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**Minutes of the Open Spaces & Highways Committee
held on Wednesday 29th JANUARY 2025 at 7:00pm
at The Hub, Parish Council Offices, 45b, High Street, Iver.**

Members Present:

Cllr C Beary
Cllr K Brown
Cllr A Burke
Cllr S Hutchins
Cllr P Kinchin – Chair of Committee

In Attendance:

J Day – Deputy Clerk – Open Spaces & Highways

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

370/24 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Cook, Cllr W Matthews, Cllr John Rossetti and Cllr P Stanhope.

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

371/24 None were declared by members.

Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2024 as an accurate record

372/24 The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2024 were approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

Item 4: Public Session & External Reports

373/24 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

374/24 The Chair of the Committee thanked the Grounds Team & officers for their continued work and for particularly assisting the Deputy Clerk with preparing for the spring / summer season.
He made reference to the data recently shared to the Committee showing the use of the charge points at Iver Recreation Ground since their installation in late 2023. The usage is encouraging.

Item 6: a) Finance: To receive the Open Spaces & Highways Budget Comparison Report dated 22nd January.

375/24 The report was received and noted as presented.

b) Finance: to receive Open Spaces & Highways Ear Marked Reserve Report dated 22nd January.

376/24 The report was received and noted as presented.

Item 7: St Leonard's Mound Area Development

377/24 The Deputy Clerk referred to the first point of his report at Appendix 8 giving an update on the remedial work to the steps and handrail and safety check carried out by Grounds Team and himself ready to re-open the area which happened in early January. This had been communicated on our website. He also referred to future plans and the involvement with Heathrow Rangers and a need to re-engage with the local Nursery operating in St Leonard's Walk.

Item 8: River Colne / Mud Wharf (Slough Road, Iver Heath)

378/24 The Deputy Clerk and the Chair of the Committee explained that various questions raised had been answered by JSM and the information shared with the Committee and the Clerk by E-mail. The Deputy Clerk gave an officers recommendation supported by the Clerk who was unavailable for this meeting that an extra-ordinary meeting of the committee should be called in the near future. After discussion it was felt that a lot of information and answers existed and that perhaps there was a need to take this to Full Council for agreement as the next step.

The Chair laid a motion that the matter be placed on the next available Full Council meeting for a decision to be made to proceed or not with the work proposed by JSM. This was seconded by Cllr K Brown.

A vote was taken and was unanimous in support of this motion.

It was therefore **Resolved** that the matter be placed on the next available Full Council meeting for a decision to be made to proceed or not with the work proposed by JSM.

The Deputy Clerk took the action to communicate this to the Clerk.

Item 9: Deputy Clerks Report

379/24 The Deputy Clerk's Report was received and noted as presented. He was thanked for his continued management of our Open Spaces and Highways activities and leadership of the Grounds Team.

Item 9: Website / Press Releases

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The Deputy Clerk highlighted that a website announcement of the re-opening of St Leonard's Mound had been made in early January. It was agreed a communication regarding the use of the charging points at Iver Recreation would be agreed with the Clerk and posted.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.