

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM

Committee Members Present: Councillors Ciarán Beary, Julie Cook, Vishal Gupta, Wendy Matthews and Peter Stanhope

In attendance: Nicole McCaig (Deputy Clerk for F&E).

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Peter Kinchin and Michael Sullivan

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were received from Members.
- b) No written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received.
- c) The clerk has previously granted two dispensations, to the end of the municipal year 2023-24 regarding allotments, to Cllrs Cook and Stanhope to ensure the committee remains quorate.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 7 members of the public (MoP) in attendance at the meeting (one joining at 7:04pm).

One MoP, representing the Allotment Working Group, reported that the working group had looked at allotment costs and compared them with other local authority allotments at the London Borough of Hillingdon, Slough Borough Council and Stoke Poges Parish Council.

7:04pm 1 MoP joined the meeting.

The working group has met twice and to enable like for like comparisons, allotment sizes were converted from m² to poles. Estimates of the parish council's allotment running costs were used.

1 MoP, representing the Iver Village Residents' Association, discussed using the Iver Recreation Ground for a similar event to the previous years. The MoP asked for volunteers at the event.

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MINUTES

The minutes of 1st November 2023 were considered.

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of 1st November 2023 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Stanhope reported that fire risk assessments have recently been completed at parish council properties. Following this, fire door remedial work is required at the Iver Heath Pavilion and a new fire door is required on the server cupboard at the office.

424/23

FINANCE

The Committee received the income and expenditure for the year to 19th February 2024.

RESOLVED:

- The Finance Report be noted as received by the Committee.

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COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

The Committee received the Action Plan.

RESOLVED that:

- The Action Plan be noted as received by the Committee.

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SUMMER EVENT – 13TH JULY 2024

The committee considered the request from the Iver Village Residents' Association (IVRA) to use the Iver Recreation Ground and Jubilee Pavilion for a summer event.

RESOLVED:

- To permit use of the Iver Recreation Ground for the IVRA summer event and use of the Jubilee Pavilion (for disabled toilet access and base for event organisers) on Saturday 13th July 2024.

427/23

IVER HEATH ALLOTMENTS – USE OF PLOT 33

The committee received the officer's report.

RESOLVED:

- Deputy Clerk to bring costs of weed suppressing membrane, for covering the plot while the committee takes further consideration, to the next meeting.

428/23

IVER HEATH ALLOTMENTS – USE OF PLOT 24A

The committee received the officer's report.

RESOLVED:

- To proceed with the recommendations within the officer's report.

429/23

IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ALLOTMENT LAND

The committee discussed potential areas.

RESOLVED:

- To request that land for allotments and funding for their ongoing maintenance is provided by all large-scale commercial developments i.e. data centres.

430/23

ALLOTMENT PRICING WORKING GROUP

The committee received the working group's report.

The committee discussed:

- The working group's proposal that concessions were not necessary within the proposed pricing structure.
- The minimum charge for an allotment is currently £30, not £45 as stated in the report.
- The need to remove the clause recently added to tenancy agreements regarding concessions.

Councillors thanked the working group for their work and report.

RESOLVED Deputy Clerk to bring the following to the next Facilities and Events Committee meeting:

- Pricing for any changes necessary to the allotments IT system to accommodate the proposed pricing structure.
- The parish council's actual allotment running costs.
- Income analysis of current versus proposed pricing structures.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT – 2023 UPDATE & 2024 DATE

- a) The committee noted that donations, totalling £84.50, were raised at the event, plus an additional contribution from Oakwood Estates, of £100, for advertising boards.

RESOLVED:

- To hold £184.50 in an Ear Marked Reserve to offset against the current years' event costs.

- b) The committee noted that the Iver Village Hall has been booked for this year's event on Saturday 23rd November 2024.

RESOLVED:

- Cllr Stanhope to inform the Iver Heath Village Hall of the provisional date.

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D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY BEACONG LIGHTING EVENT – THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024

- a) Cllr Stanhope reported that an event was being held by the Iver Heath British Legion.

RESOLVED:

- As previously agreed, to produce a new beacon top and loan the beacon and provide gas for the beacon lighting event.

433/23

JUBILEE PAVILION FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT

The Deputy Clerk reported that a letter, requesting that the parish council is released from the grant terms and conditions, was sent to the Football Association on 16th October 2023. The Football Association confirmed receipt of the letter on 6th November 2023. However, no further communication was received until today.

The Deputy Clerk reported that:

- The Football Foundation will not currently consider releasing the parish council from the Terms and Conditions of the grant as there is no sufficient justification for this.
- There are 8 years remaining on the grant Terms and Conditions.
- The Football Foundation insist the facility should still support football usage.
- The current under 17s team could become a men's team within two seasons and require use of the changing rooms.

RESOLVED:

- To explore the option of requesting a change of use.
- To invite the Football Foundation to a meeting for further discussions.
- To obtain a written statement from Delaford Colts regarding their future plans for the club i.e. setting up a men's team.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To exclude the Public and Press from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which will be discussed are considered to be confidential).

RESOLVED

- To exclude members of the press and public.

435/23

COMPENSATION FROM INSURANCE COMPANY

The Deputy Clerk reported that the parish council has received a further £350 compensation from the insurance company contractor following repeated delays in starting the repairs at the Iver Heath Bowls Club. The Deputy Clerk recommended the compensation be passed onto the Bowls Club as a gesture of goodwill.

RESOLVED:

- Deputy Clerk to pass the additional compensation, received by the parish council, onto the Bowls Club.

The meeting finished at 7:51pm

Signed Chair

Date