

Ivinghoe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Ivinghoe Parish Council Chairman Councillor K Groom, Ivinghoe Parish Council Vice Chairman C Bamber, Ivinghoe Parish Council Councillor A Dicker, Ivinghoe Parish Councillor S Lott and Ivinghoe Parish Councillor P Roach.

Buckinghamshire Councillors C Poll, D Town and A Wight.

Mrs B Knight – Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

Three members of the public.

C/092/20 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting.

C/093/20 Public Question Time.

Councillor Lott read an email from a resident who is requesting a reduced speed limit on the Brownlow Bridge.

Bucks Councillor Wight asked the resident to contact Bucks Council and copy Cheddington and Ivinghoe Parish Council's.

C/094/20 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Stone and Andrew Hetherington.

C/095/20 Declaration of interest.

None.

C/096/20 To receive reports from the new Unitary Bucks Councillors.

The Chairman asked Bucks Councillor Wight questions about the Freight Strategy for Ivinghoe parish. Councillor Wight confirmed she has discussed the matter with Bucks Freight Strategy Officer today who assured her that the public consultation is being prepared and there have been delays due to Covid-19 but the scheme is being planned with announcements to follow soon.

Bucks Councillor A Wight gave the following report:

County Report for July

The government has given more details on the further easing of the lockdown measures for the wider public. Going forward, keeping our distance, following signs and guidance when out and about, and most importantly, washing hands regularly for at least twenty seconds will make a big difference in helping us to carry on controlling the virus locally and to keep Buckinghamshire open. If you have coronavirus symptoms, it's essential you get a test as quickly as possible.

Coronavirus mobile testing sites are returning to Amersham, Aylesbury and Buckingham over the coming days.

The Amersham site will be running from Thursday, 2 July, for up to two days, and then again on Monday, 6 July, for up to another two days.

The Aylesbury site will be open from Saturday, 4 July, for up to three days.

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And the Buckingham site will also be open from Saturday, 4 July, but this will be running for up to two days.

These are in addition to other local and regional coronavirus testing sites, which are still available for residents in Buckinghamshire to use.

Anyone with coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) is currently eligible to be tested. An early test will also help us trace anyone you have been in contact with if your test is positive, so they too can isolate and we can stop the virus from spreading further.

If you book on days 1-4 of having symptoms, you can book a drive through/walk through test or a home testing kit. However, if you wait longer, then it will be too late to order a home test. By day six, it's too late to have a test at all.

For more information and to book a test, go to the government's website. You can also book a test by calling 119 if you don't have access to the internet.

However, tests for essential workers, such as frontline healthcare staff, are being prioritised over tests for the wider public at this time. Tests at these mobile sites should be booked first and are not available on a 'drop-in' basis at this time. Further details of the testing sites will be provided to people when they book their test.

To arrange a test, go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus and click on the appropriate link for you within the 'testing' section of information. The booking process is slightly different for members of the public to that for essential workers.

You can find out more about getting tested as a member of the public with symptoms here - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

And you can find out more about getting tested as an essential worker here - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>

Continued support for our most vulnerable residents

The government recently announced changes in the guidance for people shielding. Shielded individuals will be able to go outdoors and meet others at a distance from Monday 6 July and will be able to go out more from Saturday 1 August, such as to the shops or to work or school. Government food parcels will stop from this date. The full guidance issued by the government yesterday is here. Everyone who was identified as needing to shield will be getting a detailed letter from government in the coming days.

Nearly 18,000 Buckinghamshire residents have been shielding for the past three months, but I can confirm that Buckinghamshire Council will carry on supporting clinically extremely vulnerable residents who may still need assistance during the coronavirus pandemic, helping them to get back to a more normal lifestyle.

Through eight support hubs, we've co-ordinated a wide range of support, such as organising emergency food parcels, helping people set up priority supermarket deliveries, delivering medication and taking people to medical appointments. We will carry on helping anyone needing our support.

We are putting in plans to make sure that all support can be scaled back up at very short notice if there was a further spike in cases.

