

# Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ivinghoe Parish Council Meeting held at Ivinghoe Town Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Ivinghoe Parish Councillors: Karen Groom (Chairman), Claire Bamber (Vice Chairman), Sheena Bexson, Paul Jellis, Stephen Lott, Clive Ketteridge and Helen Nash.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.

Thames Valley Police Inspector 4625 James Davies, Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Team, Aylesbury Vale LPA.

Ivinghoe Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Three members of the public.

## **C/052/23. Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

## **C/053/23. Public Question Time.**

None.

## **C/054/23. Apologies for Absence.**

None.

## **C/055/23. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations from Councillors Relating to this Meeting.**

Councillor Nash declared an interest in planning applications 22/0097/REF, 23/00977/APP and 23/00978/ALB. Councillor Lott declared an interest in the allotments.

## **C/56/23. Inspector James Davies, Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Team, Thames Valley Police.**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Davies to the meeting. The Chairman raised concerns having had two recent break-ins at her farm and a break-in in Ford End, these have not been reported to the police. The Chairman mentioned the Brookmead School Head Teacher had a few policing matters which took Thames Valley Police three weeks to respond to. The Chairman reported about recent tree works in the Whistlebrook. A local resident telephoned Bucks Enforcement Officer about trees to be cut back and the Enforcement Officer demanded work stop with a £20,000 fine possible, there was disappointment that the police did not quickly to the Head Teacher but responded immediately to the Whistlebrook complaint which was unfounded.

Councillor Lott stated one of the main causes of issues between the parish and Thames Valley Police was a lack of communication on their part, citing the issue over the notice on the allotments.

Inspector James Davies thanked the Chairman for the invitation and explained he met with the Head Teacher within two days, the wildlife crime officer responded quickly to the threat to wildlife and not so quickly for threats to the Head Teacher.

The Wing Police Station has two new very experienced Police Officers and is well resourced. Nationally the police are going through a tough time with resourcing, having lost a number of Officers through costs and new Officers are being recruited but the recruitment process takes two years. Currently when Officers leave the Neighbourhood team have to infill other Officers. Inspector Davies reported that PCSOs feel frustrated due to lack of police support and some are leaving. There are two PCSO's in Wing, there should be three. Inspector Davies is getting additional staff and in the next year should have double the number of Police Officers.

Councillor Brazier questioned how many officers should be in place, Inspector Davies said there should be three PCSOs and three Police Officers. The Chairman asked about groups that used to operate which consisted of local residents and police. A discussion took place about meetings between community members and Thames Valley Police. The Chairman asked about ANPR cameras and Inspector Davies said this is a Buckinghamshire Council matter.

Members of the public spoke to Inspector Davies who were concerned about lack of opportunities to communicate with the police. Inspector Davies will explore the idea of meetings with the Police.

The Chairman stated that 101 is a nightmare, Inspector Davies said it had improved and he agreed it takes too long. Inspector Davies suggested go to Thames Valley Police website and complete a form to report a non-urgent crime.

A local resident stated that speeding is getting worse on Station Road with frustrations that nothing seems to happen. Councillor Lott explained there are plans for the traffic calming at the junction of Maud Janes and Station Road. A local resident expressed concerns over the lack of powers of PCSO's and would like to see more Community Police Officers.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Davies for his time as he explained the Police Officers in the area are very good and also feel very frustrated as they want to engage with the community more.

### **C/057/23. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Councillor Brazier reported Buckinghamshire Council now has Buckinghamshire Highways instead of the previous contractor. The Chairman stated she saw a road sweeper in Station Road, but it could not access the High Street. An appeal has been lodged on the land between The land between Warren and Middle Path gate application and neither Councillor Brazier or the Parish Clerk have been informed. Councillor Brazier explained that the appeal has not started yet, the Parish should be notified when it starts.

Councillor Brazier asked for an update about the film site, the Chairman stated there has been a huge increase in traffic with film set building and filming traffic. Councillor Lott stated there has been complaints about very wide HGVs without an escort, causing delays and problems at Bulbourne Bridge. Planning permission is expected to be granted on 7<sup>th</sup> April and there will be a requirement to remove the structures and return the land back to its previous use.

The Chairman stated that the marquee company and catering company are not local, the shuttle buses are from a London company which is contrary to what was expected.

Councillors Bamber and Lott spoke about the flooding matter at Great Gap, following the pumping station failure causing foul water and rain water flooding the road. Councillor Brazier will investigate within Buckinghamshire Council.

