# Minutes of Ivinghoe Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr K Groom (Chairman), Cllr C Bamber (Vice Chair), Cllr A Dicker, Cllr S Bexson, Cllr A Stone and Cllr Roach.

Bucks County Councillor A Wight, AVDC District Councillor C Poll and AVDC District Councillor D Town and AVDC District Councillor S Jenkins.

Thames Valley Police Police Community Support Officer J Dodson. Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Cllr P Brazier.

Bridget Knight – Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr S Lott.

5 members of the public.

Items on			
Agenda C/272/18 Public Question Time	272.1 272.2	A local business owner asked a question about the Town Hall which was deferred to point 13 of the agenda later in the meeting.  A local resident asked a question about the Town Hall, which was discussed later in the meeting.	Clerk
C/273/18 Attendance and Apologies	273.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Lott.	Clerk
C/274/18 Declaration of interest	274.1	None.	Clerk
C/275/18 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting	275.1	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
C/276/18 To receive reports from District and County Councillors	276.1	Bucks County Councillor A Wight gave her report which is available as an appendix to the minutes. The report covered: Local Government Reorganisation, School transport consultation – this includes the proposed removal of the Ivinghoe promise, Bucks CC Budget Consultation and Remembrance Day Services and events. Also reports about 'Don't Pay Twice' - a Transport for Buckinghamshire campaign which aims to encourage staff, Local Area Technician's, operatives, Members, Parish Councils, bus drivers and the general public to report damage to the highway asset which they might be witness to. Adult Social Care Consultation.	Clerk
	276.2	Aylesbury Vale District Councillor Jenkins spoke about single unitary council decision and explained further information will become available next week, this is a process that was initially discussed in 1996.	
	276.3	Aylesbury Vale District Councillor C Poll said there should be further news about unitary after Tuesday and a meeting.	

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	276.4	Aylesbury Vale District Councillor D Town suggested the unitary could delay the District and Parish Council elections by a year. Further information should be come available over the next few weeks.	
C/277/18. Thames Valley Police PCSO Jackie Dodson	277.1	Thames Valley Police Community Support Officer Jackie Dodson spoke about the Post Office robbery and reported there has been a lot of commercial businesses being targeted including Edlesborough Post Office and last night the Florist in Edlesborough. Also, Ivinghoe Aston has seen an increase in crime mainly vehicles broken into in the beauty spots. There is a gang from Wycombe travelling to this area anytime of day/night to commit crimes. The Chairman mentioned that a car has tried to drive through the bridleway from Ivinghoe Aston and has damaged and left it's roof rack on the bridleway. Edlesborough parish have continuously had break-ins and the construction sites and businesses are being targeted. The Chairman thanked Police Community Support Officer Jackie Dodson for looking after the parish	Clerk
C/278/18 Planning Applications	278.1	New this meeting: None.  Ongoing:	Clerk/ All
	278.2	18/03221/APP – 3 Church Road, Ivinghoe, Bucks, LU7 9EH.  Refurbishment, alteration and conversion of existing house/shop and outbuilding, with construction of a small single link extension, to form a 3-bedroom house.  No update.	
	270.2	18/03076/APP – Rose and Crown Public House, Vicarage Lane, Ivinghoe, Bucks, LU7 9EQ.  Conversion and partial rebuild of outbuilding to create self-contained visitor accommodation for existing Public House.  No update.	
	278.3	18/02732/APP – The Hound House, Grove Farm, Ivinghoe Aston, Bucks. Two storey and single storey rear extensions and internal alterations. Update: Approved by AVDC.	
	278.4 278.5	17/02020/ACL – Land at the rear of Handpost Cottage, Church Road, Ivinghoe. Continued use of the land for B8 storage and distribution purposes. The Clerk will write to the Planning Officer and request that a fence is erected and maintained around the perimeter of the applicant's land (shown by the red line) to stop his property from encroaching on neighbouring land. No update.	
		<b>18/01222/APP – Ford End Farm, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EA.</b> Erection of agricultural building. No update.	
	278.6	18/00777/ACL – Vicarage Farm, Great Gap, Ivinghoe, LU7 9DY. Continued use of Vicarage Farm for the operation of a commercial haulage enterprise, together with associated temporary storage of pallets. No update.	
C/279/18 Neighbourhoo d	279.1	Cllr Bexson said the polling cards have been issued to the residents and the parish council cannot talk about the referendum now which is being held on the 6th December. The Councillors thanked the Neighbour Development Plan team.	Clerk/ SB

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Development Plan			
C/280/18 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds	280.1 280.2 280.3 280.4 280.5	A vehicle has tried to drive on the bridleway from Ivinghoe Aston. The defibrillators are now installed and the doors working. Football goal – no update. Storage container on the Lawn – the parish council are trying to relocate, and discussions continue with Brian Rogers. Ivinghoe Aston Christmas Tree - a discussion took place about the purchase of a tree. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bamber and SECONDED by Cllr Groom and carried unanimously to purchase a 12ft Christmas tree for Ivinghoe Aston from local supplier Rogers & Sons.	Clerk SL/KG
	280.6	The parish council has received quotations for tree work on Ivinghoe Lawn from R Landers £1850 inc groundworks and T Wilson for £1319 + VAT (excluding ground works and skip hire). It was agreed to accept the quotation from Rob Landers PROPOSED by Cllr Dicker and SECONDED by Cllr Bamber and carried unanimously.	
C/281/18 Highways, Streets & Transport (to include	281.1	Cllr Bamber reported Ivinghoe Parish Council Speedwatch co-ordinators have demonstrated the Speedwatch to two parish councils and collected data from Mentmore Parish Council and Cllr Lott has trained Slapton volunteers. The Mentmore Chairman thanked Cllr Bamber.	CB/SL/ Clerk
Street Lighting & Speed Watch)	281.2	The Ivinghoe Road Safety (Ben Hamilton Bailee) feasibility scheme has been ordered by Bucks and the Ivinghoe PC contribution is less than expected at £9842.38	
	281.3	The Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston phone boxes are due to be removed this month.	
	201.4	The Chairman and Cllr Lott had meet with Electrical Contracting Ltd based in Acle about the transition to LED lighting, there is a 6-week waiting list for the survey. IPC expect the quotation soon.	
	281.5 281.6	Brownlow Bridge – no update.  The Chairman mentioned the church have asked whether we they could have a light located near the Church entrance, there did used to be a light located near the Church.	
C/282/18 Ivinghoe Car Parking	282.1	The council have received a complaint from a local resident about car parking on the footpaths. The chairman spoke to Thames Valley Police tonight about the car parking problem and anti-social behaviour. Ivinghoe Parish Council are not responsible for this and continue to lobby Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police to no avail so far. The Clerk will let the resident know and ask her to also lobby Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police.	KG
C/283/18 Allotments	283.1 283.2	Cllr Stone gave her report Plot 27 is becoming vacant.	KG/ AS/AD
C/284/18 Ivinghoe Rag Pits	284.1	No update.	Clerk
C/285/18 Ivinghoe Town Hall	285.1	Ivinghoe Parish Council have recently learned that the shopkeeper in Ivinghoe has given keys to WH Smith and the milk supplier who have been storing their deliveries in the lobby area of the Town Hall, this was unknown to Ivinghoe	Clerk

