Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Present: Councillors K Groom (Chairman), C Boersma, B Dale and R Benton.

District Councillor C Poll
District Councillor S Jenkins
Mrs Maxine Hayes- Clerk
33 members of the public

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Items on Agenda		
Ivinghoe Together	Ivinghoe Together were invited to speak at the meeting on the most recent planning application from Gladman. They reported on the document that they were working on which would be submitted by their group and would outline why planning application Ref 15/01491/AOP (outline application for the erection of up to 60 residential units and associated infrastructure at Land At Station Road, Ivinghoe, Buckinghamshire) should be rejected. This document would be based on the National Planning Policy Framework, the emerging policy by The Vale of Aylesbury Plan, the Housing Land Supply in the Vale of Aylesbury and would investigate if the planning application would constitute a sustainable form of development as per NPPF guidance. They outlined the areas under which they would object and agreed to supply the Parish Council with a copy. They were thanked for all their hard work on behalf of the parish.	
1. Public question time	 1.1 The footpath out of the village was reported to be in poor condition and difficult to walk. This would be reported to the County Council. 1.2 Councillor Dale reported that the short film shot by Ben Hamilton Baillee when undertaking the traffic survey in the Parish was being shown on the 10th June 1.3 Members of the Edan Project (A4146) group had attended this meeting to make links with other local Parish Councils. They explained to the meeting that they had been set up to look at traffic issues in Edlesborough, Easton Bray and Dagnall. They were trying to push the freight traffic onto the M1 to the East and A41 to the West. That would enable them to be able to push for traffic calming measures in their parishes as well as a crossing outside Dagnall School. They were keen to ensure that the HGV issues they were campaigning against did not become a problem for neighbouring parishes. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and Edan to discuss this further. 	
2. Attendance and Apologies	Apologies were received from District Councillor Derrick Town.	Clerk
3. Declarations of Interest	Councillor K Groom declared an interest in planning application 15/01495/APP - Long Meadow Farm Hortor Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire - Construction of underground cable route between Solar Farm and substation on B488 Horton Road and would take no part in the discussion or vote.	
4. To receive reports from District and County Councillors	District Councillor Poll reported that he had been appointed to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan scrutiny sub-committee. Information was still being gathered as evidence to support the local plan and it would not be ready to submit to the examiner until the end of the Summer. He had also been appointed Chairman of Cheddington Parish Council. District Councillor Sandra Jenkins introduced herself to the meeting and gave a brief outline of her background. She agreed to submit articles to the Beacon magazine to keep parishioners up to date and commented on what an excellent publication this was. She was welcomed to the meeting.	
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 th May 2015	It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 th May 2015 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
6. Planning Applications	The following applications were discussed and decisions made: 15/01491/AOP - Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 60 residential units and associated infrastructure. — The Parish Council would submit the following objection: Ivinghoe Parish Council wishes it to be noted that the comments on this planning application 15/01491/AOP Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 60 residential units and associated infrastructure are subsequent to an earlier planning application by the same applicant made in 2014, 14/02002/AOP Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 70 residential units and associated infrastructure. Ivinghoe Parish Councils wishes it to be noted that its original comments on development of this site remain. Ivinghoe Parish Council has as its most recent regular monthly meeting on 2 June 2015 at The Hub, Ivinghoe, unanimously voted to recommend refusal for the planning application 15/01491/AOP, on the following grounds: 1. Sustainability	Clerk
	a. AVDC has accepted that it is not in a position to identify a District-wide five year housing supply that can be calculated according to NPPF advice. However, much of the evidence supplied by the	

- applicant for the proposed development demonstrates that this development cannot in any way considered to be sustainable development.
- b. A mere 8% of working people in lyinghoe travel to work by public transport, bus services do not adequately provide a realistic mode of transport for people to travel to work.
- c. This document (AFCS) inaccurately describes the village as 'aging'. In fact Ivinghoe has 65.3% of working age adults, above the Buckinghamshire average. Children aged 16 and under constitute 18.3% of the population of Ivinghoe contrasted against only an 18.9% England average. Single pensioner households are below the England average. Since 2011 10% of village homes have changed ownership from older residents to those with young families.
- d. The applicants ACFS document informs how well connected and thriving the community already is, thus contradicting the assertion that, "Preventing the village from growing to adapt to changing demographics will threaten the future vitality and sustainability of the community."
- e. Conclusion: Ivinghoe Parish Council concludes that this development is not sustainable and fails to follow advice set out in the NPPF regarding the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in paras 14 and 49

