Deputy Clerk)
One member of the public

129/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made by Members in connection with any agenda item.

130/22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public present asked parish councillors to continue to monitor the activities of Buckinghamshire Council.

The Locum Clerk read the observations of a community member of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee (unable to be present) about the draft minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 July 2022 and referred to at agenda item 7 . The Locum Clerk informed the meeting that she would amend the draft Neighbourhood Planning Committee minutes to clarify that there had not been unanimity of opinion about all that was discussed but that the recommendation of the Committee was as minuted. Further that she would reproduce the full observations made by the community member in the minutes of this meeting and they are below:

"I was in attendance at this meeting as a cttee member, on behalf of IHRA, but do not agree that the minutes, as attached to the agenda, are a true and accurate record - yet.

At the meeting a response, prepared by consultant Oneill Homer, was considered and "minor amendments" were tabled, considered and discussed. However, some members, including myself, expressed concerns about whether the amended response, as tabled, fully addressed all the questions - in particular Q2 in for which the Examiner was seeking "substantive evidence" that BC policy regarding the Ivers Relief Road had changed; it hadn't based upon

R14 reps from Buckinghamshire Council as the Examiner also noted. Given the risk, in our view, to the NP process this presented I also asked, and we urge again here, that in the event of the NP "stalling", or "falling", TIPC should consider - with further advice from consultants OH - a "Plan B" there being no contingency plan. We acknowledge that the "substantive evidence" the Examiner was seeking may neither be available nor feasible ahead of the new BC LP.

However, at present the minutes give the impression there was unanimity in terms of opinion, assessment of the risk of failure and appropriate action.

This, I respectfully suggest, requires correction.

Please could I ask, therefore, that the minutes are either amended, or a post-meeting note added, confirming these comments on behalf of IHRA - albeit they may have represent a minority view and contribution to that meeting ?

Cllr Cook informed the meeting of a planning application to Buckinghamshire Council that had been appealed for non determination.

131/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting of Council on 20th June 2022 be agreed

132/22 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Kinchin, noting that the weather was very hot, asked that the business of the meeting be concluded as quickly as possible; he reminded Councillors to raise their hand to indicate if they wished to speak

133/22 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following committee minutes were received:

- a. Facilities and Events Committee – 6th July 2022 –
- b. Planning Committee – 28th June 2022

134/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning meeting held on 11 July 2022 were received. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk would make an amendment to the minutes to record that there had been significant debate on the relief road and about consultation on heritage assets.

Upon the proposal of Cllr Matthews, seconded by Cllr Burke it was

RESOLVED *nem con* that:

The responses to the Examiner's questions and to Buckinghamshire Council, as recommended by the Neighbourhood Planning Committee are agreed and should be sent to the Examiner.

135/22 FINANCE

RESOLVED that:

The accounts for payment for June 2022 be agreed

Members noted the comparison of expenditure/income against budget for the first quarter of the financial year.

Cllr Stanhope reported that he had not yet agreed this month's bank reconciliation.

136/22 COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Council considered the parish council's communication policy and noted that it was overdue for review. The suggested new policy document was declined on the grounds that it was a procedure document not a policy. The Locum Clerk was asked to prepare a policy, procedure and guidelines for a future meeting.

137/22 WEB ANALYTICS

Council received the latest web analytics report about the parish council's website.

138/22 DELAFORD COLTS

Council considered the draft 2022/23 agreement for the Delaford Colts' use of the Iver Recreation Ground noting that the agreement is as it has been in previous years. Council declined to agree the draft document but agreed that the charges to be levied on the Delaford Colts should be as set out in the draft.

139/22 MEETING VENUES

Council received the request from the Locum Clerk for a clear statement of policy from the Council regarding venues for Council and Committee meetings. Councillors concluded that The Hub is unsuitable for meetings and asked that all meetings be rotated around venues in the parish area.

Councillors declined, at this time, to progress facilitating remote public access to all meeting by broadcasting them on Facebook Live and suggested that officers should seek professional advice on video conferencing.

140/22

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Further to the update report from Cllr Kinchin received at the last meeting of Council (Minute 091/22 refers) Council considered a proposal that the parish council contribute £6,176.17, funded from reserves, towards the cost of providing Electric Vehicle Charging points in partnership with BP and Bucks Council.

RESOLVED that:

Subject to Cllr Kinchin circulating the financial details to all councillors, that £6,176.17 be agreed as a contribution to the cost of providing eight (four pairs) of Electric Vehicle Charging points with the parish area.

141/22

IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

It was suggested that an actions tracker be developed and used for tracking decisions made at Full Council.

142/22

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

143/22

GROUNDS TEAM RESOURCING

Council considered the confidential report of the Deputy Clerk and agreed to the request from the Grounds Team.

144/22

EMPLOYER'S DUTY OF CARE TO STAFF

This item was deferred to another meeting