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4 Parish Council and not authorised. Ivinghoe Parish Council have meet with Bucks Estate Manager regarding this. Since the break-in at the Post Office the parish council were told that the shop keeper was going to install CCTV in the Town Hall lobby. The decision whether to allow the post office suppliers to store papers and milk in the Town Hall lobby is for the parish council, the parish council has already paid for the locks to be replaced following in the break-in and the CCTV is for the benefit of the business. It was agreed in line with our insurance advice that if the shopkeeper wants to give his suppliers access he must install CCTV in the lobby, it was stated the IPC could not justify spending public money on the CCTV when it is for the benefit of a business and not the general community PROPOSED by Cllr Roach and SECONDED by Cllr Stone and carried unanimously. 285.2 The residents of 9 High Street next door to the Town Hall have started using the Town Hall's alleyway for storing their items including a ladder, bins and a bike storage cupboard. Bucks CC who own the Town Hall have said this should be cleared. Ivinghoe Parish Council have written to the residents and asked them to remove their property, but it remains. The resident asked can he store his bins, he did say he has a garden with gated access where he could store his property including bins as the previous residents did and he has access to a lock-up in Pitstone to store other items including bikes if he doesn't want them in his garden. The chairman will seek legal advice on this matter and this will be discussed next month. C/286/18 286.1 No update. SB/ Village Green Clerk Status C/287/18 287.1 No update - Cllr Lott was absent from the meeting. Clerk Website C/288/18 288.1 Clerk's Report. BK Clerks Report C/289/18 289.1 Clerk Financial The following accounts were authorised for payment during the meeting: Matters, Payment of Accounts for Payment 6th November 2018 Accounts & Total Paid Payee Description Balances Patrick Stileman Ltd Ivinghoe Tree 22 Investigation £504.00 Aylesbury Mains Repair to streetlight opp Rose & Crown £106.08 Brian Rogers Reimburse TH expenses £37.28 £100.00 Brian Rogers Repair to Ivinghoe bus stop roof Clerk's Salary & Expenses £905.77 Bridget Knight Bucks CC Pensions Clerk's Pension Conibear Ltd Final payment - table tennis surfacing £2.098.00 Eon Street Light Electricity Oct 18 £141.39 **HMRC** PAYE & NI Oct 18 £122.54 Ivinghoe Old School Room Hire 6 November £16.00 **Grass Cutting** John Groom £220 Karen Groom Office Phone £22.38 Michael Roach Litter Collection - Oct 18 £100.00 Stephen Lott Reimburse TH Key cutting £131.03 £36.00 Stephen Lott Reimburse Plants - Ivinghoe Planters

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		Almar	Office Supplies		£72.62	
		Wicksteed Leisure	Playground Inspect	ions	£108.00	
		Concrete Sports	Table Tennis Table	& Install	£2,694.00	
		As at 05/11/18				
		Income:	Income:			
		Lawn Hire	£0.00			
		Beacon Adverts	£434.00			
		Allotment Rents	£435.79			
		Town Hall	£150.00			
C/290/18 Date of Next Meetings	290.1		phoe Old School Village Hub at 7.30pm: I <sup>th</sup> December 2018 and Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019.			Clerk
3		Meeting closed at 8.44p	m.			Clerk

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# From County Cllr Anne Wight November 2018

# **Local Government Reorganisation**

The Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, has decided that a brand new county-wide unitary council will be established in Buckinghamshire. The announcement by Secretary of State James Brokenshire has been hailed as a 'truly historic day' by County Council leader Martin Tett.

The new council, which will replace the county council and four districts, will be simpler, better value and more local to Buckinghamshire communities than the current two-tier system, ultimately moving to a more sustainable future for the county.

Services which complement one another but are currently divided between the district and county councils such as bin collections, waste disposal, planning and roads, would be brought together under the single unitary council, resulting in more efficient, joined-up services for residents.

The Secretary of State said in his statement: "Having assessed both proposals against the criteria that we announced to the House on 28 February 2017 (PQ 65271), I have concluded that whilst both proposals meet the criterion for a "good deal of local support", only the proposal for a single unitary council satisfies the criteria for "improving local government" and for "being a credible geography" and that in any event the proposal for a single unitary council is better able to meet the criteria overall.

"Accordingly, I am today announcing that I have decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the locally-led proposal to replace the existing five councils across Buckinghamshire – the two tier structure of Buckinghamshire County Council and the district councils of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe – by one new single unitary district council, and that I have decided not to implement the proposal for two new unitary councils."

The full statement of the Secretary of State can be found at this link:

https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-11-01/HCWS1058/

# **School transport consultation**

A ten-week consultation on planned revisions to Buckinghamshire County Council's home to school transport arrangements was agreed by Cabinet members on Monday, (22 October).

The consultation, which launches on Wednesday 31 October, will seek people's feedback on options for modernising the service to make it more sustainable.

