

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM AT THE JUBILEE PAVILION, IVER RECREATION GROUND, IVER.

Present: Cllrs Peter Kinchin, Adam Burke, Julie Cook, Sarah Hutchins, Wendy Matthews, Peter Stanhope.

Apologies: Cllrs Sam Bhachu, Ciaran Beary, Mohinder Bhatti, Vishal Gupta, Michael Sullivan.

Cllr Paul Brooksby was not in attendance.

Also present, Jeremy Day, Deputy Clerk.

146/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were declared.

147/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

148/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting in the 23rd March 2022 previously presented were confirmed as true record of that meeting.

With the following amendment to minute number 036/22 the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting:

(Cllr Julie Cook asked for it to be minuted that she would was not standing as Chair of the committee and would be abstaining from voting in light of her concerns that the election of chair had been pre-determined ahead of the meeting.)

149/22 SPEEDWATCH EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

The Deputy Clerk reported the latest costs of the equipment previously identified.

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk could spend up to **£1,500** from the Highways Projects budget to purchase this equipment and would work with Sgt Lee Turnham from TVP to ensure the correct

authorised equipment and signage was purchased. The equipment would belong to the Parish Council and loaned out to Community Speedwatch for their use.

The Deputy Clerk updated the meeting concerning the Motion Vehicle Activation Sign (MVAS) he had installed whilst at a neighbouring Parish. He stated the cost for the equipment from Swarco was approximately £5,800 when last quoted but it is inevitable that the price has increased since. He will obtain an updated quote. Cllr Peter Stanhope took an action to send the Deputy Clerk details of a similar product he had a quote for previously.

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk could spend up to **£6,500** from the Highways Projects to purchase this equipment for use around the Parish. He will liaise with the Chair of the committee on progress.

150/22

IVER RECREATION GROUND PATH

Cllr Peter Kinchin reported that a three month extension to the grant from Grundon had been agreed and that Groundworks Trust South were aware of the progress being made. He stated that invoices for completed work needed to be submitted by the second week of October. The Deputy Clerk reported that a local tradesman had been for a site visit and had given an indication of cost per metre. The Deputy Clerk will work with the Locum Clerk to get the specification on the Contract Finder for tendering.

Cllr Peter Kinchin reported that himself and Cllr Peter Stanhope were considering completing the maintenance work on the land drainage.

151/22

RoSPA INSPECTION & ACTION PLAN

The Report and Action Plan of the Deputy Clerk was received and accepted. It was noted that the cycle mounds at each recreation ground remained high priority and would be added to the next agenda for a discussion and decision to be made concerning future use of these. It was also noted that there had been a previous discussion about providing a netball ring at Iver Heath. The Deputy Clerk will continue to progress this idea.

152/22

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT RECREATION GROUNDS UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk gave an update that unfortunately further anti-social behaviour was being discovered by the Grounds Team and Caretaker. This was largely taking place on a Friday night and Saturday night and where the evenings / night have been considerably warm. The last meeting had asked him to explore the potential for non-enforcement dog patrols to give a presence on a Friday and Saturday evening at random times. He had explored the use of a local dog training school who may have provided this service previously. They had confirmed they hadn't provided that service but knew companies that did and would assist with providing potential quotes.

It was **AGREED** the Deputy Clerk could spend up to **£1,000** on random patrols at each recreation ground during August / early September if a company could be sourced to do this.

The Street Angels initiative was discussed and Cllr Julie Cook took an action to look into the provision of this activity and report back.

