

# Ivinghoe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.00pm

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### **PRESENT:**

Ivinghoe Parish Council Chairman Councillor K Groom, Ivinghoe Parish Council Vice Chairman C Bamber, Ivinghoe Parish Council Councillor, S Lott, Ivinghoe Parish Council Councillor P Roach and Ivinghoe Parish Council Councillor A Stone.

Buckinghamshire Councillors C Poll and A Wight.

Mrs B Knight – Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public.

### **C/109/20 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting.

### **C/110/20 Public Question Time.**

None.

### **C/111/20 Attendance and Apologies.**

Apologies were accepted from Ivinghoe Parish Councillors S Bexson and A Dicker.

### **C/112/20 Declaration of interest.**

None.

### **C/113/20 To receive reports from the new Unitary Bucks Councillors.**

Buckinghamshire Councillor Wight reported:

- Covid 19 – Buckinghamshire Council are encouraging people to get tested.
- Government incentive to Eat Out to Help Out August Offer.
- Community Boards.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Poll reported:

- Covid 19 – concerns over a potential second wave and he reminded everyone to stay aware and socially distance.
- Recent full council meeting with 200 members, the planning call-in process is under review for the former Aylesbury Vale District Council area.

### **C/114/20 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were correct and will be signed after the meeting.

### **C/115/20 Planning Applications:**

20/02148/APP | Refurbishment, alteration and conversion of existing house/shop and outbuilding, with construction of a small single storey link extension, to form a 3 bedroom house (Amendment to approval 18/03221/APP) | 3 Church Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EH.

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**C/116/20 Ivinghoe Town Hall.**

Councillor Lott updated reported the first phase of the Town Hall restoration has been complete and the second phase will start imminently.

**C/117/20 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**

- Bucks Rights of Way confirmed that they are responsible for cutting the grass on the Rights of Way, the landowner is responsible for the hedges and the fences. Bucks confirmed they only look after four footpaths on the cutting cycle. Ivinghoe PC will inform Bucks of the other footpaths that need to be included in the cutting cycle.
- The bridleway is clear.
- Woodland Trust trees – the Chairman and Vice Chairman will meet to plan the planting process for the autumn.
- Playground – Ivinghoe Lawn play area is very busy with an increase in litter. The Clerk read a question from Mr Swinbank ‘why is 90% of Ivinghoe Green’s ‘rubbish’ (which comes from people using the HUB café) is being stored fortnightly in the Town Hall back-yard instead of the HUB’s own rubbish containers?’ A discussion took place and the Chairman said the litter picker is doing an amazing job and it was PROPOSED to increase the litter picking rate by £25 per month PROPOSED BY Councillor Bamber and SECONDED BY Councillor Stone and carried unanimously.
- It was agreed to purchase two litter bins for Ivinghoe Lawn for £436 including Value Added Tax.
- Planters around the edge of Ivinghoe Lawn, the Chairman said that Ivinghoe Parish Council are waiting for Bucks to put a barrier by the BT box opposite the Kings Head. The Clerk ask Bucks if Ivinghoe Parish Council can put their own bollards in place.
- Wildflower Meadows – this will be added to the September parish council meeting agenda.

**C/0118/20 Ivinghoe Foodbank.**

The Chairman thanked Bucks Councillor Poll for his assistance with the Bucks Grant for the foodbank. The Chairman stated she was disappointed that the grant can only be used for PPE. Councillor Poll explained the reason for the restrictions on the grant.

**C/119/20 Highways, Streets and Transport (to include Lighting and Speed Watch).**

Councillor Lott gave a Speedwatch report and let the council know that Rob the TVP Volunteer has passed away and the council have sent it’s condolences to his family. Thames Valley Police have asked for Speedwatch to be put on hold as a new Speedwatch system is being launched which will be automated and linked to the police safety cameras and will be enforceable.

