

## Ivinghoe Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.15pm in the Town Hall, Ivinghoe.

Present:

Cllr. Karen Groom (Chairman)

Cllr. C Bamber (Vice Chairman), Cllr. R Benton, Cllr. P Roach, Cllr. A Stone & Cllr. Lott.

Bucks County Cllr. A Wight, District Cllr. C Poll, District Cllr. S Jenkins & District Cllr. D Town.

Bridget Knight - Clerk

Speakers: Mark Averill Head of Highways - Bucks County Council and Cllr. Neil Blake Leader of AVDC.

PCSO Jackie Dodson.

26 members of the public.

Items on Agenda	
APM/17/01 Appoint Chair and Vice Chair	Cllr. Groom was appointed as Chairman PROPOSED BY Cllr. Bamber and SECONDED by Cllr. Roach. Carried unanimously. Councillor Bamber was appointed as Vice Chair PROPOSED BY Cllr. Groom and SECONDED by Cllr. Roach. Carried unanimously. Both Councillors signed the Declaration of Office.
APM/17/02 Attendance and Apologies	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Dicker. Apologies received from Mrs Jean Booth, Mrs Pip Jones, Mrs Dee Harrington, Mr Rikki Harrington and Mr Ian Martin.
APM/17/03 Declaration of interest.	None.
APM/17/04 Approve Minutes.	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
APM/17/05 Chairman's Report	<p>The chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the annual meeting especially the 26 members of the public which included people from the parishes of Pitstone, Slapton and Mentmore.</p> <p>The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Councillors and volunteers. The Councillors do not claim any allowances which allows the council to purchase equipment such as the play equipment. The Poor Lands Accounts will be available from the Chair or the Clerk. IPC Accounts are currently with the internal auditor and people should contact the clerk if they want to view them after the internal audit. The police report is available for people to view. The evening is a new format with written reports available. This year has been very busy with lots of planning and IPC have managed to get the Ivinghoe Old School and Town Hall registered as Assets of Community Value. The chair thanked the WI for 'yarn bombing' the village and there was an applause. The Chair thanked the WI for the lovely picnic bench which is well used already. The LAF have loaned Ivinghoe a new Sentinel safety camera, which was available for people to view. The Chair thanked Rod Wilson and Michael Hanbury for restoring the thatching hook at no charge. The war memorial will be cleaned and the lead lettering restored, we are waiting for the funding to be confirmed. The website is amazing and the Chair thanked Councillor Lott. Ivinghoe has a lot of beautiful trees in the parish and IPC have funded the tree work and have removed the ivy. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am there is a tidy up session for the village, in preparation for the Bucks Best Village Competition judging. The chair explained the roles and responsibility of the Councillors. The chair thanked Gloria Snowdon for managing the refreshments and welcomed and thanked PCSO Jackie Dodson and the two speakers.</p>
APM/17/06 Mark Averill Head of Highways Bucks County Council	Mark Averill explained his role within the council and gave the following presentation: What TfB do: Road repairs and maintenance, Street lighting, Gully cleaning, Winter Service, Road Safety Engineering, Soft landscape maintenance – except devolved parishes, Structures and Parking services.

Signed by Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Budgets for 2017-18	
Capital Maintenance Programme	£15M
Drainage maintenance	£720k
Streetlighting	£1.18M
Signals	£1M
Structures	approx £1M
Safety	£500
Footway	£1.5
Parking	£142k

Ivinghoe receives all of its services from Griffin Lane  
1 of 4 depots across the county

We operate a regime of highway inspections that is geared to the way the network is used. Busy dual carriageways are inspected monthly, quiet country lanes once per year  
Dangerous defects are repaired within 2 days on busy roads, 5 days on quiet culs-de-sac  
Non-dangerous defects within 28 days if budgets permit  
Defects are now categorised by a risk rating, so if a defect sits in the wheeltrack it will get a higher rating than if it is in the middle of the road.  
Our inspections are predominantly safety driven, they are not intended to serve as a service inspection

#### Capital Maintenance

Each County Councillor across the county has a list of schemes to choose from on the "local road" network.  
Strategic routes are dealt with centrally we mix and match our treatments to either extend the life of the pavement where possible strengthen the pavement where required over the summer we will be surface dressing (rural roads) micro asphaltting (urban roads), resurfacing and strengthening where necessary on the strategic network.

#### Specifics

B488 recent death – nothing to add as it is still subject to inquest  
Parking – Having spoken with the Parking Manager no issues have been advised in and around Ivinghoe.  
That's not to say there aren't any!  
Ben Hamilton-Baillie work has helped shape what the future of the village centre could look like. Further discussions are now needed to get the scheme out to consultation and construction  
HGVs – We are developing a strategy to deal with HGV's  
A workshop was held in Feb, Ivinghoe were present  
A further workshop is currently being arranged  
Too early to say what the outcome will be finally, but it is being worked on with the help of members and parishes.

