

Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 in the Old School (IT Suite), High Street, Ivinghoe.

Present:

Councillor K Groom (Chairman)

Councillors C Boersma, S Bexson, G Snowdon, C Bennett.

District Councillor C Poll

Mrs Maxine Hayes- Clerk

16 members of the public.

Items on Agenda		Action by
1. To receive questions from the public.	<p>(1) Keith Steer and Gayle Sturrock attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council for permission to site a storage container either alongside the Ivinghoe Entertainments container or on the patio area at the rear doors of the scout hut. They explained that the scout group was growing in numbers and they were running out of space in the scout hut. The container would help them to clear the hut of items and release more space for activities. The Parish Council agreed in principle to this but would hold a site meeting to agree the exact location.</p> <p>Keith Steen also informed the meeting that they are very short of scout leaders and need more volunteers to come forward and train otherwise they may have to close some of the sessions they were running.</p> <p>12 members of the public attended the meeting to raise their concerns and outline their objections to the Six Acres planning application in Ivinghoe Aston.</p> <p>Mrs Birch spoke on behalf of all the residents and outlined their objections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 objections so far had been lodged with AVDC • This was building into open countryside • Both of the immediate neighbours had objected to the application • This application would represent a 10% increase on the population in the village • Some of the proposed properties would directly overlook the gardens of nearby properties • The outline drawings failed to show how parking and access to the highway would be dealt with • They raised concerns regarding sewage issues – the current system cannot cope and increased capacity would put more strain on the system • They had concerns about regular flooding from the small stream on the proposed boundary which could get worse with the proposed building • The development would be clearly visible from public footpaths and the Beacon • Concerns over noise and light pollution <p>They finished by outlining the depth of concerns and distress being felt by local residents regarding this application and how it would affect the small hamlet that they lived in.</p> <p>They were thanked for attending the meeting and putting their views to the Parish Council for consideration.</p>	
2. Attendance and Apologies	2.1 Apologies were received from Councillors J Hetherington and P Miles.	Clerk
3. Declarations of Interest	<p>3.1 Councillor Bexson declared an interest on planning application 13/03476/AOP – Six Acres, Ivinghoe Aston Agenda item 6 and would not take part in the discussion or vote.</p> <p>3.2 Councillor Groom declared an interest in Agenda item 14 as her brother A J Groom had quoted for the grasscutting in Ivinghoe Aston. She would not take part in the discussion or vote.</p>	
4. To Receive Reports from District and County Councillors	<p>4.1 Councillor Poll informed the meeting about the proposed boundary changes in Aylesbury Vale. Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston would not be affected apart from gaining an additional district councillor Cory Cashman.</p> <p>4.2 He reported that a meeting was being held to discuss the rejected Vale of Aylesbury Plan and how they would be moving forward over the next 12 – 15 months. In the meantime they would have to use the 2004 plan as guidance on planning policy.</p> <p>4.3 AVDC would also be discussing the budget and Councillor Poll advised that all Parish Councils should think carefully about their precept and be mindful about keeping up with inflation. A graded increase over the next few years was much better than one large increase.</p> <p>4.4 He reported that an additional MVAS unit for this cluster was being considered by the Local Area Forum.</p>	
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th January 2014.	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th January were a correct record and were signed by the chairman.	

