

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Monday 11th May 2015

The Annual Meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in Marshall Rooms commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Councillor Bellis (Chairman), Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Lomas, Councillor Smith & Donna Beal (Clerk).

Action

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A letter from Mrs Lynn Noble was read out by Peter Bellis outlining why Mrs Noble wished to be co opted as a parish councillor. Mr Dave Taylor gave a verbal speech along with Mr Mark Evans advising of there background from the parish and what they could bring to the parish council if also co opted.

A parishioner spoke of plans on a self build project they wished to carry out on land owned by them and asked the parish councils thoughts. The parish council listened to the questions but advised that they would not be able to comment until a full planning application had been received by the parish council. Councillor Bellis did respond to questions giving personal opinions and reiterated that these were personal thoughts and not of the parish council.

A request was made to hold an event on the village green. The parishioner was advised that an application would need to be made and this would then be considered at the next parish meeting once on the agenda.

01-05-15 **SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

All Parish Councillors present signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms in the presence of the Clerk.

02-05-15 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Sheppard proposed and Councillor Lomas seconded that Councillor Bellis be elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. **All agreed.**

03-05-15 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Sheppard proposed and Councillor Bellis seconded that Councillor Lomas be elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. **All agreed.**

04-05-15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marian Lewis.

05-05-15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary**

None Declared

06-05-15 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2015 had been previously circulated. Proposed Councillor Bellis and seconded by Councillor Lomas that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true record. **All agreed.**

07-05-15 **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

No reports

08-05-15 **VACANCY - EAST WARD / IRON ACTON WARD**

The clerk reported that letters had been received from Mr. Mark Evans, Mrs Lynn and Mr Dave Taylor applying for the vacancy's available. Following discussion **it was agreed** that both Mr Evans & Dave Taylor be co-opted on to the Parish Council for Iron Acton Ward and Lynn Noble for East Ward Proposed Councillor Bellis and seconded Councillor Sheppard.

Both Mark Evans and Dave Taylor were present at the meeting and both completed the declaration of acceptance office in presence of the clerk. After completion of the declaration both Mr Mark Evans and Mr Dave Taylor joined the meeting.

09-05-15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The clerk reported the available balances as of 7th April 2015

National Westminster Bank:	Current Account	£7390.34
	Reserve Account	£ 16,862.07
	TOTAL	£24,252.41

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council accounts and books had been independently audited by Mr. Iain Selkirk and signed off as complying with the requirements stipulated by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 and CIPFA guidelines.

Annual Governance Statement:- The Annual Governance Statement was presented to the Parish Council for approval and adoption. Proposed Councillor Bellis and seconded by Councillor Sheppard. **All agreed.**

10-05-15 **UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS / RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Councillor Bellis advised that he would be looking at getting the flower planter that had been previously agreed installed within the next few weeks

11-05-15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PK15/0671/O Land south of Broad Lane, Yate - Erection of 9no. dwellings -OBJECT - Over development of site, too dense with associated concerns of traffic / parking & movement at the junction with North Road which conflicts with the traffic lights at Iron Acton Way, buffered between a pub and a car park.

PK15/1887/F Turnpike House Station Road, Erection of single storey rear and side extension to form additional living accommodation - Observation - Possible impact on adjoining listed building.

12-05-15 **PLANNING - CONSENTS**

None received.

13-05-15 **PLANNING REFUSALS/WITHDRAWALS**

None received.

14-05-15 **PLANNING - APPEALS**

None received.

15-05-15 **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT**

None received.

16-05-15 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

- Potentials / Pitfalls of the gas mains connection.
- Feelings for and against the provision for the parish meadows teenager recreational equipment.
- Chairman's page to be updated as a information base along with a summary of the minutes.
- Explore different avenues of media and communication with the parish.

17-05-15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages
- Clerks Expenses Heating/Lighting/Millage
- TalkTalk - Phone & Broadband - £44.41
- Zurich - Insurance Renewal - £1035.04
- North Road School Room Hire - £30.00

Proposed Councillor Bellis, seconded Councillor Lomas, all agreed that the above accounts be paid.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 15th June 2015 in

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North Road School, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____