

**MINUTES OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 15th June 2015**

The Meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in North Road School commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Councillor Bellis (Chairman), Councillor Noble, Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Lomas, Councillor Evans, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Taylor & Donna Beal (Clerk).

Action

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

0 members of the public were present

Councillor Noble advised that complaints had been received regarding dogs barking in North Road, Councillor Bellis advised that all complaints should be passed on to the environmental health by the complainant.

Councillor Taylor advised that complaints had been received from the residents near Station Road allotments in respect of bonfires being lit within the allotments and causing issues for the residents. Councillor Bellis advised that he would look into this and the clerk would contact the allotment association and advise them of the issues.

01-06-15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Smith, Pat & Dave Hockey.

02-06-15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary**

None Declared

03-06-15 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015 had been previously circulated. Proposed Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Sheppard that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true record. **All Agreed.**

04-06-15 **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

South Gloucestershire Councillor Marian Lewis gave a brief verbal report covering the local plan and the 3 parts involved, the development plan for 2006 - 2027 with the minimum houses of 28,355 houses needing to be built. It was advised that 8129 houses have already been built with another 13 years left to build the remaining. It was advised that Filton would be building 14,000, Thornbury 1000, Yate/Chipping Sodbury 3700 and the East Fringe 7000. Nothing at this present time is expected for the rural areas.

05-06-15 **PARISH MEADOWS**

After discussing the playground equipment and the need for a slide it was proposed and **Agreed by All** that the Parish Council would buy and install a bank slide on the existing mound over the tunnel. It was agreed that the clerk would arrange purchase and installation of the slide and was allocated a combined total budget of £3000. It was also **Agreed by All** that the clerk would purchase and have installed a basket ball hoop with a back board installed within the tennis court area. Councillor Sheppard and the clerk to meet and agree on a suitable location for the position of the basket ball hoop. The clerk was allocated £500 to fund the basket ball hoop and installation.

The clerk was granted a budget of £1000 for the purchase and install of 2 new benches as agreed previously. 1 to replace the existing broken bench within the play area and the other to be located at the tennis courts. Councillor Sheppard advised that donations of benches had recently been donated to organisations from local supermarkets. Councillor Sheppard advised that he would peruse this and see if the Parish council would be able eligible for a donation of new benches. An email had been received from a parishioner requesting that new benches installed would be dedicated to parishioners. This was agreed by the Parish Council and they would

look into dedication plaques for any new benches and who they would be dedicated too.

Councillor Bellis advised that a donation of an old fishing boat "Gloria Jean" had been received by the Parish Council. The fishing boat is approx 9 meters long and weighs 5.5 tones and has been play inspected approved. It was discussed and **Agreed by All** that the fishing boat be accepted as it would be a great asset and feature to the play area. The cost of transporting and the installation of the boat would be funded by the Parish Council. Councillor Bellis will liaise with the boat provider and work with the clerk in order to secure and arrange the transportation and installation and agree on the suitable location within the play area for the boat to be positioned.

After discussing the current position of the previously agreed cycle path with both positive and negative comments being raised from parishioners and councillors, Councillor Sheppard proposed that the cycle track application be withdrawn; this proposal was later withdrawn by Councillor Sheppard. It was agreed that further information was required in relation to the funding and the byelaw and therefore will be added to the agenda for July 2015 for further discussion.

06-06-15 **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.

The heading would be changed to matters outstanding and all subsequent outstanding matters would be listed.

07-06-15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The clerk reported the available balances as of

Monies available as
at - 1st June 2015

National Westminster Bank

Current Account	£	19,141.54
Reserve Account	£	16,863.43

No issues arising.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council accounts and books would be sent to Grant Thornton for the external audit.

08-06-15 **PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

PK15/2328/PND Units 11-14 Beeches Industrial Estate Waverley Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5QR - Prior notification of the intention to demolish the two storey block adjoining the west elevation of Units 11-14. - **No Observations - All Agreed**

PK15/1738/F River Mead Dean Road Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 5NH - Erection of two storey side extension to provide additional office accommodation. - **No Observations - All Agreed**

PK15/2393/TCA Elm Croft High Street Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 9UH - Works to fell 4no. Conifer trees in Iron Acton Conservation Area- **No Observations - All Agreed**

PK15/1918/TRE Rose Cottage 440 North Road Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 7LW - Works to 1no. Ash tree to reduce to 10m, crown lift 1no. Ash tree to 6m and reduce Thorn hedge back to 1.5m, covered by Tree Preservation Order SGTP0 10/09 dated 9 September 2009. - **No Observations - All Agreed**

PK15/2506/F Iron Acton Village Hall - Demolition of existing lobby and erection of single storey extension to form waiting area - **No Observations - All Agreed**

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09-06-15 **PLANNING - CONSENTS**

None received.

10-06-15 **PLANNING REFUSALS/WITHDRAWALS**

None received.

11-06-15 **PLANNING - APPEALS**

None received.

12-06-15 **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT**

None received.

13-06-15 **REQUEST TO STAGE EVENT - VILLAGE GREEN**

Request withdrawn

14-06-15 **NORTH ROAD POST OFFICE CLOSURE**

Discussions were had in relation the post office closure in North Road it was agreed that the clerk would contact the relevant departments and advise the regret shown on the closure and support the current application made for a new post office at the Codrington Arms.

15-06-15 **POLICIES, SITES & PLACES**

It was agreed by all that no further comments needed to be added to the recent correspondence received as they had previously been submitted.

16-06-15 **BYELAW**

Following discussion and debate to the existing byelaws for the parish meadows regarding cycling in the meadows it was **AGREED BY ALL** to start the consultation process in order to action the updating of the byelaws.

17-06-15 **TRAINING COURSES**

Following research collated regarding training courses for both councillors and the clerk it was agreed by all that the clerk should sanction any relevant training courses including the play area inspection course and book as required. New councillor courses were offered to the new councillors but declined on this occasion.

18-06-15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages
- Clerks Expenses Heating/Lighting/Mileage
- TalkTalk - Phone & Broadband - £41.36
- E Hall - Allotment Materials - £128.92

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 20th July 2015 in Iron Acton Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

Signed:

Dated:
