

Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Tuesday 7th January 2014 in the Old School (IT Suite), High Street, Ivinghoe.

Present:

Councillor K Groom (Chairman)

Councillors C Boersma, S Bexson, G Snowdon, C Bennitt and P Miles.

District Councillor C Poll

Mrs Maxine Hayes- Clerk

3 members of the public and PC Jackie Dodson.

Items on Agenda		Action by
1. To receive questions from the public.	<p>1.1 Lynn Marsdon attended the meeting to express her concerns over the planning application for the former Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel (13/02717) and the impact it would have on the High Street with no parking spaces being provided.</p> <p>It was agreed that this area was already a hazard with the number of vehicles parking and the heavy lorries using this road especially at school drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors Groom and Bexson would attend the Development Committee meeting on the 9th to speak and put the Parish Council objections and local residents were urged to write to the District Council with their objections before that meeting. Councillor Groom would take photographs of the traffic situation on this part of the High Street and present these as evidence of the existing problems.</p> <p>PC Dodson informed the meeting that the school had purchased bollards to try and stop cars from parking in hazardous positions and blocking driveways and these had been stolen.</p> <p>1.2 PC Dodson reported on the two most recent scams involving telephone calls to residents asking for money to release a family member from custody and informing them that their bank card had been involved in a fraudulent payment and asking them to cut it in half and give to a courier to be taken to the bank.</p>	<p>KG/SB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2. Attendance and Apologies	2.1 Apologies were received from Councillor J Hetherington.	
3. Declarations of Interest	3.1 None.	Clerk
4. To Receive Reports from District and County Councillors	4.1 Councillor Poll reported on the application for the Swan Inn, Ivinghoe Aston and the objections due to increased flooding and overlooking the nearby houses had been considered but the application had been approved.	
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd December 2013.	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd December 2013 November were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
6. Planning Applications Report from Planning Committee	<p>The following applications were discussed and comments made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes from Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2013 - Approved • 13/03176/APP - Town Farm, Dunstable Road Ivinghoe - Removal or variation of condition 5 of Planning permission 02/03380/APP relating to restriction of occupation to 28 days in any six month period. – No Objections • 13/03397/AGN – Town Farm, Dunstable Road, Ivinghoe – Erection of agricultural building for corn storage for arable farming. – No Objections • 13/02717 /APP – Former Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel, 35 High Street, Ivinghoe – Change of Use from Chapel D1 to 3 no residential dwellings C3 – Demolition and rebuild of lean to and single storey and two storey side extension – Attendance at Planning Development Committee Meeting Thursday 9th January 2014. – Agreed Councillors Groom and Bexson will attend. 	Clerk
7. Highways, Streets And Transport.	<p>7.1 It was reported that there was a LAF meeting on the 12th February to discuss priorities for the forthcoming year. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the February meeting to discuss further.</p> <p>7.2 Brian Dale reported that due to the very wet weather they had been unable to do any speed watch sessions in the past month.</p> <p>7.3 Councillor Boersma had not had time to draft the letter to Thames Valley Police regarding the</p>	Clerk