The service, currently costing £15.1 million, takes more than 9,000 Buckinghamshire children to and from school. Of this, £12.7m pays for statutory provision, for children eligible for travel assistance. The remaining £2.4m pays for transport where the County Council has applied discretion and agreed to support young people.

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The Council says the level of spending is unsustainable and aims to use its limited resources to support those who need it most. The review of the County Council's transport offer would include:

- Improving the mix of council-provided and commercial transport to provide more flexible options and save money.
- Applying statutory requirements to all Buckinghamshire schoolchildren, which would include phasing out local free transport arrangements in Ivinghoe and Iver.
- Requiring parents of post-16 Special Educational Needs students to contribute towards their travel costs.

There would be no change to arrangements for more than 5,000 pupils who are eligible for free travel. Proposed revisions would apply to children and young people who are not eligible for free statutory hometo-school transport.

The finances supporting home to school transport are causing the county serious problems since costs are rising which requires BCC to look at how we can continue to get children to school safely. This might mean, for example, using public transport instead of dedicated school buses. In many cases public transport and school transport use the same routes. We are looking at a number of options to reduce costs, which limit the need to increase prices.

We would very much like to encourage feedback from residents on how best to implement the proposed options so that the future offer meets the needs of families, communities and schools. The aim is very much to make changes considerately in order to limit the need to increase prices.

As part of the consultation Mike Appleyard will hold 11 face-to-face meetings with those who use the service, and will also meet parents of SEN students. Results of the consultation will be reported to the County Council Cabinet in March before a final decision is made.

The dates for those face-to-face meetings are being finalized and parishes will be informed as soon as those are available.

# **Budget Consultation**

As many of our residents have definite views as to how and where they would like to see the county spend its money, the Budget Consultation is currently underway and we would like to encourage as much resident participation as possible. Everyone living or working in the county is encouraged to take part.

The short consultation can be completed online at <a href="https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget2019">www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget2019</a> until the closing date of 14 November.

People without access to the internet or a computer can complete the survey at their local main library, where staff will be happy to help residents complete it online. These are Amersham, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Chesham, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Marlow and Princes Risborough.

#### **Remembrance Day Services and Events**

Sunday 11th November 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War One, a passage of history that took its devastating toll on a whole generation of men, women and children across the globe.

In Buckinghamshire we will join with communities up and down the country in remembering the impact of the war and the individuals who took part. A range of events is planned for the day organised jointly by the county council, district, town and parish councils, the Royal British Legion, our local Armed Forces communities and other partners.

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Local residents are invited to come out and show their support and appreciation at church services, parades and other events. In Aylesbury proceedings start at 6am with a lone piper sounding out the tune of The Battle's O'er at the War Memorial in Market Square. The usual Remembrance Day Service and Parade will take place at 11am and a special church service will take place at St Mary's Church at 5.30pm.

From 1pm to 4pm a special free event is taking place at The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury. Suitable for the whole family the event will transport you back to the World War One era with live music from bands including The Halton Military Wives Choir, J's Joyful Divas, The Buckinghamshire Band of the Royal British Legion and The Rockabellas. There will also be the chance to sample a ration style lunch and view artefacts and photos from Buckinghamshire during the war.

Although the Gateway event is free, tickets must be obtained in advance. You can book your free tickets online at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/wwi-event. Alternatively drop into the Royal British Legion pop in shop in Aylesbury High Street or pick up tickets from the Main Reception at the AVDC offices at The Gateway.

At the end of the day a bugler will sound out The Last Post at 6.55pm. Following this a Beacon of Light will be lit in Market Square at 7pm as the bells ring out for peace at St Mary's Church at 7.05pm.

The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies will shortly be launching a special website dedicated to telling the stories of the men and women of Buckinghamshire who fought during World War One. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers, the stories of more than 200 people involved in the war effort have been painstakingly researched and recorded for posterity. Staff from the study centre will have displays and information to view at the afternoon event.

HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, explained the importance of commemorating this key date in history. He said: "In our world today it is very easy to forget the past. What happened 100 years ago can seem irrelevant in today's day and age. However we owe so very much to that generation and the brave efforts they went to in order to preserve our freedom is something that must never be forgotten.

