

**MINUTES OF  
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

The Meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in North Road School commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: - Robert Lomas (Acting Chair), Lynn Noble, Robert Sheppard, Brian Hackland, Peter Bellis, Councillor Smith and Donna Ford (Clerk)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

0 members of the public were present.

**01-12-16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

South Gloucestershire Councillor Marian Lewis and Pat and Dave Hockey

**02-12-16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary**

Councillor Hackland declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in the Parish Meadows due to a shared boundary.

Councillor Bellis declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 due to being a Acton Aid member.

**03-12-16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 201- Proposed by Councillor Bellis, Seconded by Councillor Smith

**Resolved – All Agreed** and signed by the Acting Chairman.

**04-12-16 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

None

**05-12-16 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Chill Wood – Awaiting date from Neil Gazzard for the agreed scheduled work to be completed.

Councillor Sheppard advised that access would be gained for the stone wall repair at the same time as the work is completed by Neil Gazzard.

Grant Funding – Clerk has prepared and submitted an application to the lottery for the awards for all for £10,000.00. This application has been sent back twice requesting further details including 3 separate quotes for play equipment specified in the application, which was obtained by other play equipment providers. The clerk chose equipment from the designs that were drawn up and went with the most popular items for the budget for the grant, which include a basket swing, merry go roundabout, apex climbing frame, monkey bars and a rope tunnel. The clerk has received an email confirmation confirming they have all the information required and the application has now been approved awaiting written confirmation of approval.

**06-12-16 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

*“In the light of the early date of the meeting to consider the 1<sup>st</sup> December financial reports at the January 2017 meeting” All Agreed*

**07-12-16 PLANNING- NEW APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

LOCATION: Game Farm Game Farm House Latteridge Lane Iron Acton South Gloucestershire

DESCRIPTION: Change of use of storage area to customer cafe (Class A3) as defined in Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

REFERENCE NO: PK16/6373/F - **No Observations - All Agreed**

LOCATION: Grange Farm Latteridge Road Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire  
DESCRIPTION: Prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for machinery

REFERENCE NO: PK16/6377/PNA - **No Observations - All Agreed**

08-12-16 **WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN**

*Respond to the consultation in line with the draft as agreed by the meeting – All Agreed (Appendix A)*

09-12-16 **CONSULTATION ON AVON FIRE AUTHORITY'S DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016-2020**

Proposed response from Councillor Lomas:

Iron Acton Parish Council, with respect to the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan produce by Avon Fire Authority resolves to make the following consultation response:

This Council opposes the proposal to return night-time cover at Yate Fire Station to on-call cover only.

The IRMP document statistical graph indicates that domestic fire incidents have reduced historically but this has now levelled off. The first response areas served by Yate Station, including Iron Acton Parish, is to see a large growth in housing. Therefore, we believe that the incidence of domestic house fires are not likely to further reduce and may well increase.

The proposal envisages a night-time manning regime that is bound to lengthen response times at night just when most house fire deaths occur. This time would be when sleeping people are most at risk of being overcome and die. Therefore, this is not the time to propose manning changes that are bound to make response times increase, particularly in an area where the number of houses to be protected will grow significantly during the plan period.

We submit that the plan proposals in respect of Yate Station night cover is perverse in light of that being when people need the swiftest response and the area is becoming more populous.

**All Agreed**

10-12-16 **GLORIA JEAN**

Formally accept ownership of Gloria Jean following the play area safety inspection report 2016 – Vote carried with 5 for and 1 against.