For up to date information keep checking the online support hub on our website for information on community support, business support and also the Buckinghamshire plan for localised outbreaks.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

If you are worried about a vulnerable friend, relative or neighbour . . .

Our Adult Social Care team is checking in with all vulnerable residents we are aware of by making many regular phone calls and by supporting in other ways too. Please tell us if you know of someone who might need our help by calling the Adult Social Care team on 01296 383 204.

Please also carry on using our online community hub for details of how to find support in your local area.

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Freight Strategy

The attached link is available on the Buckinghamshire Council website for residents and parish councils who are concerned about periods where HGV movements may appear to increase through our local villages.

As I have received quite a few emails recently from residents and parish councils alike regarding HGV movements which I have reported to our Freight Strategy officer, he has explained how it is helpful to first capture information about the trucks, dates, timings and the operators' livery to allow his team to identify which companies may be using which routes.

The freight toolkit which is available on the webpage via the link below includes useful information and a survey template for capturing this information.

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/policies/limits-and-routing-for-heavy-goods-vehicles/>

Please do note that there is some safety information in the toolkit for residents and representatives to carry out the survey.

Once we have more specific information to hand, our Freight Strategy officer will be in a better position to reach out to operators to discuss how best to take things forward for the benefit of both residents and businesses alike.

Community Boards

Our first Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board meeting is being scheduled for the 14th July and will be online. I am delighted to say that things are moving quite quickly now on the Community Boards. We now have an appointed dedicated coordinating officer, Katrina Kelly, who comes to her new role fresh from having worked for the past months as a coordinating officer for the Aylesbury Hub. The Hub has been involved in assisting shielded residents and helping to coordinate local volunteer groups for the provision of food, medicines and other essential items during the Covid lockdown period. Katrina knows the area, local parishes and volunteer groups very well and is ideally placed to help get the Community Board off to a good start. Katrina will be contacting parish clerks over the next two weeks to invite parish council representatives to the meeting and to get a feel for local priorities in advance.

I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that we very much look forward to working together with our parishes and external partners to ensure that the Community Board is a vibrant, adaptive and ever-evolving forum through which we can work constructively to address local challenges and needs.

The Chairman mentioned that the old LAF area has been replaced with the new Community Board area which includes Watermead in Aylesbury. The budget for Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board is £130,000.

Bucks Councillor Jenkins has been appointed to the following committees:

Buckinghamshire Council Committees: Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee

Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee and outside body Bucks Playing Fields Associations.

Bucks Councillor Poll addressed the council and mentioned the full council meeting next week and he will be raising his concerns over planning. Councillor Bexson mentioned the article in the Bucks Herald recently about the changes in planning process and the change in call-in process. Councillor Bexson said the Neighbourhood Plan is still valid and very important. Councillor Bexson explained the planning process which includes the Aylesbury Plan which is out of date and the new plan has not been adopted. The Ivinghoe Development Plan has a policy rather than number of houses with infill permitted for 5-6 houses.

Bucks Councillor Town confirmed that Neighbourhood Plans do still carry weight in Bucks. Councillor Town asked Councillor Wight whether the residents know how to attend the Community Board meetings which require an invitation to join Microsoft Teams currently. Councillor Lott also asked a question about the Community Board meeting access.

C/097/20 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2020 were correct and will be signed after the meeting.

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C/098/20 Coronavirus/Covid-19.

The Ivinghoe foodbank continues to be increasingly busy and Ivinghoe Parish Council are supporting the grant for the foodbank. Councillor Jenkins and Ivinghoe Chairman thanked all the volunteers for running the foodbank in the villages.

Councillor Lott stated that within the last three months there has been three deaths from Covid-19, Councillor Jenkins mentioned in impact on the businesses and economy.

C/099/20 Planning Applications:

20/01341/AOP – Ivinghoe Aston Farm, Ivinghoe Aston, Bucks, LU7 9DG. Outline planning permission for demolition of existing development and erection of six dwellings.

No Comment PROPOSED BY Councillor Bexson and SECONDED BY Councillor Lott and carried unanimously.

20/01695/APP – Land off Great Gap, Ivinghoe. Erection of agricultural barn.