153/22

STREETLIGHTS

a. Preparation for next phase of the Streetlight Upgrade Programme

The report and plan of the Deputy Clerk was received and accepted. Councillors agreed to work with the Deputy Clerk to complete the survey suggested and Cllr Julie Cook took an action to co-ordinate this with other Councillors.

b. Re-location of Streetlight outside 9, Warren Field, Iver Heath

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received. Councillors asked the Deputy Clerk to discuss the cost of this with the lighting contractor and to revert back to the property owner with the cost of the move. The cost would need to be covered by the property owner plus any additional related management time costs. It was decided that consultation with neighbours would also be required if the owner decided to request the move to be made.

c. Preparation for tendering Streetlight Contract from 2023

The report and timetable of the Deputy Clerk was received. It was suggested a Working Group be set up to identify the evaluation criteria. It was noted that a third party was involved for the previously tendered contract and the Deputy Clerk took the action to research this and find

all relevant documents relating to this. This item will be returned to at the next meeting.

d. Funding Opportunity for additional lights in open spaces to improve community safety

The information provided was received and the Deputy Clerk will continue to work with the Business Administrator as the potential bid is developed through the Facilities and Events Committee.

The potential for adding streetlights along Swan Road in Iver Village was discussed. This could include providing lights on The Swan pub building. The Deputy Clerk took an action to look at possibilities and costings and report back to the next meeting.

The matter of the condition of lighting at the Iver Heath Recreation Ground was discussed and Cllr Peter Stanhope took an action to do a survey of the operation of the lighting and revert to the Deputy Clerk with findings. From this the Deputy Clerk will work with our lighting contractor to resolve. It was noted that this had been outstanding for some time.

154/22

NOTICEBOARDS

a. Current Status and Condition

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received and accepted. He will continue to maintain the boards and bring upto standard including make more use of the magnetic backing where possible.

b. Future Opportunities

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received and discussed. Further exploration of wall mounted boards for each Pavilion was discussed and the Deputy Clerk will present costings for these at the next OS&H meeting.

c. Councillor 'Adopt a Noticeboard

This matter was discussed. This included the exploration of the Parish Council staff being assigned responsibility for the updating of boards. The Deputy Clerk will discuss further with the Locum Clerk as assignment of tasks within jobs roles falls to her in conjunction with her team members. No firm decision was taken with regards to this suggestion.

- 155/22 HGV SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS – BANGORS ROAD**
The Deputy Clerk to progress this in conjunction with the Locum Clerk and Thames Valley Police as appropriate.
- 156/22 COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING PROJECT: BUDDY BENCHES**
The report and quote from Cost Cutters UK was received. It was noted that the award from the Community Board was for £1,650 towards the cost of supply and installation. Locations to include both recreation grounds. The Deputy Clerk to liaise with the Richings Park Residents Association in terms of potential location in Richings Park or in and around the Sports & Social Club. There will need to be some liaison with Highways to agree the location. The committee agreed to the colour green as opposed to the multi-coloured option. The Grounds team should be able to install these once locations are agreed.
- It was **AGREED** to order three green Buddy Benches as per the quotation received and that the location for two of these be each recreation ground.
- 157/22 FINANCIAL COMPARISON REPORT**
The Financial Comparison Report to 20th July 2022 was received and agreed.
- 158/22 DEPUTY CLERK UPDATES**
The following reports were received and noted from the Deputy Clerk:
- Update Report
 - Wildflower Verges Report
 - Grounds Update
 - Committee Action Tracker – Deputy Clerk to continue to progress this as an on-going action
- 159/22 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- The Chair stated that the Parish Council had secured 60/40 funding from BP in relation to the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Points activity.
 - He advised he wishes the committee to look at the potential for opening up the designated disabled parking bays at Iver Recreation Grounds including the potential for marked disabled bays in the main car park. This to include a review of fencing and the location of the height barrier.

- The Chair made reference to the update given earlier in the meeting concerning the path at Iver Recreation Ground.

160/22 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS
None

161/22 WEBSITE/PRESS RELEASES

- Continued anti-social behaviour at our Recreation Grounds item on the website to include where possible pictures of examples. Deputy Clerk to continue to work with the Chair on this item. This to include requirements in hot weather / drought period.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points as progress is made.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

Signed Chairman

Date