

## Ivinghoe Parish Council

### Minutes of a Meeting Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Present:** Councillor K Groom (Chairman), Councillor C Bamber (Vice Chairman), Councillor A Dicker, Councillor S Lott, Councillor R Benton, Councillor A Stone and Councillor P Roach.

District Councillor C Poll and District Councillor D Town.

Mrs Bridget Knight – Clerk.

**Apologies:** Bucks County Councillor A Davies and District Councillor S Jenkins.

Items on Agenda			
1. Public Question Time	1.1	Charlie Cox queried who owns the rag pit. He was advised to pass any comments/objections in writing to the Planning Officer and can write to IPC who will forward to AVDC if needed.	Clerk
	1.2	Jane Lord was concerned about access to the site at Hand Post Cottage and stated there are accidents once a month at the junction by The Warren.	
2. Attendance and Apologies	2.1	Apologies were recorded from Bucks County Councillor Avril Davies and District Councillor Sandra Jenkins.	Clerk
3. Declaration of interest	3.1	Declaration of interest was declared by Councillor Lott who has raised a question as an allotment holder.	Clerk
4. Co-option of new Councillor	4.1	Co-option of new Councillor. Dr Pat Roach was co-opted as a Councillor following a vacancy of over a year. The declaration of acceptance, disclosure of pecuniary interest and personal interest forms were completed.	Clerk
5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors	5.1	Councillor Poll reported he has recently attended a presentation on VALP. The consultation period for VALP opens in two weeks and people are urged to comment. In the VALP there are 71 homes planned in Ivinghoe and 5 in Ivinghoe Aston.	Clerk
	5.2	Councillor Town mentioned that homes that were granted in 2013 are not taken into account and neither is in-fill homes in gardens. The area of green belt in Wendover is being reviewed.	
6. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting	6.1	Councillor Benton mentioned that the previous minutes the date of the next meeting was incorrect, this was amended. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May were now correct as a record and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
7. Gayle Sturrock – Chair of Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group (15 minutes)	7.1	Gayle Sturrock spoke about the history of the Scouts which started in the village in 1967 and now has 130 members. The current Scout Hut has an asbestos roof and concrete floor with no foundations. The Scouts would like to stay in the village and were seeking support to re-build the hut after relevant surveys and architect plan, subject to planning permission. Councillor Groom confirmed that the council wants the Scouts to remain in the village and would be supportive of their plans. The Scouts were asked to stay in contact with the council and let the council know if they can help in anyway.	Chair
8. Planning Applications	8.1	<b>16/01089/APP Builders Yard, High Street, Ivinghoe - Conversion and extension of existing gable building to form one dwelling and erection of one additional detached dwelling with associated parking and landscaping</b> Awaiting decision. Councillor Lott confirmed that the Planning Inspector had reviewed the area and asked for new documents to be submitted. Decision expected in a few weeks.	Clerk/ All
	8.2	<b>16/01788/AOP – Handpost Cottage, Church Road, Ivinghoe – 3 new houses and associated parking.</b> The Councillors met with the agent on 31 <sup>st</sup> May. The applicant is trying to claim ownership of Rag Pits, which the Chair stated are owned by Ivinghoe Parish Council. IPC are to retrieve the legal documents which confirm this. Councillor Bamber expressed reservations about the plans and stated the area is very beautiful but the house would be seen from the AONB and could lead the way to further building.	

		<p>Councillor Lott mentioned that the AONB PPS 7 21-23 was being used as guidance, but felt it was not relevant as not exceptional circumstances. From the beacon you can only see The Warren chimney and church steeple, these planned houses would be visible from there.</p> <p>Councillor Dicker felt that the plans were proportionate and unobtrusive but this is just an outline application and expressed concern that the owner is seeking to move away. The village needs more affordable homes for younger and elderly residents, no more executive bijou half a million pound houses.</p> <p>Councillor Groom expressed real concerns over access, would love to see the cottages looking loved and smart.</p> <p>Councillor Benton suggested a visual impact survey should be done.</p> <p>District Councillor Poll stated that the BHB plans would completely change that junction, the developer has said they would financially contribute towards the road changes.</p> <p>District Councillor Town stated main issue is the access to the outline planning.</p>	
	8.3	<p>The resolution was passed to <b>refuse</b> planning PROPOSED by Councillor Lott and <b>SECONDED</b> by Councillor Bamber.</p>	
	8.4	<p><b>16/01822/ATC – 19 Vicarage Lane, Ivinghoe – reduce Horse Chestnut by 30%. Approved.</b></p> <p><b>16/01889/APP – Land Adjacent to The Baulk, Ivinghoe – one new dwelling and double detached garage with associated parking area with proposed parking spaces for 4 and 5, The Baulk.</b></p> <p>The Council has received a number of comments regarding this application, which need to be calculated and a further public meeting will be arranged to discuss the application further.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place an objection has been made online by AVDC Highways. Gordon Huitson has written an objection mentioning the application in 1987 which was refused. Bob Corn the applicant stated that there have been changes since 1987 and Carrol (Tarrant) Corn stated access had changed as there used to be a higher wall which is now a lower wall by the entrance to The Baulk and where there was grass there is now parking bays. Bob Corn said he has a right to drive a van to and from the site 24hours a day if he wanted to.</p>	
9. Neighbourhood Development Plan	9.1	<p>Richard Freeman informed the council that the NDP team expects the analysis results next week. A grant has been submitted to Locality. Preparation work has started on stating what the village is like now and the draft NDP is due in September and a referendum planned for April. Councillor Groom thanked Richard for his work.</p>	Clerk
10. Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds	10.1	<p>It has been a busy month with lots of overgrown footpaths and complaints from Windmill Pre-School, Mrs Collins and others. All issues have been reported to Rights of Way and the council has reference numbers.</p>	Clerk
	10.2	<p>Mr Hetherington emailed the Clerk to inform the council he had fallen at the Ford End Farm bridge and the Bridge Inspector will visit the bridge. Rights of Way and The Clerk will write to Mr Jellis and ask him to cut back the hedge, in particular the suckers from the undergrowth.</p>	
	10.3	<p>Councillor Benton will take photos of the nettles hanging over the public gravel path in Ivinghoe Aston and sent to Highways.</p>	
	10.4	<p>The Clerk will write to Brookmead School, Mr Randall, Mr McAllister, Mr Jellis and Shiel House regarding their overgrown hedges.</p>	
	10.5	<p>On the bridleway the bollard has been broken and the fire hydrant which have both been reported. No parking signs should be positioned either end of the bridleway.</p>	
	10.6	<p>Playgrounds Ivinghoe – the Clerk reported that waiting for response from Caloo following Wicksteed report of basket swing ropes might need replacing. Clerk will follow up with Caloo.</p>	
	10.7	<p>The Lawn A BBQ took place and beer cans and rubbish was left as well as the grass being scorched by the BBQ, one of the people at the BBQ was in a Robin Levey owned lorry and he will investigate who was responsible.</p>	