**C/058/23. To Approve the Minutes of the Ivinghoe Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The minutes were approved by the Council and the Chairman signed the minutes as true and accurate.

**C/059/23. Planning Applications:**

23/00977/APP | Householder application for landscaping of driveway. Alterations to roof and fenestration of detached garage | Pendyce House 12 Station Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EB

No comment PROPOSED BY Councillor Bexson and SECONDED BY Councillor Jellis and carried unanimously. Councillor Nash did not take part in the discussion or decision.

23/00978/ALB | Listed building application for landscaping of driveway. Alterations to roof and fenestration of detached garage | Pendyce House 12 Station Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EB

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22/00184/REF | Proposed vehicular/pedestrian access | Land Between The Warren And Middle Path Farm Tring Road Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EJ – applicant appeal against refusal.

It was agreed to prepare an objection to the appeal PROPOSED BY Councillor Lott and SECONDED BY Councillor Bamber and carried unanimously.

22/00197/REF | Outline application for demolition of The Barn on land adjacent to Laurel Cottage and erection of a dwelling with new access | Laurel Cottage Ivinghoe Aston Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9DF

**Recent Buckinghamshire Council Planning Decisions (Ivinghoe):**

23/00104/APP | New vehicular access | Hardy Lodge Ivinghoe Aston Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9DF – Approved.

23/00138/APP | Erection of dwelling | Land At 1-3 High Street Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EP – Refused.

**Other applications (IPC not consulted):**

23/00800/ATC | T1 and T2 Apples Trees - reduce and reshape the crowns by 2-3m to approximately where last pruning points. | Apiary Cottage 8 Vicarage Lane Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EQ

**C/060/23. Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**

The footpaths and bridleways are very muddy.

The tree inspection reports are expected.

It was agreed to write to Shiel House again about the post supporting the hedge. It was agreed to ask Shiel House to cut back to hedge in line with their boundary.

Councillor Ketteridge reported the Ivinghoe Aston play area entrance has been completed allowing improve access for wheelchair and buggy users. A comment had been received there is not a dropped curb, this will be monitored. Ivinghoe play ground is fine.

**C/061/23. Coronation – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

It was agreed to order a brass plaque similar to the one on the Town Hall,.

**C/062/23. Highways, Streets and Transport (including Speedwatch).**

Bollards at the Lawn entrance were discussed.

Speedwatch is restarting.

**C/063/23. Banner request for junction of High Street/Station Road, Ivinghoe.**

It was agreed to permit the banner.

**C/064/23. Ivinghoe Hub.**

The Chairman confirmed that a solicitor has been appointed to oversee the lease between the tenant and the trustees. Councillor Jellis confirmed the pallets have been removed. The repair café will be in Ivinghoe hub later this month.

**C/065/23. Beacon Magazine.**

It was agreed to produce the Beacon Magazine in colour.

**C/066/23. Allotments.**

Three new allotment plots have been created. Councillor Jellis stated that he had received complaints about badgers drinking from the wildlife pond. The Chairman stated the pond should be fenced off for safety. It was agreed that allotment ponds should be fenced and this will be added to the allotment terms and conditions.

**C/067/23. Clerk's Report.**

The annual meetings in May will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**C/068/23. Financial Matters.**

Councillor Bexson reported £12,600 is earmarked for future projects plus Ben Hamilton Bailee traffic calming, Kings Head Parking project and the ten-year tree plan.

A discussion took place about a Multi-Pay Debit Card and it was agreed to apply for this with an initial cost of £50 and £3 monthly fee.

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Payee	Description	Total Paid
RML Tree & Garden Services	Allotment trees	£1,500.00

RML Tree & Garden Services	Allotment stumps removal	£576.00
RML Tree & Garden Services	Allotment trees - roadside	£1,740.00
Clerk	Expenses	£23.10
BALC	Training Course	£45.00
Gallagher Insurance	PC Insurance	£1,737.17
Conibear Contracting	IA Access and footpath	£11,554.30
Amazon	Office Supplies	£25.06
Litter Collector	March 23	£125.00
Chairman/EE	Office Mobile	£53.00
Churches Fire	Town Hall Inspection	£61.31
Npower	Streetlight Elec	£53.25
Buckinghamshire Council	Commercial Litter Bin	£8.64

<b>Received</b>		
Neville Funeral Service	Beacon Magazine Advert	£32.50
Ivinghoe Town Hall	Rent	£150.00

<b>Balances:</b>	
Unity Trust balance 03.04.23	£90,962.50

**C/069/23. Meeting Dates and Venue:**

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in Ivinghoe Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.