2. Impact on Conservation Area and Listed Buildings

- a. The proposals in the Design and Access statement fail to respect the physical characteristics of the site and will cause a significant detrimental effect to the landscape setting of Ivinghoe and Ford End, as the form of the proposed development is not conducive to the linear nature of the historic development with the village, which is a fundamental part of the character of the conservation area.
- b. Conclusion: Ivinghoe Parish Council concludes that this planning proposal does not preserve or enhance the setting of the existing conservation area and therefore fails in accordance with Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Intrusion of built development on to this currently open site detracts from the countryside views obtained from the CA and harm the importance of the heritage asset conflicting with AVDC Policy GP53 and fails to accord with advice in the NPPF. Additionally, Ivinghoe Parish Council suggests that this application is premature due to the work in progress of the conservation area review and no decision should be taken on this planning application until the said conservation area review has been completed. This application is in conflict with paras 126 to 141 of the NPPF that set out to protect heritage assets. Guidance in the NPPF clearly sets out that established boundaries should only be altered in exceptional cases through preparation or review of the Local Plan. As no exceptional circumstance has been demonstrated or proven in this case, this application must be refused.

3. Visual Impact and Coalescence

- a. The proposed development would conflict with AVDC Local Plan policies GP35 and RA2, additionally failing to fall into line with NPPF guidance in that this development would result in the loss of valued open space that is a fundamental part of the rural setting of Ivinghoe. The views obtained from the centre of the village and adjacent public open space would irreparably harmed by this development resulting in a loss of the scenic value and attractiveness of the landscape views.
- b. The proposed development would be an outward extension of built development, into open countryside and rather than reinforcing existing connections, this development would virtually consolidate coalescence between the two very distinct settlements of Pitstone and Ivinghoe (note both are developing independent Neighbourhood Development Plans).
- c. The scheme is totally out of scale with the existing settlement of Ivinghoe. The settlement is currently 385 dwellings. The proposed development will increase the number of dwellings by 15%.
- d. Conclusion: Ivinghoe Parish Council concludes that by its very proposal this development will cause irreparable damage to the rural nature and setting of Ivinghoe. The resulting visual intrusion into the countryside and visual coalescence of individual settlements contravene AVDC saved policies, GP53, RA2 and RA3 and demonstrates a clear disregard for NPPF guidance specifically, PPS7 para 1, 16 and 28.

4. Traffic and Transport

- a. In our comments we have already made clear the reliance of existing residents on car transportation to access, employment, educational and shopping centres. The Bucks CC Local Transport Plan (LTP3) includes a number of objectives relevant to this application. The proposed development will contribute considerably to the traffic flows on Station Road. Independently collected data indicates approximately 2000 vehicle movements on this road per day, an increase of 20% of the previous year. Based on the current average car demand within the village (44% of households have two cars), it can be reasonably assumed that the proposed 60 dwellings will generate a minimum of 105 new vehicles.
- b. The Travel Plan proposes traffic calming mitigations, which are in direct conflict with work being undertaken by the parish council. In the event that this proposal is accepted, Ivinghoe Parish Council would request that \$106 monies to be spent in relation to traffic calming mitigations become part of the traffic calming project being undertaken by the parish council.
- c. The creation of cycle paths within the confines of the proposed development would be a pointless exercise when there are no cycle paths in the immediate vicinity that connect with employment hubs or other major local facilities.
- **d.** The bus network does not serve the majority of the working population (70% of people travel to work by motorcycle, car or van). The majority of commuters travel from is Tring and the 164 bus does not even stop at Tring or Cheddington Stations.
- e. Conclusion: The proposed Travel Plan is a vague and un-substantive document that could have been written for any place, city, town or village. Most importantly the Travel Plan is totally lacking in realistic, strategic and implementable transport solutions. It is totally inadequate in its attempts to mitigate the significant impact that the proposed development would have on traffic and transport on the village road network. The Travel Plan does not contain adequate information that would indicate that the proposed development falls within the definition of 'sustainable development'. The proposed development runs contrary to the objectives laid out in Bucks LTP3, 'Reduce the need to travel' or 'Improve health by encouraging cycling and walking'.