Initial engagement events including a workshop attended by 16 parish councils and separate meetings such as with Pitstone PC. Key messages included:  
Wide spread issue of HGVs using inappropriate routes – desire to create a freight network map  
Desire for parishes and local communities to work with BCC to solve problems  
Some recognition that we are all a part of the problem (i.e. 23% all freight is food and drink, rise in online shopping and therefore LGVs)  
There are some good examples of where working with local freight generators can solve issues (i.e. FCC)

#### **What we are doing now:**

Engaging with TfB to help shape an freight map  
Working with the Freight Transport Association to learn about the most effective freight strategies in the country  
Planning future engagement including consultations and attendance at LAFs  
Input welcome at anytime: Sarah Gibson [sagibson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:sagibson@buckscc.gov.uk)

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	<p>Mark Averill was available for individual questions after the meeting and agreed to meet with IPC Councillors and visit Ivinghoe during the busy daytime.</p>
<p>APM/17/07 Public Question Time</p>	<p>Stephen Booth (Ivinghoe)  State of road at B488 from railway bridge at Cheddington to Horton, used by school buses.  From Leighton Buzzard for a 100 yards the hedges need cutting back. The sides of the roads slowly going into the ditches.</p> <p>Kate Holder (Horton)  A vehicle crashed into their house at night, between June and November the road is meant to be resurfaced – Mark Averill will check and let IPC know.</p> <p>Cllr. Benton (on behalf of IA residents)  Who should residents been reporting when HGVs travel through IA at 11 O'clock at night. Mark to consider, this was discussed at Freight Strategy.</p> <p>Bob Corn (Ivinghoe)  The possibility of yellow lines in terms of parking, what we need is designed parking which allows people to use the facilities in the village such as herringbone parking. The chair mentioned this will be discussed when Mark visits during the day.</p> <p>AVDC District Cllr. Jenkins  Is it possible to get the road transport plan for this year. Also, the TfB website isn't easy to use and negative. Mark Averill said we need to encourage people to report these and let people know when the issue will get sorted, even if it's not straight away.</p> <p>Lynn Martin (B488/Station Road)  Since Stoke Hammond bypass the roads are used as a rat run, suggests that one of the things you could do if put up signs that say do not follow your Sat Nav. Mark Averill said that would be part of the freight strategy and Paul Irvine wants this finished quite quickly.</p> <p>Mary Hyde (Great Gap) houses are shaking as HGV pass houses and residents scared of being run over when they leave their houses, cars overtake on the road and are very close to people outside of their houses. They have recorded speeds of 95MPH through Great Gap, no one respects the speed limit.</p> <p>Neil Gomm (Maud Janes Close).  The children take their lives in their hands crossing the road towards the school. Traffic is speeding both sides and the HGVs are going very fast also as they are going up the hill. Mark mentioned that it's about education and teaching motorists it's dangerous. There is a school sign there. Mark Averill said there are lots of tools available to get people to slow down but they get ignored. The only way to stop it is to restrict speeds in cars. Cllr. Bamber mentioned we need to treat speeding as socially unacceptable.</p> <p>Stephen Swinbank (Ivinghoe).  Spoke about people and pavements, he made a complaint three years ago to report pavement 11 – 23 High Street being very narrow and uneven. The council replied within 3 weeks and said the pavement is not in a bad condition yet, but no response following that.  When Mark visits during the day IPC will point out these points.</p> <p>Neil Blake (Head of AVDC)  Stated that these points are across all of North Bucks, he mentioned a local member designating a local road to be repaired, concerned that 2/3 of members live in the South so the roads in the North are not prioritised. How does money get prioritised across the county? Mark Averill is working with cabinet members to work out where they spend the money. There is a new website being launched specially for Parish Councils where they can report multiple defects.</p>

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	<p>AVDC Councillor Derek Town Does TfB integrate with Planning Dept and they are likely to approve the planning application on Cheddington airfield (CM/17/17) retrospective planning applications are normally approved. This is going against a judgement 10 years ago when it was refused. Mark Averill said they are all part of a team in the same building, it is an environmental issue and not part of his remit.</p> <p>Les Hyde (Ivinghoe) Comment regarding speeding can you park in unmarked car between 4-5pm in an unmarked car. PCSO Dodson said a colleague of hers did that today and took down the stats from that, she'll ask her colleague to do this.</p> <p>Sue Jones (Ivinghoe) While we need parking, we don't want yellow lines. Opposite Green Lane cars park on the bend and there have been many near misses there on the bend.</p> <p>District Councillor Jenkins said that IPC is very good and thanked IPC for their work and the Chairman thanked the Clerk.</p>
<p>APM/17/08 Cllr. Neil Blake Leader of AVDC.</p>	<p>Cllr. Blake commented how the District Councillors are a great asset to the parish councils. The VALP consultation will be available for public consultation during July, encouraged people to get involved with this. Plans for modernising local government and that a decision will not be made by the Secretary of State for Communities until after the General Election. AVDC has saved about £4-£5M through efficiencies and more services available through 'My Account' which allows users to find out information and the artificial intelligence will learn about individual households. Asked people to follow 'My Account' and use this service, everything is in one point and available. The technology that AVDC uses has been demonstrated at Westminster, and this digital technology could be rolled out to government and it could be a significant income to AVDC. More information will follow about this. Stephen Booth said he feels there should be a better liaison between AVDC and Bucks, Cllr. Blake said if it's 2 unitaries North and South then AVDC would take over the Highways for North Bucks. Cllr. Blake was available for questions after the meeting.</p>
<p>APM/17/09 Parish Council Accounts Precept Explanation and Breakdown</p>	<p>A draft set of accounts were available at the meeting. There were no questions.</p>
<p>APM/17/10 Meeting Closure and Refreshments</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 8.20pm followed by refreshments. A report was available from Thames Valley Police. There was a display about waste and recycling in the parish and a display about traffic issues and speeding and a slideshow was shown about the website.</p>

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