	10.8	Councillor Benton mentioned that Wingrave have very menacing signs for dog mess issues and will research these.																																																										
	10.9	Planters between the hub and bus stop will be ordered from Fat Leaf size 120cmx48x42 at a cost of £580. PROPOSED by Councillor Lott and SECONDED by Councillor Dicker, carried unanimously. The Clerk will order.	Clerk																																																									
11. Highways, Streets and Transport (to include Street Lighting and Speed Watch)	11.1	Councillor Bamber read the letter from John Bercow MP and Mr Mike Freestone the Interim Managing Director for Transport and Economy Environment. Dave Roberts has confirmed the permanent sites of surveys which are B488 Upper Icknield way, Pitstone, B489 East and West by Travellers Rest crossroads. If synchronis data could be used on B489 into Pitstone and into Travellers Rest to see whether the traffic goes into Ivinghoe proper. Councillor Bamber would like to request certain periods of data to get a benchmark. The only problem is that this does not differentiate between cars and HGVs.	Clerk/ KG/CB																																																									
	11.2	Media Briefing – It was agreed to issue a letter to the local media and the Clerk will do this on behalf of the Council. Councillor Benton to supply contact details for local papers.																																																										
	11.3	The MVAS is being set up in Ivinghoe Aston and a rota will be set-up to share this between Ivinghoe Aston, Ivinghoe, Slapton and Horton. District Councillor Poll offered to do the training, software is required from Serco.																																																										
	11.4	Councillor Bamber has been in contact with PC Duffy who was very encouraging about using Sentenall.																																																										
	11.5	Councillors Groom and Lott attended the LAF and the forum was in favour of BHB and we can go ahead with Bucks Transport Feasibility study which costs £2,500. The council needs to match fund this and it was agreed that £2,500 be spent on this PROPOSED by Councillor Bamber and SECONDED by Councillor Dicker, it was carried unanimously. The council will need to do some fundraising and Councillor Bamber will be attending a fundraising workshop next week.																																																										
12. Allotments	12.1	Councillor Lott mentioned that there are 4 Sycamore stumps growing on the footpath near his allotment. Councillor Groom said we should monitor this.																																																										
	12.2	The allotment for Helenka is almost ready and terms and conditions will be issued when she starts.	Clerk																																																									
13. Financial Matters, Payment of Accounts and Balances.	13.1	The following accounts and expenses were submitted and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for payment:	Clerk																																																									
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	13.2	<p><b>Balances at 6.6.16</b></p> <p>Community           £1714.68  BMM ac               £80,475.68  BMM Beacon ac       £409.09  <b>Total at 6.6.16     £82,599.45</b></p> <p>Beacon Ads   £251  Lawn Hire     £250  <b>£82,599.45</b></p>																																																										
	13.3	Accounts approved and signed by internal auditor without comment.																																																										
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		It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to formally approve and sign the accounts for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to sign the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.	
14. Report from the Clerk Correspondence	14.1	The correspondence list was circulated prior to the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basket swing – waiting for response from Caloo.</li> <li>- Clerk has joined SLCC and attended AGM today.</li> <li>- Complaints received regarding churchyard trees crowding streetlight number 12, they have been cut back since.</li> </ul>	Clerk
15. Website	15.1	The website sub-committee met before the meeting and it was decided to change provider to Hugo Fox, which is a free website and is easy to use with direct link to planning portal.	Clerk
16. Clerk Pension Scheme	16.1	No update.	
17. Date of Next Meetings		Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August – <b>Ivinghoe Aston Hall</b>	