



THE IVERS

PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 17th February 2025 at 7:00pm
at Jubilee Pavilion**

Members Present:

Cllr C Beary – Chair of Council
Cllr K Brown
Cllr J Cook
Cllr S Hutchins
Cllr P Kinchin – Vice-Chair of Council
Cllr W Matthews
Cllr J Rossetti
Cllr P Stanhope
Cllr G Young

In Attendance:

S Fishenden – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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

397/24 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Bachu (annual leave), Cllr M Bhatti (family commitment), Cllr A Burke (family commitment) and Cllr M Sullivan (work commitment)

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

398/24 Cllr Matthews declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10 as she is a Bucks Council appointed representative on the Management Committee.

Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meetings: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20.01.25 as an accurate record

399/24 The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

Item 4: Public Session & External Reports

4.1 Public Session

400/24 There were no members of the public present.

4.2 Unitary Councillors

401/24 There were no unitary councillor reports given.

4.3 Thames Valley Police

402/24 There was no Police representative present.

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

403/24 The Chair of Council provided the following announcements:

- To remind Cllrs to be respectful of one another during debate within the meeting
- It is the Council's last meeting next month prior to the elections taking place
- The Chair asked Cllrs to encourage residents to stand in the Parish Council elections
- A reminder that where Cllrs have queries to direct these to the relevant officer rather than sending to all councillors.

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

404/24 The Clerk's Report was noted.

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

7.1 Planning Committee – 10.12.24

7.2 Planning Committee – 14.01.25

7.3 Open Spaces & Highways Committee – 29.01.25

405/24 The minutes of the committee meetings were noted.

Item 8: Financial Matters

8.1 Payments for Approval: To approve the schedule of payments from 1st Jan – 31st Jan 2025

406/24 The payment schedule for January 2025, totalling £53,532.66 + VAT, was approved.

8.2 Budget Monitoring: To note the report showing the Council's current financial position

407/24 The budget monitoring report was noted. Following queries raised by Cllr Rossetti, the Clerk would arrange a meeting with himself and the Deputy Clerk to answer finance-related queries.

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

408/24 Cllr Young reported the bank reconciliations for December 2024 were completed. The January reconciliations were still to be done.

Item 9: Council Administration

9.1 Biodiversity Policy: To consider adopting the draft Biodiversity Policy

409/24 The Council agreed to adopt the Biodiversity Policy as an interim policy for a six month period, whilst further updates to environmental and biodiversity guidance are awaited from central government.

9.2 Health & Safety Audit: To note the report received from the audit conducted on 27.01.25. All recommendations are being implemented by officers

410/24 The Health & Safety audit report was noted. It was agreed to raise queries to the H&S auditor around some of the issues highlighted (e.g. training and H&S policy)

9.3 Asset Disposal: To agree to write-off asset number 88 (microwave at Jubilee Pavilion) with a value of £350.00 due to becoming unsafe for use

411/24 It was agreed to write-off asset number 88 at a value of £350.00

9.4 Review of Burial Charges: To review the Burial Ground charges for the 2025-2026 financial year

412/24 The Burial Ground charges for 2025-2026 were approved.

9.5 Planning Committee – Membership: To consider adding a new member to the Committee following the resignation of Cllr Kinchin from the Planning Committee

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Young to the Planning Committee.

Item 10: Grant Application – Iver Village Hall: To consider the grant application received from Iver Village Hall

413/24 It was agreed to approve the grant application of £500.00.

Item 11: JSM – River Colne Crossing: To consider the recommendations from the Open Spaces & Highways Committee, and Council Officers to progress the proposal to grant a deed of easement to JSM Group

414/24 It was agreed to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the Council agrees in principle to grant approval for the deed of easement being issued

2. To delegate to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk - OSH to complete and sign the easement on behalf of the Council once they are satisfied all documentation has been received and they have obtained legal advice from Surrey Hills
3. To instruct Surrey Hills Solicitors to act on the Council's behalf to complete the legal process for the easement (fees to be paid by the grantee)
4. To agree to place the £192,000 in contributions, into an 'Open Spaces Improvements & Projects' earmarked reserve
5. To delegate to the Clerk & RFO and Deputy Clerk – OSH, to commit expenditure from the above earmarked reserve, this is subject to monthly reporting and usual tender processes

Cllr Kinchin requested a recorded vote:

For	Against
Cllr Beary	Cllr Cook
Cllr Brown	
Cllr Hutchins	
Cllr Kinchin	
Cllr Matthews	
Cllr Rossetti	
Cllr Stanhope	
Cllr Young	

The motion was therefore carried.

Item 12: Consultation – Strengthening the Standards and Conduct framework for local authorities in England: To consider how the Council wishes to respond to the government consultation

415/24 It was agreed to respond to the consultation in support of the proposed reinstatement of sanctions.

Item 13: Review of Long-Term Hire – Golden Oldies: To consider whether to extend free usage of Jubilee Pavilion to Golden Oldies following the completion of the one year pilot

416/24 It was agreed that going forwards the Council would operate a honour-based system of charging £1 per attendee for each session to cover additional expenditure incurred.

Item 14: Annual Parish Meeting 2025: To consider arrangements for the APM on 17th March 2025

417/24 The Annual Parish Meeting for 17th March 2025 had been postponed to enable a council meeting to take place. A new date will be rescheduled to take place after the May elections.

The meeting closed at 7:31pm.