

**MINUTES OF  
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: - Robert Lomas - Chairman, Lynn Noble, Brian Hackland, Peter Bellis, Denise Smith, John Wright, Mark Kavanagh, South Gloucestershire Councillor Pat Hockey, Marian Lewis and Donna Ford (Clerk)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5 members of the public were present, concerns were raised in relation to: Merlin Car park request and overhanging branches on the public footpath on the cemetery lane.

01-06-17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Robert Sheppard, Richard Hunter and South Gloucestershire Councillor Dave Hockey

02-06-17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hackland - Dispensation granted on a shared boundary between the Parish Meadows.

03-06-17 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Proposed by Councillor Bellis, Seconded by Councillor Noble  
**Resolved - All Agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

04-06-17 **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

South Gloucestershire Councillor Pat Hockey reported on the following points.

- Changing systems in South Glos Council
- Time consumed by the election
- Duty of South Glos to come up with a housing plan
- PSP plan, comments are now in
- Plans to close roads into Frampton Cotterell due to the viaduct have now been dropped.

Written report submitted from South Gloucestershire Councillor Marian Lewis

Housing

Attended a meeting on 'Home Choice'. Council has obligation to find housing for people who are homeless for one reason or another, and the details of the system employed by S Glos and the different departments and organisations they have to work with were very complex and truly amazing. The root of the problem as always is that there are not enough smaller, cheaper houses for single people or young couples, and until we can increase the supply, prices will continue to rise and be out of the reach of young people.

The development put forward for the area behind the Codrington Arms has been refused.

Elections

I'm sure we are all tired of elections. We wait to see how the new Regional Mayor for the South West, Tim Bowles, will act - on housing and particularly on transport.

There is a by-election on Thursday to replace Tim Bowles as a S Glos Councillor in Winterbourne.

Libraries

Chipping Sodbury looking for 20 volunteers to keep library open.

Rangeworthy book swap going well, and looking to support elderly members of the community using the library personal service when the mobile library stops in September.

Ward Boundary changes - nothing definite as yet, although it's possible that the two parts of Iron Acton may be reunited. The aim is to reduce the overall number of councillors and even out the number of electors in each ward,

Waste Collections

Full weekly recycling to be established, and then black bins will be changed for the smaller ones.

05-06-17 **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

- Chill Wood – Stone Wall – **Resolved** to accept quotation received for the repair at the cost of £650 – All Agreed
- Phone Box Adoption – **Resolved** to complete and authorize the agreement for the purchase of the telephone kiosk at a cost of £1 – All Agreed

06-06-17 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Working Budget Report
- Monthly Financial Report
- Bank Reconciliation Report

The clerk had previously circulated the financial reports – **Noted - No Issues arising.**

07-04-17 **PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS /PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

LOCATION: Lamb Inn Wotton Road Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire  
 DESCRIPTION: Works to fell 5no. Lawson Cypress trees in Iron Acton Conservation Area.  
 REFERENCE NO: PK17/2274/TCA – No Observations

LOCATION: Land To West Of Mill End House Patch Elm Lane Rangeworthy Bristol South Gloucestershire  
 DESCRIPTION: Demolition of existing storage shed. Erection of 2 no. new dwellings with garages (outline) with access, appearance, layout and scale to be determined, all other matters reserved.  
 REFERENCE NO: PT17/2222/O – No Observations

LOCATION: Lavenham Farm Nibley Lane Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire  
 DESCRIPTION: Erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation.  
 REFERENCE NO: PK17/2502/F – Object - In the Green Belt Area - Access issues would potentially increase the use of a shared access of a single-track country lane - Drainage and associated matters.

LOCATION: Land To The Rear Of 218 North Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37  
 DESCRIPTION: Partial demolition and alterations to existing shop to facilitate erection of 2no.dormer bungalows with access, parking and associated works.  
 REFERENCE NO: PK17/2400/F -**Object** - The proposed site is only accessible via the sub-standard narrow lane "The British". Vehicular access to this lane from North Road is by driving over the pedestrian pavement of North Road. The British is sandwiched directly between 218 North Road and North Road community primary school. The North Road pavement which crosses the access to The British is used by pupils going to and from school. The lane cannot allow vehicular passing as it is only 3.05 meters wide at its entrance from North Road and is narrow throughout. There is no vision splay at its junction with North Road. Vehicles exiting have to drive over the footpath to gain vision and cannot see pedestrians using the footpath until they do so. Vehicles entering The British from the North have to swing out into the opposite carriageway of North Road to be able to turn into The British to avoid hitting the perimeter wall of the school and the wall of 218 North Road.

School children also have to use the British for access from the school to the school playing field. For the reason above Iron Acton Parish Council contends that no more residential development should be permitted that requires additional vehicular access from The British .

**Resolved and Agreed by All** - Clerk to submit comments

08-06-17 **PARISH MEADOWS**

Noted - Landscape services required to trim back further around the perimeter of the parish meadows.

09-06-17 **MERLIN HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

Discussed and resolved **Not** to support a request for an application to South Glos for temporary use of an area for parking to alleviate the existing infrastructure during the build of new homes in Iron Acton if received on the reasons stated below:

- The PC wish to support the views of the residents
- Poor / inadequate consultation
- Petition received with a large number of signatures against the application
- Loss of the facilities, the PC understand that other alternatives can be used

09-06-17 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

- Clerks Wages June @ 70 Hrs Per Month
- Clerks Expenses June (Mileage/Heating & Lighting) £33.60
- EE - Telephone/Broadband - June
- Nest - S/O - Pension Contribution
- Shipton Bookkeeping and Payroll LTD - £20.00 DD
- Quality First £30.00
- Unicorn - £141.14 + £283.44
- Landscape Services - Inv No 39324 - £744.00
- South Glos Council - Business rates - £165.88

**Resolved - All Agreed**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:32pm.

**Signed:**

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**Dated:**

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