

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2023 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, Michael Sullivan, Paul Brooksby, Sam Bhachu, Mohinder Bhatti, Ciaran Beary & Graham Young (from 7.57pm)

Apologies: Cllrs Vishal Gupta & Paul Brooksby

Also present Louise Steele, Locum Clerk & Jeremy Day, Deputy Clerk.

396/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

397/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were present. The Chair declined to hear one member of the public on the grounds the subject raised did not relate to an item on the agenda and therefore was not in accordance with Standing Order 3e. There was therefore no public participation.

398/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on the 23rd November 2022 were agreed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair and put in the minute book.

399/22 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

The Chair updated the committee with progress made in the application for funding. He stated that the Grant Offer Letter under the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme had been received from the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). The grant offered is £23,900. Following a discussion various questions were raised and comments made. A question was raised concerning whether the electricity supply was to be three phase or single phase and officers were unable to clarify. Cllr Michael Sullivan accused the officers of not doing their jobs properly. The Locum Clerk pointed out it was clear that the charging points were to be 7Kw and apologised for not know the distinction between three phase and single phase.

Cllr Beary highlighted that the delivery of charging points in The Ivers met with the objectives set in relation to the declaration of a climate emergency in 2021 by the Parish Council.

It was explained that the committee needed to agree and a recommendation to be considered by an extraordinary meeting of the full council which was scheduled for after this committee meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that the recommendation should read as follows:

That Full Council should:

- i. Accept the grant offer letter received from the Office of Zero Emissions Vehicles
- ii. Accept the hosting agreement between The Ivers Parish Council and
- iii. Authorise the Locum Clerk to sign each of the aforementioned documents.

400/22 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.

The Deputy Clerk updated the meeting on progress made regarding inspection of the netting structures at Iver Heath Recreation Ground. There was a delay caused by the recent bad weather.

401/22 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) AT RECREATION GROUNDS

The e-mail exchange between the Bucks Community Safety Team and the Deputy Clerk were shared. Following discussion, the Deputy Clerk took an action to contact the Safety Team and offer them an opportunity to join an informal online meeting to discuss matters and share ideas to help with the ASB in that forum.

402/22 STREETLIGHTS

The update report regarding the Streetlight Replacement Programme was received. The Deputy Clerk reported that in line with other activities, delays in acquiring parts was still an issue.

The Deputy Clerk updated the meeting on the chronology of the tendering process on via the Government Contract Finder. This confirmed the tendering process was opened on 29th November 2022 and the closing date was 5 pm Tuesday 3rd January 2023. He confirmed two tenders were received, one from a prospective contractor and the other from the council's existing contractor.

Following a discussion on the detail received, it was agreed the Deputy clerk would re-review the tendering document and re-tender the contract via Contract Finder. It was noted that if the contract wasn't awarded in time for the end of the current contract with the existing supplier we would be in a situation where we would be engaging a contractor on a repair needs basis.

403/22 RECREATION GROUND USAGE SURVEY

Cllr Julie Cook updated the meeting concerning the survey. She advised she had been updating the survey with comments made during the last meeting at during the meeting itself and that the survey was available on the Cloud for other councillors and officers to view. She stated that she no longer had the capacity to progress this matter and that she had delivered a survey. She was thanked for her work in this exercise. The Deputy Clerk took an action to locate the survey and to distribute the document to councillors. (PDF & a hyperlink).

404/22 SAFE STREETS & PATHS SURVEY

Cllr Ciarán Beary apologised that there had been no more movement on this and that the item should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

405/22 FINANCIAL COMPARISON REPORT

The Financial Comparison Report to 18th January 2023 was received. The Deputy Clerk asked that after Councillors had reviewed the report ahead of the meeting any questions should be directed in advance so answers could be provided at the meeting.

406/22 DEPUTY CLERK UPDATE

The following report was received and noted from the Deputy Clerk:

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

407/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chair made reference to the progress being made in regard to the On-street Resident Charging Scheme that was discussed in detail at this meeting.
- Further, the Chair made reference that in excess of £75k in grants had been received recently for projects and this demonstrated progress in the work the committee is undertaking. Those involved, both Councillors and Officers were thanked for their involvement.

408/22 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

To ensure community involvement, reports should be available as part of the meeting process.

409/22 WEBSITE/PRESS RELEASES

On-street Residential Charging Scheme progress – following and decision made on the recommendation made to full council following this meeting. The Deputy Clerk stated that once more confirmed dates of the 4 streetlight Replacement Programme were available the website would be updated with the detail for residents.

The meeting finished at 8.24pm

Signed Chairman

Date