11-12-16 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages December @ 70 Hrs Per Month
- Clerks Expenses December (Mileage/Heating & Lighting) £26.40
- Talk Talk – Phone & Broad band - December - 43.26
- Nest – D/D - £20.36
- Shipton Bookkeeping and Payroll LTD – £20.00 S/O
- North Road School – Room Hire - £30.00

**Resolved – All Agreed**

Note: Request to set up a direct debit for payment for the Talk Talk Business Account payment / Standing Order for Shipton Bookkeeping monthly charge – Resolved, All Agreed

12-12-16 **FORTHCOMING BUSINESS**

Annual Review of Internal Policies / Procedures

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Iron Acton Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:21pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix A

**West of England Joint Spatial Plan: Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy****Joint Spatial Plan: Emerging Spatial Strategy****Consultation Question 1**

**Does the proposed strategy make adequate provision to address the housing needs of the West of England?**

The Emerging Spatial Strategy assesses the number of new homes needed in broad locations, but it fails to specify development sites. It lists sites proposed by landowners and others which would be inappropriate and inconsistent with its objectives, and in doing so stokes local anxiety and opposition. The plan should make clear exactly where housing development would be acceptable. Specifically, within Iron Acton Parish, it should rule out proposals for incoherent and piecemeal development off North Road, including the erosion of Engine Common, a local heritage and amenity area. The existing settlement in North Road should be consolidated and kept separate from Yate. New build in Yate should be contiguous with its existing housing. To maintain the character of Iron Acton village, there should be no significant extension of its footprint and future development within the Iron Acton Conservation Area should be limited to meeting the housing needs of existing residents.

**Consultation Question 2**

**How can we increase the delivery of homes, in particular much needed affordable homes in the West of England?**

Delivery of homes could be increased by providing incentives for housebuilders to speed build rates on existing and consented sites. In addition, the plan should specify sites on which future development would be encouraged. Incentives could include a commitment to fast-track planning determinations for such sites. The JSP should facilitate partnerships of private, public sector and not-for-profit providers to maximise numbers of affordable homes. It should require all new development to include a proportion of affordable homes in line with assessed need. Where affordability is a particular problem, the JSP process should be used to explore restricting occupancy of some new properties to existing residents with demonstrable needs (e.g., families with children needing more space; or elderly people needing more accessible properties). In these and other ways, the JSP should strengthen incentives to local communities to accept appropriate development in their areas.

**Consultation Question 3**

**Does the proposed strategy make adequate provision to address the economic and employment needs of the West of England?**

The Emerging Spatial Strategy should be more precise on how it would deliver its economic and employment objectives. While the Joint Transport Study includes positive proposals to support development, it appears more focussed on commuting into Bristol than truly sustainable local economic development. To be sustainable, economic and employment provision should be local and linked to new housing development. Uncertainties on funding, timing and transport capacity undermine confidence that the objectives are deliverable.

**Consultation Question 4**

**Does the Preferred Spatial Strategy and the locations identified meet the plan's strategic priorities and vision?**

The Preferred Spatial Strategy lacks the detail necessary to judge whether its strategic priorities and vision will be met. It needs to be tied more specifically into the spatial strategies of the four partner local authorities. It should set out how it will strengthen these and take forward the development proposals they contain, as well as setting out the strategic direction and geography of development in the longer term. By removing the uncertainty caused by piecemeal development proposals it will reassure local communities and increase buy-in. Development should be focussed on brownfield sites. Erosion of the green belt should be avoided. Where green belt land is lost it should be replaced like for like through new designations.

**Consultation Question 5**

**Are there any reasons why this strategy or identified locations could not be delivered?**

The three biggest threats to delivery are: inadequate resourcing and incentivising of affordable home provision; doubts over delivery of supporting infrastructure and facilities; and inflaming of local, popular and political opposition through the proliferation of inappropriate proposals for development. Identification and combining of resources; upfront provision of infrastructure and facilities; certainty on development sites; and a clear delivery timetable and prioritisation or would mitigate these.

**Consultation Question 6****Is the Preferred Spatial Strategy the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives?**

The Preferred Spatial Strategy moves thinking in the right direction. It needs to be refined to increase its credibility and allay local concerns. It needs to set out clearly its relationship with other spatial strategies for the West of England. A failure to convince developers and communities that there is a shared strategic vision with the means to deliver it will result in more piecemeal development proposals coming forward, stoking opposition. The result will be slower delivery and development that is less sustainable.