

Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2015 at Town Hall, Ivinghoe.

Present:

Cllr. Karen Groom (Chairman)

Cllr. C Boersma. Cllr G Snowdon & Cllr B Dale.

County Councillor A Davies, District Cllr. C Poll.

Mrs Maxine Hayes- Clerk

Speakers: District Councillor C Poll, County Councillor A Davies, PC Jackie Dobson, Andy Beezer, Tony Clare, Andrew Kinsey, Andrew Dicker.

37 members of the public.

Items on Agenda	
1. Receive questions from members of the Public	<p>The Parish Council were asked about progress on the thatching hook and were told this would be included in the Chairman's report.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the light outside the Kings Head which had not worked for some time and made the corner very dark. They were informed that this light was the property of the Kings Head and they would have to be approached about this matter.</p> <p>Geoffrey Legge raised his concerns that there were still lots of leaves by the bus stop near the church which became very dangerous to walk on when wet or icy. It was agreed to arrange to get these leaves cleared.</p> <p>Discussion took place over the new light by The Hub which was a solar lamp and was not very bright. The light should become brighter when used regularly.</p> <p>PC Jackie Dobson gave a report on the crime figures for the past year. The neighbourhood priority for the past year had been burglaries and theft from motor vehicles. They were keeping up close links with the schools and youth cafe. They were also working closely with the villages using the Speed Watch equipment.</p>
2. Attendance and Apologies	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor C Bennett & Stephen Swinbank.</p>
3. To Receive declarations of interest	<p>None</p>
4. To approve minutes of APM held on 21 st May 2014.	<p>It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.</p>
5. Chairman's Report	<p>Cllr Groom gave the following report to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council would be losing 3 valued members of the Council in the forthcoming elections Councillors Gloria Snowdon, Peter Miles and Carol Bennett. She thanked them for all their hard work on behalf of the Parish.• Ruth Benton would be joining the Council in May and there were several vacancies still to be filled.• It had been a very busy year and the work of the Parish Council kept increasing every year. With only 4 Councillors from May this would be a heavy workload to share and it was very important to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.
6. Parish Council Accounts Precept Explanation and Breakdown	<p>A draft set of accounts were available at the meeting. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's main expenditure in 2014/15 has been on the upkeep of the parish covering areas such as litter clearance, litter bins and dog bins, grass cutting, street lighting, and the upkeep of the play areas. T The Council made a financial contribution to the Beacon Community Library and continued to maintain the trees under the ownership of the Parish Council.</p>
7. Report on Poor Lands Charity Town Hall Report	<p>Andy Beezer reported on the Ivinghoe Poor Lands Charity and circulated the Annual Accounts for 2014/15.</p> <p>The Ivinghoe Poor Lands rents out 2 parcels of land in Ivinghoe Aston and distributes the income received to the qualifying pensioners of the parish. He was pleased to say that through an increase in rent received and a donation from the committee that used to oversee the Beacon magazine the current balances now stand at £6898.</p> <p>The Town Hall committee operates this facility on behalf of Ivinghoe Parish Council. This year saw</p>

	<p>the departure of David Cook as treasurer and he was thanked for all his hard work over the years. A welcome was extended to Jenny Ross as the new treasurer. As ever a special thanks was needed for Stephen and JANET Swinbank who took the main burden of keeping the hall running from day to day and handling bookings. Thanks were also extended to Emma Huxley and Colin Arney for their work for the Beacon Villages Community Library.</p>
8. Tony Clare – Pitstone NDP Report	<p>Tony Clare gave the following report:</p> <p>He explained about the planning history and implications behind the instigation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, what it would cover, and what the process was. The engagement days generated over 300 visitors and 198 feedback forms which was great. The feedback revealed that the parish would like a true village centre, to retain the village feel, for education to be available for all the local children (but no parking outside), to realise the promised skate park, MUGA and expanded sports facilities, a pub and a nursery/pre-school amongst other things. The team are working very hard with the planning company to help interpret all the feedback and produce a draft plan that will be issued to the community for their feedback. It was stressed that if the community did actually want these extra benefits that they may have to get involved, help create them, commit to use them and potentially help fund them. The NDP is the plan for the village that we want for our children to be growing up in 20 years time. He explained how the housing targets (approximately 15% increase to be seen as in favour of development) were generated; that AVDC received funding to run the referendum; the inclusion of part of the Pitstone Development Area housing figures; GP capacity; and required social & affordable housing levels (33%).</p>
9. County Councillor Avril Davies	<p>County Councillor Davies gave the following report: Cllr Davies provided an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had decided not to stand for District Councillor again in the forthcoming election. However, she will remain the County Councillor for this area for at least another 2 years. • Planning changes within AVDC • Cheddington & Pitstone are going to be merged as a single ward with two District Councillors in the forthcoming election • County Council issues will continue with falling budget and difficult issues to tackle within highways, adult social services, children services and education. BCC have the duty to provide education facilities but not the ability to enforce them with the foundation schools. Avril praised Brookmead School for their 'Good' OFSTED report this year. <p>A full report would be published in the next edition of the Beacon Magazine.</p>
10. District Councillor Chris Poll	<p>Councillor Poll reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He congratulated Councillor Davies on her 24 years service on the District Council • For the next financial year AVDC has frozen its council tax. • Both Buckinghamshire County Council and Thames Valley Police have increased their tax by 1.99%. Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has decreased its tax by 1%. • AVDC takes only 9p in every pound of the total council tax collected, with the rest of the money (81p) going to Buckinghamshire County Council, Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and individual parish councils. • In 2010 the district council received around £12 million in annual government grant. This has been reduced, over the last five years, to around £6 million this year. The council anticipates that by 2020 this grant will have disappeared altogether.
11. Devolved Services	<p>Councillor Groom reported that the Parish Council had made the decision not to take on devolved services due to lack of information from Bucks CC on how much the Parish Council would receive towards the costs and no accurate maps could be provided. They had however, allocated £5000 in the budget to cover the possibility of having to take on some of the work.</p>
12. Traffic, Speed Watch & Local Area Forum – Brian Dale	<p>Brian Dale reported on the traffic issues in the villages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lorry issue and the increase in lorry numbers on the B488 • Lorries being stored at farms near the parish and whether they had permission to store such a large number of lorries • The speed of lorries and spoil trucks increasingly using the village roads • MVAS data • The lack of speed enforcement by the Police • The Ben Hamilton Baillee traffic report
13. Beacon Magazine	<p>Councillor Boersma reported on the success of the Beacon magazine which had broken even in this financial year. She thanked Ali Wade who was the volunteer advertising manager and to all of</p>

	those people who distributed the magazine.
14. Andrew Kinsey – Ivinghoe NDP	<p>Andrew Kinsey gave the following report to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed vision statement had been agreed as <i>“To sympathetically enhance our community whilst protecting the special character, lansdscape and historical qualities of the parish”</i> • A questionnaire had been drafted • Ideas for logos have been developed • Articles would be included in the Beacon magazine • The group would be working with Jenny Lampert Associates and Sue Jobbins of Shaping Communities
15. Andrew Dicker – Report from Ivinghoe Together	Andrew Dicker reported that Ivinghoe Together would be organizing a unified response to the Gladman appeal and representing the Parish at the appeal. He thanked the Parish Council for their support.
16. Planning – An overview of the year	Councillor Groom gave a report on the planning applications which had been dealt with over the past year and the Gladman appeal.
17. Allotment Report	Regular audits of the allotments had taken place over the past year. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers for their help keeping the allotments looking so nice and tidy.
18. Meeting Closure and Refreshments	The meeting closed at 20.40pm.

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