6. Planning Applications Report from Planning Committee	<p>The following applications were discussed and comments made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00130/ATP – Newland Lodge, High Street, Ivinghoe - Reduce two Maple trees by approximately 15% and to where previously pruned and cut back away from house; Pollard one Willow tree. No Objections Councillor Bexson outlined the various planning guidelines that the Parish Council needed to consider when looking at this outline application. The local resident's comments and concerns could be noted and acknowledged but the Parish Council could only object on planning grounds. <i>Councillor Bexson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.</i> • 13/03476/AOP – Six Acres, Ivinghoe Aston – Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except means of access and layout for the demolition of existing bungalow and triple garage and erection of nine dwellings with access and associated parking – It was PROPOSED by CB and SECONDED by GS and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is development into open countryside. Councillor Bennett requested to have her comments recorded in the minutes. She objected to the application on the grounds that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was building into open countryside • It would have an impact on the village and • It was over development of the site 	Clerk
7. Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scout Group	7.1 This item had been discussed under Agenda Item 1.	
8. Highways, Streets And Transport.	<p>8.1 Councillor Boersma reported on a meeting she had attended with Paul Roberts the new local area technician for the area. They had discussed new signs for the village the main purpose of the new signs being to encourage HGV drivers in particular to use the 'upper' road route rather than driving up/down Marsworth Road/Ivinghoe High Street. She circulated details of the signs which were approved by the Parish Council. Councillor Boersma would contact Mr Roberts to inform him of the approval.</p> <p>8.2 Details of the new Local Area Technician changes would be included in the homework pack.</p> <p>8.3 Councillor Boersma reported on the Freight Quality Partnership which was no longer operating and had not received any support from Buckinghamshire County Council. There had in fact been little or no support for the initiative and it would not be possible to continue. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Local Area Forum (LAF) to inform them that the money was being returned.</p> <p>8.4 As reported by Councillor Poll there was a proposal for an additional MVAS unit in this area and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support this and the additional cost of approximately £40 per annum for insurance and maintenance of the unit.</p> <p>8.5 Councillor Boersma reported that the Local Area Forum (LAF) meeting was being held on the 12th February and the Parish Council needed to submit their priorities for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that traffic continued to be a priority.</p> <p>8.6 Mr Dale had drafted a letter to Thames Valley Police regarding the data gathered from the MVAS unit. This had been circulated and was APPROVED by the Council to send. Councillor Boersma asked that it not be sent until her husband had finished the graphic analysis of the data which could be included with the letter.</p>	CB Clerk Clerk CB CB
9. Allotments	<p>9.1 Councillor Snowdon reported that the Winter clearing of the allotments had been done and the work on the new tap would soon commence.</p> <p>9.2 Councillor Boersma reported that she had received further training from Elke Hegarty and the new allotments page on the Parish Council website was now set up.</p>	
10. Footpaths, Bridleway, Trees and Playgrounds.	<p>10.1 Councillor Groom reported that she had spoken to Mrs Lord about the proposed improvement works to Middle Path. Mrs Lord kept the grass outside her house cut and tidied and was concerned about it being dug up during the improvements works. Councillor Groom had informed her that the grass verge was the property of Bucks County Council and the Parish Council could not guarantee that it would not be affected by the work.</p>	
11. Beacon Villages Library	<p>11.1 It was reported that the library was hoping to open additional hours depending on the training of volunteers. There would be a meeting of volunteers on the 15th February.</p>	
12. Beacon Magazine	<p>12.1 Councillor Boersma reported that the February issue of the magazine had gone to print and was an excellent issue with lots of interesting articles and information. The advertising information was almost up to date and there were several new advertisers.</p>	