Ivinghoe Parish Council has been denied a site visit due to Coronavirus. The Parish Council will ask for a deferral and raise some questions about Highways and Access.

Councillor Bexson mentioned that Planning Departments are changing and raised concerns that residents are not notified of planning applications because some people are not aware what the yellow notices are, and they are not always obvious. Councillor Lott confirmed that the website has a link to show planning. A discussion took place and it was agreed to highlight planning applications to residents.

C/100/20 Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Councillor Lott updated the council after the Town Hall meeting where it was agreed the Town Hall will remain closed until the Town Hall is Covid-secure. The next meeting of the Town Hall Committee is the 24th August and the decision to remain closed will be reviewed. The Chairman explained the Town Hall work will take several weeks because each part of the project needs to be completed before another part starts, subject to approval by the Heritage Officer. Next update in September.

C/101/20 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

The Bridleway has been strimmed all the way through and is clear.

Both play areas and fitness equipment are open, there are notices in place with Covid advice and the playgrounds have busy.

It was agreed that Wicksteed will undertake the inspections at a cost of £60 per play area per inspection.

The gates and fencing will be installed soon, once fencing supplies are available.

The wildflower meadow is looking amazing in Ivinghoe and plans for other areas of the parish will be added to the August agenda.

The footpath in Ivinghoe Aston and the lower Ivinghoe Lawn remains obstructed, the Clerk has written to the landowners twice and will telephone the landowners.

C/102/20 Highways, Streets and Transport (to include Lighting and Speed Watch).

Councillor Lott updated the Council that Sparkx have been waiting for UK Power Networks (UKPN) and they are looking for an alternative method to prevent further delays. The light in Ivinghoe Aston needs UKPN to assist and Sparkx are waiting for UKPN.

Councillor Bamber and Councillor Lott spoke about the Freight travelling through the area. Councillor Wight confirmed that she has received complaints from residents in Ivinghoe and Cheddington about the increase in HGVs.

Councillor Lott thanked Nicholas King Homes in Pitstone for diverting the traffic away from Ivinghoe.

C/103/20 Allotments report and Update.

Allotment Static Camera policy was adopted PROPOSED BY Councillor Bamber and SECONDED By Councillor Lott and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to allow a picnic table to be located on the clear are of the allotments at the cost of the allotment holders who will maintain the table, the table is for use by the allotment holders and their families.

It was agreed to unlock the gate by Handpost Cottage to allow direct access to the wooded picnic area.

It was agreed to open the main gate to the allotments from 1st August, subject to any changes in government guidance concerning Covid-19.

C/104/20 Ivinghoe Rag Pits.

The Clerk will arrange for R Landers to clear the obstruction on the Rag Pit track.

C/105/20 Clerk's Report.

The Council has received a request for Lawn Hire for the 22nd August for a wedding. It was decided to allow the booking subject to any changes in government guidance.

C/106/20 Financial Matters, Payment of Accounts & Balances.

The following accounts were authorised for payment during the meeting:

Accounts for Payment July 2020 Meeting

Payee	Description	Total Paid
Alex Kempster	Electrical Work	£95.88
Amazon	Office Supplies	£23.22
Anglo Dutch	Payroll Services	£36.00
B Knight	Reimburse Expenses & Allowance	£27.07
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension Payments	£329.62
Chairman	Reimburse Office Mobile	£41.22
Eon	Electricity June	£180.38
Grooms Ground Maintenance	Grass cutting - June	£420.00
Grooms Ground Maintenance	Grass cutting - May	£500.00
HMRC	PAYE	£73.60
Ivinghoe Old School	Lawn Booking Refund	£30.00
K L Supplies	PPE	£93.78
Litter Collection	June Litter Collection	£100.00
S Lott	Reimburse Plants	£62.50
T Beeches	Internal Audit	£85.00
Wicksteed Leisure	Playground Inspections	£108.00

C/107/20 Clerk's Annual Review.

The Clerk has had an annual review and the Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work.

C/108/20 Date of 2020 Parish Council Meetings:

4th August (online/Zoom), 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

The meeting closed at 9pm.