5. Education

- a. Based on data provided by Buckinghamshire Education Authority, schools in the area have limited capacity and the pressure on Brookmead School in Ivinghoe and surrounding village schools is increasing. A strategy must be agreed between the relevant councils to ensure the schools infrastructure in the area can cope with future planned housing growth.
- b. Conclusion: As the education situation has not changed since the applicants 2014 (14/02002/AOP) planning application, this application (15/01491/AOP) must be refused

6. Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Development Planning

- a. Ivinghoe Parish Council asserts that the lack of community engagement and consultation has been very poorly undertaken. Documents referred to by the applicant have not been sent or shared with Ivinghoe Parish Council and we are unaware of any other stakeholders who may have received this type of 'consultation'. As the elected body representing the parish, Ivinghoe Parish Council considers itself to be one of the 'core stakeholders' and as such would have expected a much more thorough and thoughtful consultation period.
- b. The applicant has at no point attempted to engage with the Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Development Plan steering committee. As the delegated body of Ivinghoe Parish Council, this group must also be considered a main stakeholder in any consultation process, particularly as they are the body engaged to establish the direction that the residents of the parish wish development to take (as set out in The Localism Act 2011). This is an important consideration, as the previous AVDC Local Plan had identified only ten dwellings over 20 years, and until either AVDC issues its new Vale of Aylesbury Vale Local plan is published or the Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Development Plan passes at referendum, the is currently no clear demonstration of need.
- c. Conclusion: There is no evidence of need for a development of this scale and the proper way to establish the need in Ivinghoe Parish is to engage with the Neighbourhood Planning Process and the emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. Therefore this application should be considered premature and purely speculative until such time as the planning authority and other relevant stakeholders have presented their case.

Overall Conclusion Ivinghoe Parish Council wishes that the planning case officer recommend this planning application for refusal. 15/00629/APP - Part OS 3518 Ivinghoe Aston - Dropped Kerb to allotments - No Objections 14/A3669/DIS – Great Seabrook Farm, Cheddington Submission of detail pursuant to Condition 1 -Samples/details of the materials proposed to be used on the external surfaces of the development and Condition 2 - Details of all screen and boundary walls, fences and any other means of enclosure on planning permission 14/03669/COUAR - This was for information only -Noted. Councillor K Groom declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or vote. 15/01495/APP - Long Meadow Farm Horton Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire - Construction of underground cable route between Solar Farm and substation on B488 Horton Road - No Objections. 15/00164 - Slapton Lock Marina - Traffic Implications to Ivinghoe - Although this application was not in the Parish it was agreed that the traffic would have a significant impact on Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston. Slapton Parish Council had supported the application. It was agreed to object and make the following comments: **Environmental** impact Drainage - concerns in line with the Engineering department at AVDC "I note that the FRA and drainage strategy both state there will not be an increase in flood risk. However, they neglect to mention the existing Greenfield runoff rate and volume nor the expected discharge rate and volume expected from the additional impermeable areas. Until this additional information is received I recommend that the application is not approved." Unsatisfactory vehicle movements survey not giving a true reflection on the volume of traffic that currently uses the main road from which access will be gained to the proposed development - as recognised by the Abington Consulting Engineers. See page 5 para 3.15 - 3.6. This survey was undertaken "due to time constraints during a holiday period". Further traffic studies need to be undertaken before this application can be considered. Traffic impact on the villages of Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston Intensive development along this stretch of road - there is already an extended traveller site, an HGV overnight parking facility Andrew Kinsey attended the meeting and gave a brief update on the progress of the NDP group. The grant Neighbourhood for £2800 had been approved and would be received this month. A new funding pot for NDP groups to Development apply for was now available and the group would be applying for further funding. They had been working Plan with Jenny Lampart Associates and Sue Jobbins from Shaping Communities looking at how to engage and consult with the community. 8. Conservation Councillor Boersma reported that the conservation area draft document would be going to the AVDC Area Cabinet meeting on the 16th June. Thanks were extended to Councillor Karen Groom for suggesting that the Parish Council undertake this review and her input in the process. 9. Footpaths, 9.1 Councillor Groom agreed to strim the footpath by the school which was overgrown with nettles. KG Bridleways, Trees 9.2 Complaints had been received about the number of posters being put up on the Lawn railings and in KG and Playgrounds particular the one at the junction with Station Road which blocked the visions of drivers trying to turn at that junction. It was agreed to move the poster further along. 9.3 At the last meeting that Council had discussed work to the entrance of the play area in Ivinghoe Aston to make it safer in line with the recommendations of the play ground inspectors. Two quotes had been sought to have the entrance moved back further into the play area allowing more space when entering and exiting the play area. One was for a timber fence, gate and rail and one was to move existing metal fence, gate and rail. The hedge would be cut and the dog bin would also be moved further back. A small metal safety rail would then be erected to stop children being able to run out into the road and to help shield them from traffic. It was PROPOSED (RB) and SECONDED (KG) to accept the quotation from Spider Engineering to move the existing metal fence, gate and rail and to add an additional safety rail at a cost of £408 plus VAT. Section 106 money was still available from AVDC (which needed to be spent by 2018) and an application would be made to fund this project. The Council had also discussed the purchase of a mini static goal for the play area and a quotation had been received for £824.96 plus VAT from Live Soccer.co.uk. Cheddington Parish Council had recommended this company and had purchased the same goal for their play area. They were also the cheapest company

