

**Ivinghoe Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Present: Councillors K Groom (Chairman), C Boersma, B Dale, R Benton

Mrs Maxine Hayes- Clerk

3 members of the public

Items on Agenda		Action by
1. To receive Register of Interests and Declaration of acceptance of office from all councillors.	The Clerk received the Register of Interests and Declaration of Acceptance of office for all members.	Clerk
2. To elect Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to elect Councillor Karen Groom as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year.	
3. To elect Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to elect Councillor Christabel Boersma as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. The Declaration of Acceptance of office as Chairman was received.	
4. Division of Roles and Responsibilities	It was agreed that several new responsibilities including a HR/Finance committee and NDP Group should be added to the list. Several of the other roles and responsibilities could be amalgamated into one role. It was agreed that when the Council had co-opted to fill the vacancies the roles and responsibilities would be allocated.	Clerk
5. Attendance and Apologies	No apologies were received.	Clerk
6. Declarations of Interest	None.	
7. Co-option for 3 remaining places on the Parish Council following uncontested election	The Clerk would advertise the remaining 3 places on the Parish Council and this would be discussed at the June PC meeting.	Clerk
8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors	No report.	
9. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman with the following amendments: Agenda item 4 – to read “District Councillor C Poll apologised that he had been unable to attend the last two meetings of the Parish Council. He reported on the Vale of Aylesbury Plan and reported that John McGinty was leaving the District Council to take up another post. He reported that Broadband has an improved chance of coming sooner due to a new supply company to be established by AVDC in partnership with an already established provider”	Clerk
10. Planning Applications	<p>The following applications were discussed and decisions made:</p> <p>14/03283/AOP Land at Station Road, Ivinghoe – Revisions to original application for 40 dwellings – <b>Ivinghoe Parish Council objects to the amended plans for the reasons stated below and the reasons raised in the original comments to this planning application</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Re-submission of original comments</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please find attached our original comments which still stand</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Conservation Area under review</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please find attached a copy of the DRAFT Conservation Area Review for Ivinghoe village as prepared by AVDC Conservation Officer Freya Morris.</li> <li>b. In Minutes from the Ivinghoe Parish Council Meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, minute number 031/14/8 voted unanimously to have the existing conservation area of Ivinghoe Village reviewed</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Clerk

- c. The planning application 14/03283/AOP is dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- d. This planning application post-dates the review of the conservation area and the planning application should therefore be considered to be premature and cannot be accurately judged until the conservation area review has been completed
- e. The conservation area review is due to be considered by Cabinet shortly.

### **3. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- a. In Minutes from the Ivinghoe Parish Council Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> October minute number 034/14/5 voted to proceed with preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- b. The first meeting of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) steering committee, chaired by Andrew D Kinsey a local resident, took place in December 2014.
- c. The work of the group is proceeding and NDP consultants have been appointed to expedite and facilitate the process. The parish council was successful in the week commencing 4 May 2015 in securing the first tranche of NDP funding to enable the appropriate work and public consultations to take place
- d. This planning application post-dates the council's decision to prepare a NDP. This application should therefore be considered premature until residents have had the opportunity at the public engagement meetings and vote via a referendum.
- e. Mr Justice Lewis recently overturned Gladman Developments challenge to the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan. He said there was nothing in law which prevents Neighbourhood Plans going ahead in the absence of strategic policies. Nor is there anything to stop a Neighbourhood Plan that promotes sustainable development being approved in the absence of a local plan.

### **4. B488/B489 and Traffic**

- a. Ivinghoe Parish Council are dismayed to learn that Buckinghamshire County Council have not objected to this planning application, particularly in view of the fact that they have strongly objected to the application by Gladman Developments on the land immediately adjacent to the land proposed in this application.
- b. Ivinghoe Parish Council understands that both Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire County Council have drawn up proposals to downgrade both the Dunstable section of the A5 and additionally the A4146 and additionally imposing a weight restriction on the newly downgraded A4146.
- c. If these proposals go ahead the effect on the B488 and B489 which bisect Ivinghoe, will be to have a dramatic increase on the already increasing volumes of HGV traffic. Data recorded by a Mobile Activated Sign used regularly in Ivinghoe has provided evidence to show that traffic volumes on this small and very rural B road has increased by 20% in the last year.