13. Clerks Report/Items for Action Correspondence	<p>The following report was presented by the Clerk.</p> <p>Items from Previous Minutes:</p> <p>7.1 Discussion would take place under Agenda Item 8 on the LAF Priorities meeting taking place this month. 7.3 A draft letter had now been drawn up to send to Thames Valley Police for approval by the Council.</p> <p>13.1 Request from Pitstone for Ivinghoe to contribute to the vicars leaving event</p> <p>Pitstone Parish Council had approached the Parish Council to ask if they would like to make a contribution towards the leaving event for the Vicar. It was PROPOSED SECONDED and CARRIED to agree to pay £25. The Clerk would check that it was legally acceptable to donate this amount to the Pitstone Memorial Hall as a contribution from the Council.</p> <p><u>Files and Folders</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had ordered some box files and folders to complete the organisation of PC paperwork and this would show on the accounts for payment this month.</p> <p><u>Society of Local Council Clerks</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the membership fee was due and in the past 2 years apart from the Clerks magazine she had not received any help or support from the Society. All of the events and training were held in places like Oxford and South of the County and if you called with a query it would take several days for them to get back to you. The Clerk used the Bucks Association of Local Councils for all the legal advice guidance and training. They always respond the same day. The Clerk therefore recommended that the Council did not renew the membership and just subscribed to the magazine at a cost of £15 per annum.</p> <p>It was PROPOSED SECONDED and CARRIED that the Council would just subscribe to the magazine.</p> <p>13.2 Correspondence</p> <p>The following correspondence had been received and acknowledged or actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Wesley – Notice of LAF local priorities refresh workshop 12/2 – <i>noted</i> • A Davis – December factsheet on new Local Area Transport (LAT) structure – <i>noted and included in the homework pack</i> • Notice of Vale of Aylesbury Plan Inspectors findings – <i>noted</i> • Community Impact Bucks January and February e newsletters – <i>noted</i> • BALC – Details of HS2 and the petitioning process – <i>noted</i> • Thames Valley Police – Notice of public meeting 13/2 – <i>noted</i> • Bucks CC – Notice of road closures 17/1 Moat Lane, Wingrave – 28/1 Cheddington Road, Pitstone – <i>noted</i> • Beds Community Foundation – Notice of funding available for local groups (Ivinghoe qualify within the geographical area) – <i>noted</i> • Chilterns Conservation Board – January newsletter – <i>noted</i> • BALC – Notice of local government settlement – <i>noted</i> • Alice Fisher – Notice of AVDC February Meetings – <i>noted</i> • Transport For Bucks – Invitation to conference (dates March and April) and an invitation to submit priorities for the conference discussion – <i>noted</i> • Action Challenge – Notification of The Grand Union Challenge endurance event passing through the area on 28th and 29th June – <i>noted and included in the homework pack</i> • Details of New Homes Bonus – <i>Noted and included in the homework pack</i> • Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Aylesbury Vale – Draft Recommendations – consultation ends 8th April – Noted 																															
14. Financial Matters Payment of Accounts	<p>14.1 The following accounts and expenses were submitted and UNANIMOUSLY approved for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1702 1203 2077"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Salaries and Contracts</td> <td></td> <td>Clerks Salary, office expenses and litter clearance</td> <td>electronic</td> <td>£ 558.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amazon</td> <td></td> <td>A4 lever arch files, storage boxes</td> <td>electronic</td> <td>£ 33.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eon</td> <td></td> <td>Lighting</td> <td>d/d</td> <td>£ 72.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ivinghoe Old School</td> <td></td> <td>Room Hire Jan</td> <td>electronic</td> <td>£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bucks CC</td> <td></td> <td>Town Hall Rent</td> <td>electronic</td> <td>£ 150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Salaries and Contracts		Clerks Salary, office expenses and litter clearance	electronic	£ 558.25	Amazon		A4 lever arch files, storage boxes	electronic	£ 33.92	Eon		Lighting	d/d	£ 72.67	Ivinghoe Old School		Room Hire Jan	electronic	£ 15.00	Bucks CC		Town Hall Rent	electronic	£ 150.00	Income					Clerk
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Beacon Mag Adverts	£ 467.75				
Lawn Hire	£ 50.00				
Town Hall Rent	£150				
	£ 667.75				
Balances					
Community a/c	£ 1,661.94				
BMM a/c	£ 58,033.98				
Beacon A/c	£ 582.61				
	£ 60,278.53				

Councillor Groom declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

14.2 Two quotations had been received for the grass cutting of Ivinghoe Aston Play Area. After discussion it was PROPOSED by SB, SECONDED by GS and CARRIED that the quotation of £880 be approved and the contract offered to A J Groom.

14.3 It was reported that only one quotation for the replacement fencing for the Ivinghoe Aston play area had been received. This item would be deferred to the March meeting and further quotes would be sought.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th March 2014.

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