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supplying this type of goalpost.

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10. Highways, Streets and transport (to include Street Lighting and Speed Watch)	 10.1 Discussion took place over the locations for the MVAS equipment in Ivinghoe Aston and it was agreed they were not in the right place. Further volunteers had come forward and Councillor Benton would be coordinating the speedwatch sessions. 10.2 It was agreed to chase PC Duthrie following the Parish Council letter to him of the 24th March regarding traffic which had not received a reply. 10.2 It was agreed to have a draft set of ideas following the Ben Hamilton Baillee traffic survey to be discussed and approved. 	Clerk			
11. Allotment Report and Update	11.1 Following the recent inspection it was agreed that the rubbish at the top of the allotments needed to be removed. Neil Ashby offered the use of his skip to dispose of the small amount of hazardous waste and he was thanked for the offer. Until the rubbish had been removed it would be taped off for safety. 11.2 The Clerk reported that following concerns raised by Mr Hetherington about paths not being cut and kept tidy she had checked the details of the Terms and Conditions of the Tenancy Agreements and it clearly stated that the responsibility of the plot holder was to "1 (b) Keep allotments clean, free from weeds and well manured and otherwise maintained in a good state of cultivation and fertility and in good condition. Paths enclosing or crossing between the plots to be kept neat, tidy and unobstructed. Tenants are responsible for maintaining the external perimeter path of their plot and the paths running between their plots" 11.3 Following the decision to allow dogs on the allotments the Clerk had circulated details of two types of dog signs stating that Dogs Must be Kept on Leads. It was PROPOSED (KG) and SECONDED (CB) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to purchase 2 black and white rigid plastic signs at a cost of £6.96 each plus VAT. It was agreed that if this was abused then the decision to allow dogs would be withdrawn. The Clerk would write to all allotment holders informing them of the decision. 11.4 The Clerk had been approached by a plot holder asking for permission to have a Summer BBQ on the allotment. This was APPROVED and the Clerk would check the Parish Council insurance. They had also asked if they could erect a sign on the allotment gate inviting new plot holders to join their society. Approved. 11.5 Councillor Groom reported that she had been contacted by the WI who had agreed to take on the organising of the produce show.	Clerk			
12. Thatching Hook Church wall	12.1 This was an asset of the Parish Council and it was agreed that the hook would be removed and repaired.	СВ			
13. Clerks Report/Items for Action Correspondence Consultation Documents	The Clerk gave the following report to the meeting: Actions from previous meeting: 12.2 The Clerk had contacted AVDC who informed her that there was \$106 money available for Ivinghoe Aston and was encouraged to make applications for the proposed new goalpost and improvements to play area entrance. 13.2 A response has been sent to Bucks CC, District Councillors and Paul Hodson outlining Ivinghoe's concerns regarding the downgrading of the weight limit on the A4146 and A5 – no response to date. 13.3 No response to date 13.4 No response to date 14.2 Costs for signs would be brought to the meeting for consideration. This would be discussed under agenda item 9. 16.1 The Clerk had contacted BPL roofing (the contractors who did the Old School roof) and they would provide a quotation for repairs to the bus shelter by the church. The Clerk had also asked them if they could also look at the shelter opposite the library and report on the condition of the roof. This had been raised at a recent play area site meeting.				
	Library Sessions (monthly last Thursday each month) As outlined in the recent email the Clerk did not feel that the library visits were good use of time as no one ever came to speak to her and had proposed that they were stopped to allow her to put this time to better use Approved Dog Bin Emptying It was reported to the Clerk that the dog bins were being emptied by the bin contractors and put in with the general rubbish. The Clerk had queried this with AVDC as the Parish Council were paying for a separate collection service. They had confirmed that the bin contractors did empty the dog waste and mix with the general rubbish as this costs less. The reason for charging Parish Councils was that they had to pay their contractors for the extra work.				
	Christmas Tree Ivinghoe Aston Councillor Benton had been approached by a resident in Ivinghoe Aston asking if they could also have a Christmas tree. It was explained that the Parish Council did not pay for the tree this had been provided along with the lights by Ivinghoe Arts Group and that the Parish Council had just given permission for it to be planted.				

