

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE JUBILEE PAVILION, IVER RECREATION GROUND, IVER.

Present: Cllrs Peter Kinchin, Julie Cook, Sarah Hutchins, Wendy Matthews, Peter Stanhope, Ciaran Beary

Also present Jeremy Day, Deputy Clerk.

478/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting received apologies for absence from Councillors Cllrs Adam Burke, Mohinder Bhatti, Sam Bhachu, Vishal Gupta, Michael Sullivan & Paul Brooksby.

479/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

480/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

481/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on the 25th January 2023 were agreed as a true record of that meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair and put in the minute book.

482/22 PLAY AREA ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE / PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The Action Plan and the Report concerning play area inspections from the Deputy Clerk was received and accepted and the progress made noted. Several of the RAG statuses will be changed to reflect the current progress of the cycle mounds to date.

483/22 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) AT RECREATION GROUNDS

The notes of the video conference meeting were received. Following discussion the Deputy Clerk was asked to follow up on the actions from that meeting and report these back to the next meeting. The Deputy Clerk, working in-conjunction with the Safer Neighbourhood team, will research appropriate signage regarding behaviour at the Recreation Grounds.

484/22

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 work at Iver Heath Recreation Ground was completed and the whole infrastructure including timers had been replaced.

485/22

ST LEONARD'S MOUND – TREE SURVEY

The survey report was received. The Deputy Clerk confirmed the tree that had been highlighted as the highest risk had been dealt with as a matter of priority and was due to be felled by the end of March. The survey report was produced as per the specification but further clarity of the disease position should be investigated. The medium risk trees should be further prioritised. Following a discussion concerning the risk to members of the public and staff concerned with maintaining the area

it was **Resolved** that:

The area be closed off to the public as soon as is practicable using Heras fencing and appropriate signage to indicate it's closure and the risk of falling trees and branches.

486/22

RECREATION GROUND USAGE SURVEY

Cllrs Kinchin and Hutchins provided an update on the progress being made and the work with the Office to produce the final draft to be brought back to the next meeting.

487/22

SAFE STREETS & PATHS SURVEY

Cllr Beary apologised that there had been no more movement on this. The Officers will continue to work with him to progress this.

488/22

DATA COMMUNICATION BOXES – COMMUNITY MURALS

The report of the Deputy clerk was received, and he was asked to find out further information including the process to contact the owners of the boxes.

489/22

COUNCILLOR ADOPT-A-NOTICEBOARD

Following a discussion, a number of Councillors volunteered to work with the Officers to assist to place notices on Noticeboards including Agenda's for meetings at times when the officers were under pressure. It was noted this was particularly helpful whilst the team were understaffed. A concern was raised concerning custom and practice where any members of the staff had

this activity as part of their Job Description. The Deputy Clerk advised he would check but didn't see an issue and would liaise with our HR Advisors for any relevant advice or guidance.

490/22 FINANCIAL COMPARISON REPORT

The Financial Comparison Report to 14th March 2023 was received.

491/22 DEPUTY CLERK UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk highlighted that with the current workload generally within the office time hadn't allowed for an update to be produced but the Tracker would be updated and published via SharePoint.

492/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Tesco Community Grant of £1,000 has been accepted and Jem is just waiting on a bit more information from Tesco in order to proceed.
- All the documentation concerning the charging points has been signed and submitted after the extra-ordinary and we are awaiting the next steps on this.
- Two members of the Parish Staff Team are now RPPI accredited Operational Outdoor Play Equipment Inspectors for 3 years before re-examination.
- The Bus Shelter on Iver High Street by the School was successfully replaced without any hitches and the Deputy Clerk worked with the Council's insurers and their solicitors to recover the cost and the excess paid on the claim has been returned as part of that process.
- The War Memorial at St Peter's Church has been professional cleaned and inspected today by an approved specialist. A condition report will be received but it is understood it is in very good condition.
- The new noticeboards for both Recreation Grounds have arrived and were installed by the team at the end of January and are now in use.

493/22 IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFECTIVENESS

494/22 WEBSITE/PRESS RELEASES

To thanks the community for their support of the Tesco Community Grant over the Christmas period by voting for our activity and to announce the Parish Council scheme came second receiving £1,000.

The meeting finished at 8.29pm

Signed Chairman
Date