

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

14 March 2023

To all Members of the PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of **The Ivers Parish Council** which will be held on **Monday 20 March 2023** commencing at **7.00pm** at **The Jubilee Pavilion, Iver Recreation Ground, Iver SL0 9PW** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Louise Steele

Locum Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. Members to specify the nature of the interest;
- b. To receive any written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests;
- c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An Open Session will be held for members of the public who may make representations, ask questions or submit evidence in respect of the business on the agenda or make representations or ask questions in respect any matter relating to Council business.

If there is a representative from Thames Valley Police, and/or a Buckinghamshire Council Member in attendance, there will be an opportunity for them to report on any relevant matter or ask/answer questions. Each person speaking will usually be limited to three minutes. Duration of this part of the meeting usually to be no longer than fifteen minutes.

4. MINUTES

To consider the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 16 January 2023 See Appendix 4.1. and the minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held on 25 January 2023 See Appendix 4.2

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive the committee minutes as detailed below:

- a. Planning Committee – 10 January, 7 February & 7 March 2023 – Appendices 6.1, 6.2 & 6.3
- b. Open Spaces & Highways Committee – 25 January 2023 – Appendix 6.4
- c. Staffing Committee – 23 January, 9 February & 7 March 2023 – Appendices 6.5, 6.6 & 6.7
- d. Facilities & Events Committee – Appendix 6.8

7. MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 9

To consider the following motion moved, in accordance with Standing Order 9, by Councillor Stanhope:

That, in regard to the path at Iver Recreation Ground the parish council should:
require the contractor to make good all the faults along the path;

calculate the distance of the path;

change the drain run to make safe; and

seek professional advice and quotes for further drainages works as discussed at the March 2022 meeting of the Open Spaces & Highways Committee.

8. FINANCE

- a. To receive and approve the accounts for payment for January and February 2023. See Appendices 8.1 & 8.2
- b. To consider the comparison of expenditure/income against budget as at 13 March 2023 See Appendix 8.3
- c. Cllr Stanhope to report on the bank reconciliations undertaken to date.

9. EARMARKED RESERVES

To note the Council's earmarked reserves as at 13 March 2023 (Appendix 9.1) and consider officers' advice about changes to be made and implemented before the accounts for 2022/23 are closed at the end of March.

- That the two earmarked reserves described respectively as "Grounds Maintenance Van" and "Tractor" be amalgamated into one reserve to be described as "Vehicles".
- That the earmarked reserved described as "Iver Heath Rec LHR funding" (with a nil balance) be deleted.
- That (as indicated during budget 2023/24 discussions) an earmarked reserve described as "Projects to Reduce Building Energy Costs" be created and the sum unspent as at 31 March 2023 against code 8400/1 (Heat & Hot Water Systems Pavilions) be transferred there. This sum is £48,270.00 as at 13 March 2023.
- That (as indicated during budget 2023/24 discussions) an earmarked reserve described as "Highways Lighting Projects" be created and the sum unspent as at 31 March 2023 against code 8530/4 (same description) be transferred there. This sum is £19,384.60 as at 13 March 2023.

10. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

To review the Corporate Risk Register at Appendix 10.1

11. A CONSULTATION ON THE FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WARD BOUNDARIES IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

To receive the Boundary Commission's report on its further draft recommendations for wards in South-East Buckinghamshire. To note that the further draft recommendations address the Council's concerns (minute refers) and to consider a response to the current consultation.

12. GRANT APPLICATIONS

To consider the grant applications below, noting the following budget information:
that for the current financial year just ending the Grants (General) budget, code 6510/1, is over spent by £4,555 (that's expenditure of £6,555 against an agreed budget of £2,000) this overspend is partly offset by underspends against the Activities for Young People grants

budget, code 6510/2, (£100 underspent) and Activities for Elderly People grants budget, code 6510/3, (£2,585.18 underspent) but the net overspend is still £1869.82. Therefore any grants agreed at this meeting will need to be funded from the budget for the financial year starting 1 April 2023 – where the budgets are as follows: £4,000 for Grants (General); £1,000 for Activities for Young People and £3,000 for Activities for Elderly People.

- **Iver Village Residents Association (Appendix 12.1)**
£2,000 is applied for as a contribution to the costs of running the Iver Coronation Picnic on 8 May 2023.
- **Iver Heath Residents Association (Appendix 12.2)**
£150 is applied for to provide refreshments for volunteers participating in the Great British Spring Clean/Ivers Community Challenge on 1 April 2023.
- **Ivers War Grave Working Group (12.3)**
£500 is applied for as a contribution to the costs of the working group to tend graves and lay remembrance wreaths in November 2023 for Iver parish residents who served for their country. Currently 16 graves are identified across St Peters and St Margarets graveyards.
- **Iver Village Infant School and Nursery (12.4)**
£1275 is applied for to fund a King Coronation Carnival Celebration on 5 May 2023, for the nursery and school children of the school including their immediate family.

13. KINGS CORONATION

To note that the sum set aside in the 2023/24 budget for events to mark the Kings Coronation is £2,500 and that, prioritising the imperative of limiting the tax burden on residents in a cost of living crisis, members chose this sum in preference to the £5,000 suggested by officers.

Further to note that the Facilities and Events Committee finds that its putative expenditure on events to mark the Coronation already exceeds the available budget. £400 is committed to the provision of “portaloos” at an event at Iver Recreation Ground on 8 May 2023 and a further £2,407 - £4,968 (depending on the choice of mug) is indicated as expenditure on commemorative mugs for school children. Additionally.

Council is asked to consider additional expenditure of £3,659.20 on winter hanging baskets and to identify additional budget to fund the same.

14. DATE, VENUE AND AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To note that when the calendar of meetings was set for the current civic year a date for the Annual Parish Meeting was omitted. By law the meeting must be held between 1 March and 1 June each year and Council is asked to consider when and where this meeting should be held in 2023 and what the keynote item should address. The agenda of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 7 March 2022 is attached at Appendix 14.1 for information.

15. CIVILITY & RESPECT – NEXT STEPS

To receive the slides of the bespoke Civility & Respect Training held on Monday 20 February 2023 and circulated as Confidential Appendix 15.1 (confidential because the content is only available on payment of a fee/subscription) and to consider the next steps the Council will take towards signing the Civility & Respect Pledge.

16. IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS