

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM

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

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr Ciarán Beary

ABSENT

Cllrs Peter Kinchin and Michael Sullivan

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Cllrs Cook, Gupta and Stanhope declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of the Royal British Legion (RBL).
- 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 was one member of the public (MoP) in attendance at the meeting representing the Allotment Pricing Working Group. The MoP read a statement from the working group who appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the pricing review and felt it was worthwhile. The MoP asked the committee to consider the mutual value of a standing allotment working group.

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MINUTES

The minutes of 28th February 2024 were considered.

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of 28th February 2024 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

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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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ALLOTMENT PRICING WORKING GROUP

The committee received the Deputy Clerk's report.

The committee discussed the Working Group's proposal, from the previous meeting, for a new allotment sizing and pricing structure.

A motion was tabled by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Gupta to:

- Implement the new allotment sizing and pricing structure from October 2025.

RESOLVED The committee moved to a vote and a motion was carried:

- To implement the Working Group's new sizing and pricing structure from October 2025.
- Deputy Clerk to write to allotment tenants to advise them of the change to their annual rent.

The committee then discussed how the council's allotment water recharge was calculated and if it would be possible to recharge individual water use per plot. However, it was felt this would not be possible without the installation of a water meter on each plot.

The committee then discussed the creation of a standing Allotment Working Group who could look at specific ideas and issues, such as the method of recharging for water.

A motion was tabled by Cllr Stanhope and seconded by Cllr Gupta to:

- Create an Allotment Working Group, with Terms of Reference and officer support requested via the Locum Clerk.

RESOLVED The committee moved to a vote and the motion was carried.

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IVER HEATH ALLOTMENTS – USE OF PLOT 33

The committee received the pricing for weed suppressing membrane for covering the plot.

RESOLVED:

- Deputy Clerk to proceed and to request the support of the Grounds Team via the Deputy Clerk for Open Spaces.

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

Cllr Stanhope reported that the event would be run by the Royal British Legion Branch with use of the club facilities and adjacent Pinewood field. Details of public liability insurance (to cover the use of the parish council's gas beacon) will be provided by Cllr Stanhope.

The committee discussed how the parish council could further support the event.

RESOLVED Deputy Clerk to:

- Purchase a D-Day flag (up to the value of £50), to be flown at the parish council's offices during week commencing 3rd June 2024.
- Purchase lamp post signs for the Iver Heath and Iver recreation ground car parks, plus two for the RBL club gates.
- Purchase a banner advertising the event (up to the value of £250), to be displayed at the parish council's offices.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT – 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

The committee discussed actions which were necessary.

RESOLVED:

- Deputy Clerk to check notes from the previous event debrief regarding an additional electrical socket at the Iver Village Hall.
- Deputy Clerk to contact St John Ambulance or First Responders to obtain a quote for first aid cover at the event.
- Administrator to assist with the preparation of promotional material.

The meeting finished at 7:41pm

Signed Chair

Date