"I would like to invite all our residents in Buckinghamshire to take just a moment to reflect on this. Come out on Sunday 11th November and show your appreciation and support. Whilst it is a time for sorrow and reflection on the many lives lost, we must also treat it as a celebration of the efforts of all those involved and give thanks for their bravery and fighting spirit.

"Our event at The Gateway is one such way to show your support. It is completely free and will appeal to all generations." Please do take a look at the link below for information on the free events in Aylesbury for the commemoration.

www.buckscc.gov.uk/wwi-event

#### **Don't Pay Twice**

'Don't Pay Twice!' is a Transport for Buckinghamshire campaign which aims to encourage staff, Local Area Technician's, operatives, Members, Parish Councils, bus drivers and the general public to report damage to the highway asset which they might be witness to.

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# What does this mean?

When we talk about the asset, we are referring to things such as bollards, street lights and signs on the highway. When a member of the public damages the asset, we need to be made aware of this as soon as possible so that we can repair it and make the area safe as soon as possible. We also need to know about any damage so that we can make a claim against the person who caused the damage.

A good example of this would be if you saw somebody drive into a bollard and subsequently knocking it over. Another example is fly tipping on the highway.

# What should you do?

If you are a witness to someone damaging the highway asset, you should take a photo and report the incident using this link page: <a href="https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/dont-pay-twice/">https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/dont-pay-twice/</a>

If you're unable to take a photo, you should still report it to us with as much detail as you can.

When trying to take a photo it is important not to put yourself in any confrontational or dangerous situations and to keep yourself safe at all times.

Once submitted, your report will be reviewed by the TfB Green Claims Team. If required, you may be sent a Witness Statement form to provide further details.

# What the 'Don't Pay Twice!' campaign doesn't include

The 'Don't Pay Twice!' campaign is the chance to report damage to the asset to us. It should not be used to report highway defects, such as potholes, resurfacing issues or a street light that's gone out. These can be reported via Fix My Street

#### **Adult Social Care Consultation**

# Overview

BCC is consulting on proposals to change the amounts we charge for some social care services. The charges ONLY apply to people who can afford to pay the full cost of their care or part of the cost. We are interested in hearing from Buckinghamshire residents who use adult social care services, their families and carers. As well organisations that provide adult social care services or support users, their families and carers.

#### **Dates**

This consultation is open for responses from 15 October until 10 December 2018.

# Background

Every year, we look at what we charge customers for social care services to make sure we receive enough money to pay the bills for these services.

To decide who should pay the charges we ask customers to tell us about their income, savings, investments and expenses. This is so we can decide whether or not they will be asked to pay towards their care costs. In simple terms, these are the rules:

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- If you have less than £14,250 in savings and investments, we will only look at your weekly income to decide if you have to pay anything towards the care you receive
- If you have between £14,250 and £23,250 in savings and investments, we will look at this amount as well as your weekly income to decide how much you need to pay towards the care you receive
- If you have £23,250 or more in savings and investments, you will be asked to pay the full charge for the care you receive.

Also, the Department of Health are changing the national minimum rate for some adult social care charges and this will affect the amount we need to charge some of our customers from April 2019.

#### **Further Information**

For more advice and guidance you can visit the following websites:

Care Advice Bucks <u>www.careadvicebuckinghamshire.org</u>

Eligibility for support

Finance and paying for care
Independent financial advice

http://bit.ly/2wO6GJa
http://bit.ly/2wPoh1K

#### How to have your say

Please complete our short online survey at this link: <a href="https://www.research.net/r/ASCcharges2019-20">https://www.research.net/r/ASCcharges2019-20</a>

Paper copies are also available for download on the BCC website.

# **Early Help Consultation**

Just a reminder that the Early Help Consultation launched on 4 October and will run for 10 weeks.

There will be three options which are being considered, and your views will be especially important to help BCC make the best choice to help families in need of early intervention and help.

For more information, please consult this link on the website:

https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/improving-early-help-services-for-children-young-people-and-families/consultation-process/

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