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**Minutes of the Open Spaces & Highways Committee
held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7:00pm
at The Hub, Parish Council Offices, 45b, High Street, Iver.**

Members Present:

Cllr K Brown
Cllr A Burke
Cllr S Hutchins
Cllr P Kinchin – Chair of Committee
Cllr W Matthews
Cllr J Rossetti – Vice Chair of Committee

In Attendance:

J Day – Deputy Clerk – Open Spaces & Highways

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

275/24 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Beary and Cllr P Stanhope. It was noted Cllr Cook had also sent her apologies for lateness.

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

276/24 None were declared by members.

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

277/24 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2024 were approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

Item 4: Public Session & External Reports

278/24 There was no public session as no members of the public were present.

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

279/24 The Chair of the Committee updated on the Committee on recent communications from JSM Consulting regarding the previously proposed work at the Longbridge Mud Wharf (River Colne), Slough Road, Iver Heath. He advised that the Clerk and officers are now involved, and the Deputy Clerk advised an item concerning this had been placed on Full Council agenda for 16th December 2024 where the matter

can be discussed and any motions regarding previous resolution concerning this can be identified.

Item 6: Finance: To receive the Open Spaces & Highways Budget Comparison Report dated 19th November.

280/24 The report was received.

Item 7: Draft Open Spaces & Highways Budget 2025/26

7.1 Draft Open Spaces & Highways Income Budget 2025/26

281/24 The Committee considered the Draft Income budget presented by the Deputy Clerk and agreed to recommend the budget of **£9,762** to the Full Council Meeting on 16th December 2024.

7.2 Draft Open Spaces & Highways Expenditure Budget 2025/26

282/24 The Committee considered the Draft Income budget presented by the Deputy Clerk and after discussion concerning the conservation work carried out by Groundwork agreed an increase of £3.5k on the following three budget lines:

- 8532/1 General Maintenance - Iver Recreation Ground (Allotments site)
- 8532/7 General Maintenance – Swan Meadow
- 8532/8 General Maintenance – Harding’s Row

It was agreed to recommend the budget of **£142,000** to the Full Council Meeting on 16th December 2024.

Item 8: Deputy Clerks Report

283/24 The Deputy Clerk’s Report was received and Cllr Matthews provided an update concerning the provision of support from the Heathrow Rangers with the project to re-open St Leonard’s Mound as a facility for general use. The Heathrow Rangers have selected 4 projects to work on in 2025 and the development of St Leonard’s Mound is one of these. This will enable them to give significant support as the Parish Council re-opens and develops the area for community use.

Item 9: Website / Press Releases

284/24 The Deputy Clerk reported that in the handover between the Locum Clerk and the new permanent Clerk the requirement for a communication regarding the decision around Devolved Services had been missed and the Deputy Clerk would work with the new Clerk to produce this communication.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.