

## IVINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Ivinghoe Old School, Village Hub at 7.30pm

#### **In attendance:**

Chairman Cllr Karen Groom, Vice Chairman Cllr Claire Bamber, Cllr Sheena Bexson, Cllr Andrew Dicker, Cllr Stephen Lott and Cllr Pat Roach.  
Bucks County Cllr Anne Wight, AVDC District Cllr Derek Town, AVDC District Cllr Sandra Jenkins and AVDC District Cllr Chris Poll.

Apologies were received from Cllr Anna Stone.

Bridget Knight – Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

9 members of the public.

#### **C/148/19 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

#### **C/149/19 Public Question Time.**

A question had been submitted from a member of St Mary's PCC enquiring about the installation date for the light outside of the Church. The clerk has replied.

A member of the public asked whether the parish council supports a weight limit across the Brownlow bridge and through the surrounding area. The Chairman said that herself and 3 other Councillors attended a confidential meeting about this, and the information is not in the public domain. The Chairman gave her personal view and explained the council will need to take a decision on whether the council agrees with the proposal from Bucks CC once this is available.

A member of the public asked whether this was a public meeting, the Chairman explained that the Freight Strategy Meeting was not a public meeting and that the Bucks CC Freight Strategy Officer must take the proposal to the Cabinet at Bucks CC, which will be followed by a public consultation.

Cllr Dicker confirmed that the parish council was copied in on the emails from the members of the public and that the members of the community understand farmers concerns and need for access. Cllr Dicker asked whether the parish council will email the Freight Strategy Team to support the resident's emails. The parish council will respond to the consultation when it is available.

AVDC District Councillor Poll explained that the weight limit is now sending the HGVs through Cheddington High Street. All the surrounding villages have the same problem. Cllr Poll explained that Ivinghoe parish council has worked historically with the Freight Quality Partnership for several years.

A member of the public commented that the argument that the weight limit pushes the HGVs to other villages is understandable. The resident expressed the view that the HGVs will need to use the A roads that were designed for the HGVs.

Bucks County Councillor A Wight confirmed the proposals are not in final form, they need to be approved by the Cabinet before they can be released to the public. Then a public consultation process will be undertaken.

Vice Chairman Bamber confirmed that the council has been working on this project for many years and both herself and the Chairman have attended all the meetings about this.

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The Chairman explained Graham Hiliary the Bucks CC Freight Strategy Officer has worked very hard since his appointment and has worked with neighbouring councils and visited businesses.

AVDC District Cllr Jenkins explained that the Ivinghoe PC have represented the community of Ivinghoe very well over several years.

**C/150/19 Attendance and Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stone.

**C/151/19 Declaration of interest.**

None.

**C/152/19 To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**

Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight gave her report which included an update about Bucks school transport. Last week was National Recycling Week and Mental Health Awareness Day is 10<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Wight reported the London Luton Airport consultation was disappointing as the proposed flight paths were not available. The consultation should start on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

AVDC District Councillor Chris Poll explained there will be a new Conservative Party candidate when the Speaker resigns. There was a meeting about the proposed motorway expressway, AVDC does not support this new motorway with environmental concerns. AVDC does support the proposed rail link. The proposed motorway could be just north of Leighton Buzzard or further towards Milton Keynes. The implications for the parishes are quite significant if there is a motorway nearby with extra traffic, bridge strengthening etc. AVDC is working to be carbon neutral before 2030 and will express their desire to the new Buckinghamshire Council.

AVDC are offering grants for tree planting in the vale, money will be available to help with litter picking etc.

AVDC District Councillor Sandra Jenkins explained two young children from local schools gave a presentation about litter and single use plastics. When Unitary is established there will be community hubs and the Beacon Library has been identified as a potential site. The council strategy regarding telephone systems and website is progressing well.

**C/153/19 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**C/154/19 Planning Applications:**

19/03238/APP - Conversion of redundant barn into 1 bed self-contained apartment. Removal of steel livestock frame and restoration of courtyard. Down Farm Stocks Road Pitstone Buckinghamshire HP23 5RZ. No comment PROPOSED BY Cllr Bexson and SECONDED BY Cllr Bamber and carried unanimously.

**C/155/19 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**

The bridleway is overgrown, Bucks CC Wight is talking to the rights of way team regarding the bridleway.

AVDC New Homes Bonus grant has been awarded for £54,505 to be used for improvements to Ivinghoe Aston and Ivinghoe Lawn play areas.

AVDC New Homes Bonus grant has been awarded for £10,000 to pay for Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub repair and replace of the flooring.

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The Chairman thanked AVDC for their support and the New Homes Bonus grants.

Woodlands Trust donation awarded: small hedge (30 saplings), medium year round colour (105 saplings), small hedge (30 saplings) and medium wildlife (105 saplings) which the council thanked the Woodlands Trust for.

**C/156/19 Highways, Streets and Transport.**

LED streetlighting project continues.

Ivinghoe traffic calming (BHB) feasibility study received with the 50% cost to Ivinghoe PC expected to be £83,500.

Cllr Bexson said that the residents at Lilac Farm and Six Acres have complained the lights are intruding onto their property. The comments were noted, and the feedback will be given to the light contractor.

Cllr Lott reported about a meeting with Bucks CC Streetlight Manager and there was some confusion over ownership of the lights. The light by Church View will be transferred to become a Bucks asset, all the lights on Church Road will be owned by Bucks CC. The parish council has received positive comments from members of the community who are pleased about the new lighting.

It was agreed to apply for LAF funding for the Ivinghoe PC Traffic Calming PROPOSED BY Cllr Dicker and SECONDED BY Cllr Bamber and carried unanimously.

**C/157/19 Allotment report and Update.**

Cllr Dicker reported the small vine area is looking neglected and the Chairman explained that this area is not an allocated plot.

**C/158/19 Poppy Appeal.**

It was agreed to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal for £15. PROPOSED BY Cllr Roach and SECONDED BY Cllr Bamber and carried unanimously.

**C/159/19 Ivinghoe Rag Pits**

No update.

**C/160/19 Website**

Between 150-200 people visit the website each month.

**C/161/19 Clerk's Report.**

The council has received a request for a Lawn Booking today for Sunday, because this was not allowing 7 days' notice it was agreed to refuse the booking.

WI bench for Ivinghoe Lawn has been ordered and should be delivered within the next few weeks.

Wicksteed submitted updated quotation for two roundabouts for the parish and the replacement of the surfacing at Ivinghoe Lawn at a cost of £30,000.

**C/162/19 Financial Matters, Payment of Accounts & Balances.**

The following accounts were authorised for payment during the meeting:

Payee	Description	Total Paid
Almar	Office Supplies (Inks)	£68.28

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BALC	Training	£82.20
Salaries	Salary & Expenses	£1,008.49
Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk Pension	£270.82
Chairman	Office mobile	£39.67
Eon	September Streetlights	£180.38
HMRC	PAYE	£114.95
Ivinghoe Old School	Room hire 01.10.19 & 02.10.19	£32.00
John Groom	Parish mowing	TBA
Michael Roach	Sept 2019 Litter	£100.00
RM Landers	Allotment Hedge & Lawn stump	£320.00

**Income:**

Ivinghoe Town Hall Rent	£150.00
AVDC Precept	£21,950.00
Allotment Rent(s)	£135.00
Lawn Hire	£230.00
Wayleave(s)	£80.00
HSBC Interest	£12.01

Balances at 30.09.19	
Community Account	£29,878.72
Main Account	£70,164.78
Beacon Account	£413.33
Total:	£100,456.83

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

**C/163/19 Date of Next Meetings.**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December both at 7.30pm Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub

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