The Chairman asked a local resident to speak about his letter to Robert Smith, Bucks Director of Highways about dangerous parking on the double bend at the High Street, and the lack of safe crossing points. The problem of access from Groombsy Drive and Green Lane and lack of enforcement of the Highway Code Rules with the idea of painting double yellow lines on the bend. It was agreed that Ivinghoe Parish Council supports this idea. Bucks Councillor Wight confirmed that this needs to be confirmed by the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk to start the process. Bucks Councillor Poll asked if Transport for Bucks can use the information already obtained to reduce the costs of this project. The Parish Clerk will work with the resident to send the proposal to the Community Board. The local resident asked to join the Community Board, he was told by Bucks Councillor Wight that he could not join.

It was agreed to purchase shields for the LED lights at a cost of £172.80 plus VAT.

Brownlow Bridge – Bucks are due to start work to strengthen the bridge next month. Councillor Lott asked to work with Bucks on signage for the bridge closure. Bucks Councillor Wight asked Councillor Lott to send information to her.

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Bus Stop in Ivinghoe – complaints from resident about books obstructing the seats, the Chairman thanked the WI Chairman for her help managing the books.

**C/120/20 Allotments report and Update.**

An allotment holder has written to Ivinghoe Parish Council asking for the pedestrian main gate to remain locked. It was agreed at the last meeting to unlock the pedestrian gate, this will be monitored and reviewed at the next meeting. The council has received a request for a BBQ to be held for the allotment holders, the council requires further information and will ask the allotment holder to ensure they comply with the Covid-19 guidelines.

**C/121/20 Ivinghoe Rag Pits.**

Ivinghoe Parish Council has paid a contractor to clear the entrance to the Rag Pit Track.

**C/122/20 Report from Community Board.**

The Vice Chairman gave a report and stated the Community Board held it's first meeting and it went very well with Ivinghoe Parish Council putting a proposal forward for the around the 20<sup>th</sup> September meeting. Councillor Lott stated the agreed four priorities for the Community Board.

**C/123/20 Website/IT.**

The website has been updated; the planning portal is not working at the moment but will be fixed by Hugo Fox soon. The Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine is now available through the [www.ivinghoepc.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoepc.org.uk) website. It was agreed to put an announcement on social media that the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine is online only with a link to it.

**C/124/20 Clerk's Report.**

This was circulated before the meeting and there were no further questions. A report is being put together to send to Eon updating them of the LED lights.

**C/125/20 Financial Matters, Payment of Accounts & Balances.**

The following accounts were authorised for payment during the meeting:

Accounts for Payment August 2020 Meeting:

Payee	Description	Total Paid
Amazon	Office Supplies	£32.03
ASD Lighting	Shields	£172.80
Bucks Pensions	Pension Costs	£364.70
Chairman	Reimburse Office Phone	£41.17
Clerk	Reimbursement expenses	£29.76
Clerk	Reimburse BBWOT Course	£40.00
Clerk	Reimburse Bin Bags	£39.95
Eon	Streetlights July 20	£174.56
Glasdon	Two litter bins	£436.00
Grooms Ground Maintenance	Grass cutting - July	£465.00
LERC Online	Environmental Survey	£60.00
Litter Picking	Litter Picking	£125.00
Payee	PAYE Costs	£124.88
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£480.00
R M Landers	Ivinghoe Aston Playground Works	£216.00
R M Landers	Rag Pit Clearance	£336.00
Sparx	LED Streetlights Project	£10,913.40
Wave (Anglian Water)	Allotment Water	£42.69

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<b>Income:</b>	-
Source	
Lawn Hire	£30.00
BBWOT Refund	£30.00

<b>Balances at 03.08.20</b>	
Community Account	£26,637.57
Main Account	£53,229.83
Beacon Account	£1,102.47
Petty Cash	£0.00
	<i>£80,969.87</i>

**C/126/20 Date of 2020 Parish Council Meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December (to be held virtually using Zoom, until further notice).

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.