14. Financial Matters	14.1 The following acco	ounts and expens	ses were submitted and	UNANIMOUSLY approv	ved for payment:		
Payment of Accounts Balances			Clerks Salary, Expenses, Office Costs and Litter				
	Salaries and Contracts		Clearance	£ 610.10	_		
	Mr J Wallis		Internal Audit	£ 75.00	_		
	Eon		Street Lighting Power Data protection	£ 72.67	-		
	ICO registration		registration	£ 35.00			
	A J Groom		Grasscutting	£ 360.00			
	A J Groom		Grsscutting IA	£132.00			
	BALC		Copies Good Councillor Guide	£14.00	-		
	Ivinghoe Old School		Room hire June	£16.00	-		
Report from	Ivinghoe Old School		Room Hire NDP Meeting 14/4	£36.00	_		
internal auditor To formally	AVDC		Play around the Parishes	£200.00		Clerk	
approve end of year accounts 31 st	Anglian Water		Allotments	£38.95	_		
March 2015 and Annual	Wicksteed Leisure		1/4 playground inspections	£108.00	_		
Governance	Income				- -		
Statement (circulated)	Lawn Hire	£ 50.00					
,	Beacon Mag sales	f 21.00					
		£ 71.00					
	Balances @	-			-		
	01/06/2015	£					
	HSBC Community ac	1,954.39					
	вмм ас	£ 76,023.05					
	BMM Beacon	£ 135.05					
		£					
		78,112.49					
	14.2 Accounts approved and signed by internal auditor without comment. 14.3 It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOULSY APPROVED to formally approve and sign the accounts for year ending 31 st March 2014.						
	14.4 It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to sign the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31 st March 2014.						
15. Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 7 th July 2015 Ivinghoe Old School						
16. Co-option to Parish Council vacancies	At this point in the meting the press and public were asked to leave. Councillor Brian Dale tendered his resignation as a Parish Council due to his forthcoming house move. It was accepted with regret and he was thanked for all his work on behalf of the parish. The Clerk explained that as Councillor Dale had completed his declaration of acceptance of office this vacancy would have to be dealt with separately from the current vacancies. The Parish Council had received 3 applications from Ivinghoe Ward applicants for 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. After lengthy discussion it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to appoint Andrew Dicker and Stephen Lott to fill the vacancies. Claire Bamber would be thanked for her excellent application informed of the forthcoming vacancy due to the resignation of Brian Dale. She would be asked to confirm if she would be						
	interested in reapplying for that position. One vacancy remained in Ivinghoe Aston Ward.						

Signed	Dated