



THE IVERS

PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 18th November 2024 at 7:00pm
at Jubilee Pavilion**

Members Present:

Cllr C Beary – Chair of Council
Cllr K Brown
Cllr A Burke
Cllr J Cook
Cllr V Gupta
Cllr S Hutchins
Cllr P Kinchin – Vice-Chair of Council
Cllr W Matthews
Cllr J Rossetti
Cllr P Stanhope
Cllr M Sullivan
Cllr G Young

In Attendance:

S Fishenden – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
One member of the public

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies

254/24 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Bachu and Cllr M Bhatti. It was noted Unitary Cllr; L Sullivan had also sent her apologies.

Item 2: Declarations of Members' Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for this meeting. To also consider any dispensations requested.

255/24 Cllr Beary and Cllr Young declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.1 – The Iver Good Neighbour Scheme.

Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14.10.24 as an accurate record

256/24 The minutes of the meeting held on 14.10.24 were approved as an accurate record with one amendment to correct 'Russell' to 'Rossetti' in minute ref. **219/24**.

Item 4: Public Session & External Reports

4.1 Public Session

257/24 There were no questions from the public present.

Cllr Cook, as Secretary of Iver Heath Royal British Legion, wished to thank the attendees to the Remembrance Service.

4.2 Unitary Councillors

258/24 There were no unitary councillors present.

4.3 Thames Valley Police

259/24 There was no Police report.

Item 5: Chair's Announcements: To receive verbal announcements from the Chair of Council

260/24 The Chair of Council gave the following announcements:

- To thank all councillors for their work and the number of hours they spend volunteering for the Parish Council
- A general reminder that during meetings, councillors should be respectful of one another and actively listen to each other's viewpoint.

Item 6: Clerk's Report: To receive a report of items for information from the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

261/24 The Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer gave a verbal report. A copy of which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Item 7: Committee Minutes: To note the minutes received from the committees

7.1 Planning Committee – 08.09.24

262/24 The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 08.09.24 were noted.

7.2 Open Spaces and Highways Committee – 09.10.24

263/24 The minutes of the Open Spaces and Highways Committee meeting held on 09.10.24 were noted.

7.3 Facilities & Events Committee – 06.11.24

264/24 The minutes of the Facilities & Events Committee meeting held on 06.11.24 were noted.

Item 8: Financial Matters

8.1 Payments for Approval: To approve the schedule of payments from 1st Oct – 31st Oct 2024

265/24 The schedule of payments from 1st Oct to 31st Oct 2024 totalling £ 81,637.62 + VAT were approved.

8.2 Bank Reconciliations: To receive a verbal report from Cllr Young on the monthly bank reconciliations

Cllr Young confirmed bank reconciliations had been completed up until mid-September 2024. He will be doing reconciliation of the payments made since then soon.

8.3 Bank Mandates: To approve the changes to the mandate for the council's bank accounts

267/24

It was agreed to adopt the recommendations of the report:

- To add Shaun Fishenden to the accounts held with Metro Bank, CCLA and Nationwide.
- To specify that Shaun Fishenden be able to view all accounts, to set up payment and sign payments, that no debit card is required, and that he can undertake all actions including administration on Commercial Online Banking.
- To remove Karen Crowhurst from all accounts listed.

Item 9: HR Support Provider: To consider the report and its recommendations on the Council's appointed HR advisory provider

268/24

It was agreed to the adopt the recommendations of the report:

- To terminate the WorkNest contract for the provision of HR & H&S advisory services
- To appoint Council HR & Governance Support for a five-year contract at a cost of £1400.00 per annum
- To note officers will continue to identify alternative Health & Safety advice providers and a report will be presented to the December 2024 meeting.

Item 10: Devolved Services: To consider agreeing to defer further work on the devolved services until the new municipal term commencing in May 2025

269/24

It was agreed to request officers commence work on establishing clarity on the proposed Devolved Services contract, and to produce a report to Full Council at an appropriate time.

A recorded vote was requested:

Cllr Beary	FOR	Cllr Kinchin	FOR
Cllr Brown	FOR	Cllr Matthews	FOR
Cllr Burke	FOR	Cllr Rossetti	FOR
Cllr Cooke	FOR	Cllr Stanhope	FOR
Cllr Gupta	FOR	Cllr Sullivan	FOR
Cllr Hutchins	FOR	Cllr Young	FOR

All votes were in favour. The motion was therefore carried.

Item 11: Grant Applications Received: To consider the following applications

11.1 The Iver Good Neighbour Scheme

270/24 It was agreed to issue a grant of £400 to The Iver Good Neighbour Scheme.

11.2 Iver Youth & Community Services

271/24 It was agreed to issue a grant of £500 to Iver Youth & Community Services.

272/24 It was also agreed to record a formal note of thanks to Paula Carter for her work with young people

Closed Session

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that due to the confidential nature of the next item, the public and press will be asked to leave the meeting

Item 12: Adoption of NALC Model Contract: To ratify the alignment of employee salaries to match the NJC salary scales that form part of the NALC model contract terms which all staff are being moved to

273/24 The Clerk & RFO advised members that the in-principal decision had been taken in both Oct 2022 and Oct 2024 to transition staff to the NALC model contract/Green Book terms. To complete that, alignment to NJC salary scales needed to take place.

It was agreed to put to a vote:

To adopt the salary alignments as set out in the document	Five votes in favour
To defer consideration until December 2024 and ask officers to evidence cost implications including the Government's NI changes	Seven votes in favour

It was therefore agreed to defer consideration until December 2024 and ask officers to evidence cost implications including the Government's NI changes.

Item 13: Future Regeneration of Iver: To receive an update on progress since the Council's resolution on 14th Oct 2024, and to consider recommendations received

274/24 After discussion, Cllr Cook PROPOSED an amendment to the recommendations:

- That the Working Group be formalised
- A high-level vision document for Council be produced
- To pursue an adverse possession claim in-house
- To pursue a Neighbourhood Development Order on one individual site

SECONDED: Cllr Sullivan. There were four votes in favour and six against. The amendment fell.

It was then agreed to adopt the recommendations from the report:

- To proceed with an adverse possession claim of a site as listed in the confidential report and instruct Surrey Hills Solicitors to complete this work
- That CIL money be used to conduct a feasibility study for regeneration
- The sum of £20,000 from general reserves be allocated as a Regeneration Earmarked Reserve

There were eight votes in favour, three against. The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 8:23pm