

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 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, Ciaran Beary, Vishal Gupta, Michael Sullivan.

Apologies: None

Cllr Paul Brooksby, Sam Bhachu, Mohinder Bhatti were not in attendance.

Also present, Jeremy Day, Deputy Clerk.

244/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Julie Cook, Peter Stanhope and Vishal Gupta declared their interest in Item 5 concerning Community Speedwatch due to their participation in this activity.

245/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

246/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on the 27th July 2022 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair and put in the minute book.

247/22 SPEEDWATCH EQUIPMENT & TRAFFIC SIGN PURCHASE

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received.

Following discussion,

It was **AGREED** that the Community Speedwatch signs will be placed appropriately on Parish Boundary Gates in the entry points to the Parish by the Maintenance team.

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk would review the other possible options of traffic signs provided by Cllr Stanhope to see if the options allowed for the purchase of two signs and associated equipment from

the agreed £6,500 budget if the options meet our requirements. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the Chair to agree the final purchase.

248/22 RoSPA INSPECTION & ACTION PLAN

The Report and Action Plan of the Deputy Clerk was received and accepted and the progress made noted with all actions on track for completion.

Following a general discussion regarding the cycle mounds with some further suggestions being made about future usage

It was **AGREED** that the previously discussed community Recreation Ground Survey would be updated by Cllr Cook to include a question about the cycle mounds and the Office would support administratively with the link on the website and via social media and print paper copies for other groups within the community to ensure everyone has access to complete the survey. This item to be brought back to a future meeting.

Following an oral update from the Deputy Clerk concerning the netting at Iver Heath Recreation Ground, it was decided that the netting was a major concern from a health and safety perspective.

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk would investigate the option of having a full survey done of the condition of the netting structure and bring options for this survey to the next meeting and that the Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Head Groundsman would look at a way of making sure the area is made safe. This will also include the involvement of our WorkNest to look at health and safety aspects.

249/22 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT RECREATION GROUNDS UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk gave an extensive update regarding continued issues at both recreation grounds and appraised the meeting of more recent examples and the previous signage measures taken to advise to discourage the climbing onto to building and shelters etc. He pointed out that behaviour such as smashing bottles into pieces posed a significant health and safety risk to users, dogs and users before the team were able to complete the daily morning inspection and litter pick / tidy up. He also pointed out the safety implication to the team when having to pick up and dispose of pieces of quite often small fragments. He further pointed out that the limited feedback from the manned patrols had given the opinion that the activity had been positive but there is no real quantitative data from the exercise. Councillors shared

their concerns about this behaviour and the impact on the community. It was discussed the possibilities and implications of securing our Recreation Grounds at night to prevent anti-social behaviour in the evenings / overnight. Cllr Cook further mentioned the Street Warden activity across other areas of Bucks although it was noted that these were mainly active in the large communities and towns. Cllrs agreed to continue to encourage local residents to report all anti-social behaviour to the Police despite their views on the action that will or won't be taken.

It was **AGREED** the Deputy Clerk would explore the option of paying overtime for the local PCSO's to be able to provide more patrols at critical times and report back to the next meeting of the committee.

250/22 5-A-SIDE PITCH AT IVER HEATH RECREATION GROUND

The Deputy Clerk gave a brief oral update on the condition of the pitch and issues concerning the proper booking of the facility by a local football organisation. Following a discussion

It was **AGREED** that the Locum Clerk should write to the organisation concerned regarding the requirements and conditions of hire and that this organisation must comply in line as with all other users of our pitch facilities.

251/22 FENCING OPTIONS AT THE IVER REC GROUND & ALLOTMENT SITE

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received. Following a discussion there was no decision made but the Deputy Clerk and the Business Administrator to explore the options available further.

252/22 HEDGING OUTSIDE 45B HIGH STREET

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received including the indicative cost of the mature hedging. Following a discussion

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Clerk should explore further and obtain a further two quotes for consideration.

253/22 NOTICEBOARDS

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received. Following a discussion including dialogue around electronic noticeboards it was noted that the boards identified by the Deputy Clerk represented good value for money and that the quality from the proposed supplier was superior. It was further noted that two

noticeboards in the parish were from this supplier / type and being consistent was a good approach.

It was **AGREED** to purchase two wall mounted as recommended by the Deputy Clerk with the cost coming from the appropriate budget for 22/23.

Cllr Cook asked for her vote against the motion to be recorded in these minutes.

254/22 FINANCIAL COMPARISON REPORT

The Financial Comparison Report to 13th October 2022 was received.

255/22 DEPUTY CLERK UPDATES

The following reports were received and noted from the Deputy Clerk:

- Update Report
- Committee Action Tracker – Deputy Clerk to continue to progress this as an on-going action

256/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chair gave an update on the progress of the Iver Recreation Ground Footpath currently under development.
- A brief update was given on the Tesco Community Fund voting activity currently underway and the Deputy Clerk gave some specifics of the other two activities in the vote and confirmed the vote was open until mid-January 2023.

257/22 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

None

258/22 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. Also notices on our noticeboards giving messaging around the need for behaviour to cease before we take any drastic decision to secure areas at night. Also important to note that residents must continue to report all incidents.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman

Date