### **5. Value of the land to the local community**

- a. Ivinghoe Parish Council would like to remind the planning officers that the land is of crucial value to the community, who up to the time of the initial planning application on this land had unfettered and undisturbed access to use this land. Further footpaths on this land have been maintained and improved by the parish council.
- b. As a result of views expressed by the residents of the village, Ivinghoe Parish Council applied for an were successful in having this parcel of land added to the list of Assets of Community Value, held by Aylesbury Vale District Council"

**Documents included with objection:**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC original comments to this application submitted 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015</li> <li>• Draft Conservation Area Review and proposed boundary changes map</li> <li>• MVAS data</li> <li>• Copy of relevant parish council minutes</li> </ul> <p>15/00070/APP – Well Cottage Ivinghoe Aston – Erection of pre fabricated timber granny annexe for ancillary use – <b>No Objections</b></p>	
11. Neighbourhood Development Plan	Andrew Kinsey gave a report to the meeting. He reported that the funding application for £2800 had been successful and this would be put towards the total cost of £8000 for the development of the plan. A one day workshop on 11 <sup>th</sup> June had been planned to look at consultation techniques.	
12. Renewal of Lease land at Ivinghoe Aston – Children’s Play Area.	<p>12.1 Councillor Groom reported that the renewal of the lease was not as straightforward as first thought. New laws had been introduced by Land Registry and more detailed checks of land ownership were required. It was agreed that this would be a cost to the Parish Council along with the legal fees. The total cost of the renewal would be in the region of £1200. It was PROPOSED (CB) AND SECONDED (RB) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED that the Parish Council should pay the legal fees including the land registry fees.</p> <p>12.2 The Clerk had received details of portable goal posts that meet the BSS requirements. The goals are very heavy but could be moved as they had wheels which would solve the problem of the goal area getting too muddy in wet weather. It was agreed to approach Aylesbury Vale District Council to see if there was any S106 money left that could be used to purchase the goal.</p> <p>12.3 It was agreed to look at making changes to the play area entrance to make it safer to access from the road and it was suggested that the gate could be moved further back from the road. The Clerk would seek quotes and bring back to the Council for further consideration.</p>	<p>KG/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13. Highways, Streets and transport (to include Lighting, Speed Watch, MVAS and LAF updates)	<p>13.1 It was reported that the light by the speed bump outside the Kings Head was now working.</p> <p>13.2 Councillor Dale reported on the recent LAF meeting that had been called to discuss HGV,s and Speeding. Discussion had taken place at the meeting on the downgrading of the A4146 and the A5. The Parish Council agreed to make the following comments:          “We are aware of a proposal by Herts CC to downgrade and weight limit the A4146. This does not appear to be, necessarily, a bad thing for residents living alongside the A 4146. However no consideration seems to have been applied to the residents of the roads which will carry an increased and heavier traffic load as a result of the weight limiting of the A 4146. In particular the roads through Ivinghoe, already carrying inappropriate traffic for such confined carriageways will be adversely affected.          Should the downgrade and weight limit to the A4146 go ahead we propose that a down grade of the B488 should be applied together with a weight limit to the Whistlebrook and/or Canal bridges. Although not an item ostensibly for our Neighbourhood Development Plan any downgrade and weight restriction on the A4146 will be raised in this context as it has significant infrastructure implications. The benefit of the weight limit in a specific location is that heavy traffic will still be able to use the B488 from either end but not cross the canal. This would then be an easy matter for the local residents to police. I strongly request that Bucks CC do not agree or respond to the Herts CC proposals regarding the A4146 until the effects of increased traffic on roads in Bucks has been properly considered and we request forcefully that Ivinghoe Parish Council is party to such discussions. We have also learned about the proposed de-trunking of the A5. This is possibly an attempt by Beds CC to reduce their maintenance costs on this road rather than any other purpose. However, this proposal could also have adverse effects on the routing of traffic through Bucks and any attempt to carry out this de-trunking should be resisted until Beds CC have established the probable effects on other roads outside their own county boundaries.”</p> <p>13.3 No response had been received from PC Duthie Thames Valley Police following the Parish Council letter of 24<sup>th</sup> March and the Clerk agree to chase this.</p> <p>13.4 Councillor Dale had written three times to the County Council over the increased number of heavy vehicles using the B488 and the damage being caused by the vibrations to the old buildings alongside the road. He had received no response. The Parish Council would write and chase this matter.</p>	<p>BD</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14. Allotments	<p>14.1 It was reported that the new gate and steps had been completed.</p> <p>14.2 Councillor Groom reported that she had received several requests for dog owners to be able to take their dogs on leads to the allotments. Dogs on leads were generally allowed on most allotments.</p>	Clerk