	data gathered by MVAS and Mr Dale agreed to draft and send to the Parish Council for approval.	BD
8. Allotments	8.1 Councillor Snowdon reported that a few trees had fallen due to the very windy weather and they had been cleared. 8.2 It was agreed to set up a separate web page for the allotments advertising vacant plots and an article would also be included in the Beacon magazine.	CB
9. Footpaths, Bridleway, Trees and Playgrounds.	9.1 Councillor Snowdon reported that the work to the trees on the Lawn had been completed and they were looking very good. 9.2 Councillor Groom reported that the mole on the play area in Ivinghoe Aston had been removed. 9.3 Councillor Miles reported a dead tree on the Lawn and it was agreed to get this looked at. 9.4 It was reported that the footpath from Maude Jane's Close was very slippery and it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and CARRIED that plainings would be laid on the path to resolve this problem. 9.5 It was agreed that the fence around the play area in Ivinghoe Aston needed to be replaced. It would have to be sheep proof fencing and it was agreed to get quotes to be discussed at the February meeting. 9.6 Councillor Bennett reported that the goal area in the play area in Ivinghoe Aston was always very wet and often flooded. It was agreed to look at how this could be resolved by building up the surface level or laying a plastic surfacing.	KG KG
10. Beacon Villages Library	10.1 Councillor Snowdon reported that the library continued to be very busy.	
11. Beacon Magazine	11.1 Councillor Boersma reported a good variety of articles had been received for the next issue.	
12. Clerks Report/Items for Action Correspondence	12.1 The Clerk gave the following report to the meeting: Items from Previous Minutes: 9.2 The Clerk reported that the swings in Ivinghoe Aston had now been repaired. <u>External Hard Drive</u> The Clerk reported that due to the large amount of data to be backed up for the Parish Council she had purchased a hard drive and storage case for Ivinghoe PC. This will now be kept in a safe place so that the data is protected should anything happen to the laptop. <u>12.2 Correspondence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K Jones – Notification of her leaving AVDC - <i>noted</i> • BALC – Notification that NALC are unable to respond to the Department for Transport (Dft) Parking Consultation - <i>noted</i> • Came & Co – Winter Newsletter - <i>noted</i> • A Hetherington – Request to quote for clearing vacant allotment plot – <i>he would be thanked for his offer and informed that the plot had been cleared.</i> • Notes from Parish Liaison Meeting 17/10 - <i>noted</i> • Community Impact Bucks Notice of Christmas Closure - <i>noted</i> • A Fisher AVDC – Letter regarding HS2 Petition Meeting 16/1 - <i>noted</i> • BALC – Briefing Note on EU Regulations on VAT for Local Authorities - <i>noted</i> • BALC – Notification of Christmas Closure - <i>noted</i> • J Harris – Acknowledgement of Parish Council comments for Pharmacy Application Appeal 17/1 - <i>noted</i> • R Pill – Details of letter received regarding Cambridge – Oxford Rail Link - <i>noted</i> • Bucks CC – Notification of Road Closure Moat Lane, Wingrave 12/12 - <i>noted</i> • Jonathan Haskell – Query re Footpath Ivinghoe to Northall Blocked – <i>reported to Bucks CC</i> • Chilterns Conservation Board – December Newsletter - <i>noted</i> • BALC – Nominations for Royal Garden Party – <i>it was agreed to nominate Councillor Groom.</i> • Local Council Review magazine – <i>circulated</i> • Letter from D Ball informing the PC that the paving slabs had been laid flat under the benches in IA play area and the broken goal post removed. The owners of the benches were happy for them to be adopted – <i>noted</i> Councillor Boersma gave a demonstration of Dropbox to the meeting. The Clerk would upload all relevant documents relating to Parish Council meetings, legal guidance notes and archive information.	

<p>13. Financial Matters Payment of Accounts</p>	<p>The following expenses and accounts were submitted and unanimously approved for payment:</p>				<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Salaries and Contracts</p>		<p>Clerks Salary, office expenses and litter clearance</p>	<p>electronic</p>	<p>£ 628.35</p>	
<p>Eon</p>		<p>Lighting</p>	<p>d/d</p>	<p>£ 72.67</p>	
<p>Astrope</p>		<p>Grasscutting IA</p>	<p>s/o</p>	<p>£ 80.00</p>	
<p>Lonsdale</p>		<p>Printing Beacon Mag</p>	<p>cheque</p>	<p>£ 415.85</p>	
<p>Caloo</p>		<p>Repair of swings IA play area</p>	<p>electronic</p>	<p>£ 234.00</p>	
<p>AVDC</p>		<p>Dog Bins April 2013 - March 2014</p>	<p>electronic</p>	<p>£ 690.31</p>	
<p>Income</p>					
<p>Lawn hire</p>	<p>£ 100.00</p>				
<p>Beacon mag sales</p>	<p>£ 7.00</p>				
<p></p>	<p>£ 107.00</p>				
<p>Balances</p>					
<p>Community a/c</p>	<p>£ 1,376.56</p>				
<p>BMM a/c</p>	<p>£ 59,031.50</p>				
<p>Beacon A/c</p>	<p>£ 357.84</p>				
<p></p>	<p>£ 60,765.90</p>				
<p>14. To approve precept for 2014/15</p>	<p>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and CARRIED to set a precept of £28078.00 for the financial year 2014/15. Councillor Boersma reported that as the Freight Quality Partnership had been closed Ivinghoe Parish Council would be asked to pay back the £5000 they were holding on their behalf.</p>				
<p>15. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th February 2014.</p>				

Signed.....

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