

# Ivinghoe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub at 7.30pm

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### PRESENT:

Chairman Councillor Karen Groom, Vice Chairman Councillor Claire Bamber, Councillor Sheena Bexson, Councillor Andrew Dicker, Councillor Stephen Lott, Councillor Pat Roach, Aylesbury Vale District Councillor Sandra Jenkins, Aylesbury Vale District Councillor Chris Poll and Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.

Bridget Knight – Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

5 members of the public.

#### **C/037/20 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

#### **C/038/20 Public Question Time.**

A member of the public raised the issue of the precept increase and how the council will communicate with the residents what the plans are. The Chairman explained that Ivinghoe Parish Council is looking at devolved services, the Ben Hamilton Bailee Ivinghoe Traffic Calming, the streetlight project and other increasing costs. The biggest cost is the Ben Hamilton Bailee Scheme which has been ongoing for five years. The Vice Chairman explained that the residents often make suggestions such as the Wildflower Meadow, which the Parish Council is undertaking. All the payments are recorded in the minutes. The Chairman asked residents to contact the Parish Council directly if they have any questions.

Two Cheddington residents spoke about the Bucks County Council Home to School Transport which effects the whole Ivinghoe area. Yesterday the school places were allocated, no children were allocated places at Tring School which Bucks have designated a virtual Bucks School, unless they met the higher priority admissions criteria. There is confusion over the school transport system with more parents unable to get a bus place or to qualify for funding. The full presentation will be filed with the minutes. Ivinghoe Parish Chairman and Clerk have requested a meeting with Martin Tett – Leader of Bucks County Council and the two Cheddington residents.

#### **C/039/20 Attendance and Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Anna Stone.

#### **C/040/20 Declaration of interest.**

The Chairman declared an interest in the quotations for the Wildflower Meadow clearance project and did not take part in the decision.

#### **C/041/20 To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**

AVDC District Councillor Poll explained the new council budget has been set at £1 billion. The members had made recommendations which were mostly accepted, and he feels the budget is good. Councillor Poll has attended approx. 90 meetings in Ivinghoe, and the Chairman thanked him for his work for Ivinghoe Parish. Councillor Poll feels his time at AVDC he has helped achieve the Safe Places Scheme, successfully lobbied the unitary authority to represent this area to make sure this area is represented fairly, also the planning department committed to spending an additional £100,000 to improve the planning department. The Chairman and Councillors thanked Councillor Poll for everything he has done over the years and wished him every success in the future.

AVDC District Councillor Jenkins thanked Ivinghoe Parish Council for the hard work and said she feels more money should be devolved to parish councils. Children's Services has been rated as inadequate which will require further investment. The last AVDC meeting increased the staff salaries by 2.2% with the budget increase by 4%. A new green initiative called Green Future Bucks has been established with funding of £2,000 available. The Chairman thanked Councillor Jenkins for all her hard work over the years.

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Bucks County Councillor Wight gave her report which included Bucks Home to School Transport, extreme rainfall and flooding. The full report will be filed with the minutes. Councillor Wight said this is her last meeting and she thanked Ivinghoe Parish Council for making her feel so welcome and how helpful the Aylesbury Vale District Councillors have been to her.

The Chairman thanked all the Aylesbury Vale District Councillors and Bucks County Councillors.

**C/042/20 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**C/433/20 Planning Applications:**

20/00460/APP – 20 Ladysmith Road, Ivinghoe, Bucks, LU7 9EE. Conversion of outhouse into kitchen and addition of pitched roof.

No Objections PROPOSED BY Councillor Bexson and SECONDED BY Councillor Bamber and carried unanimously.

**C/044/20 Ivinghoe Town Hall.**

The planning application for external improvements to the Town Hall has been approved and the work is expected to commence in May/June 2020.

**C/045/20 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**

A local resident mentioned the footpath from Ford End to Great Gap by the first telegraph pole, has a pothole and the tarmac has lifted and turned into a ramp onto the road. Bucks County Councillor suggested that this is reported to Rights of Way and Fix My Street, this will be reported by the Clerk.

**C/046/20 Highways, Streets and Transport (to include Lighting and Speed Watch).**

The Woodland Trust Saplings have been delivered.

The fencing and new gates will be installed soon.

It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation for the clearance and preparation of the Wildflower area from Conibear Agricultural Contracting Ltd PROPOSED BY Councillor Bamber and SECONDED BY Councillor Dicker and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to purchase a white only light for the Lawn trees at Christmas.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Lott for the installing the new Speed Indication Device, which is located by Great Gap, this has already reduced the speed of vehicles.

Bucks County Council Freight Strategy Zone public engagement, the display will be at Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2- 8pm.

The parish council has received a copy of a letter from local residents about the parking problems on Ivinghoe High Street opposite Groomsby Drive and await a response from Bucks County Council.

**C/047/20 Allotments report and Update.**

The Polytunnel policy was adopted.

**C/048/20 Ivinghoe Rag Pits**

It was agreed to instruct a Solicitor to handle the obstruction to the Ivinghoe Rag Pits Track.

**C/049/20 Website/IT.**

Councillor Lott explained that Gmail servers could be relocated to the USA, which would have GDPR implications for the parish council, with fears that several providers will do the same. The Parish Council has taken advice from BALC and Councillor Lott proposed the parish council moves to specific

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Parish Council Email addresses, the cost will be £350 for unlimited email addresses. A subcommittee meeting will be formed to plan this.

**C/050/20 Clerk's Report.**

This was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no further questions. The Clerk informed the council that nomination forms are now available for anyone wishing to stand for election, the Clerk will take the forms into AVDC when completed.

**C/051/20 Financial Matters, Payment of Accounts & Balances.**

It was agreed to appoint Trevor Beeches as Internal Auditor for Ivinghoe Parish Council at a cost of £85.

The following accounts were authorised for payment during the meeting:

Payee	Description	Total Paid
Clerk	Expenses	£45.82
Anglo Dutch	Payroll	£36.00
B Rogers	Reimburse Town Hall Cabinet	£26.99
Boston Seeds	Wildflower Seeds	£235.99
Chairman	Office Mobile	£41.15
Eon	Streetlights Jan 20	£180.38
FAB Shop	Post for SID	£225.00
Ivinghoe Old School	03.03.20	£16.00
Litter Picking	Feb 20	£100.00
W Roff	Lawn fencing and works	£14,676.00
Wicksteed	Playground Inspections	£108.00
Mrs Percival	Refund Lawn Hire	£30.00
BALC	Training	£83.10

Income:	
Source	
Beacon Mag Adverts	£153.00
Lawn Hire	£30.00
Bank Interest	£11.92
WI Donation	£325.00
Refund	£41.55
AVDC Grant	£54,320.00

Balances at 24.02.20	
Community Account	£75,737.18
Main Account	£13,216.61
Beacon Account	£101.89
Petty Cash	0
	£89,055.68

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**C/052/20 Date of 2020 Parish Council Meetings:**

7<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May (inc Annual Meetings), 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December all to be held at Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub.

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