

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 16th June 2014**

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

Present:- Councillor Bellis (Chairman), Councillor Heal (Vice Chairman) Councillor Blanchard, Councillor Tillotson , Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Huish, Councillor Lomas, South Gloucestershire representative Dave Hockey & Donna Beal (Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING REPORTS FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLORS

7 Members of the public were present

Concerns were raised on the planning application PK14/1755/F these included wildlife, footpaths, scenery, due progress not being considered for legal requirements, health issues, intrusive lighting, confined spaces would compromise personal safety. The concerns were noted and advised that they would be taken into account when making the decision on the application.

South Gloucestershire representative Dave Hockey gave a valuable input and advised that reports from the planning officer should cover most points raised and the South Gloucestershire website held a lot of information. He also advised that a site visit was scheduled for the 18th July and all property's adversely affected would be visited. A decision would be made on the 31st July at 3pm at the Kingswood offices. Concerns were raised also in relation to the south Gloucestershire website having issues the clerk would contact South Gloucestershire council and ask for a extension to enable comments to be made. Councillor Hockey assured parishioners with concerns that a lot of experience in South Gloucestershire planning team as there was now a high number of solar applications being received and all aspects would be covered.

Councillor Hockey advised that the church road bridge works would commence a week earlier from the original date of 23rd July 2014. The concerns had been noted that the residents of Iron Acton was duly concerned over the increased traffic which would affect the village. A meeting is to be held to discuss any appropriate action to address the situation at South Gloucestershire offices 2 members of the parish council would attend the meeting to air the views of the parishioners.

Resident Mike Keenan gave a update in relation to the Policies sites and places plan and advised of a drop in session on 3rd July between 4-7pm. The consultation is due to go live on the 26th June 2014.

01-06-14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Councillor Gawler, Councillor Taylor, & South Gloucestershire representative Pat Hockey

02-06-14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary

None

03-06-14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Parish meeting held on 19th May 2104 - had been previously circulated, it was proposed that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true record **All clerk chair Agreed**

04-06-14 PARISH MEADOWS

Councillor Heal advised on the progress forward in relation to the proposed cycle track for the parish meadows. It was noted that a working party would be held on Monday 26th June at the parish meadows at 6.30pm.

05-06-14 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS / RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Discussions were had in relation to the Polices sites and places plan and the flyer it was noted that the councillors would contact the clerk with there thoughts for the clerk to collate

and report back. Once the flyers had been made the councillors would help to distribute them.

The clerk is to seek authority as to the possibility of a floral display on the junction of Holly Hill and Nibley Lane.

It was advised that the drains of North road had still not been cleared, Clerk to chase up again.

The Green bin at the cemetery had not been collected it was advised that an invoice was in the process of being sent to enable the clerk to make payment.

06-06-14 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Monies available as at 1st June 2014:

National Westminster Bank:	Current Account	£13299.37
	Reserve Account	£ 160.90

It was resolved and agreed by all to accept the statement of account for the annual return.

07-06-14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

PK14/1646/F - Unit 4 Great Western Business park Armstrong way - Demolition warehouse unit. Erection of building and change of use from B1 and B2 to maintenance depot, vehicle storage, storage of solar signs for solar regeneration, offices and maintenance of solar signs. - **No Observations**

PK14/1695/F - Thatched Cottage, Latteridge Road - Erection of detached garage and new vehicular access with associated works - **No Observations**

PK14/1631/OHL - Land at Latteridge road, Application for consent under section 37 of electricity act 1989 to erect 2no. poles - **No Observations**

PK14/1755/F - Green Farm, Folly Road - Construction of a 10.9MWP Solar farm and associated works including 1no. substation, 9no. transformer stations, gravel access tracks and 2.0 m high fencing - **Object**

- 1) No Ecological survey has been provided
- 2) No environmental impact assessment has been provided
- 3) No statement in the report on the health impact provided by the public health officer
- 4) The effective removal from production of high quality agricultural land (grade 3A)
- 5) Loss of visual amenity in green belt, park in area of high density of public foot path
- 6) loss of feeling of openness on public footpath which are currently in open fields which will be enclosed by deer fences and associated public personal concerns
- 7) Detrimental effect on wildlife, including bats, in a species rich area when open hedgerows are constrained by fences.
- 8) Detrimental effect on nearby business relying on visitors, specifically Bed and Breakfast concerns with views overlooking the development.
- 9) Such applications should be pointed to brown field sites of which South Gloucestershire has failed to provide.

Observation

Not been sufficient process due to South Gloucestershire website not working to enable comments to be submitted.

Lack of notices to nearby residents and public notices

ALL AGREED

Clerk

08-06-14 **PLANNING CONSENTS**

PK14/0880/F - The Fox Broad lane - New external garden

PK14/0056/F - Land at Lower farm Latteridge - Erection of stables and storage area and construction of Manege.

09-06-14 **PLANNING REFUSALS / WITHDRAWALS**

None Received

10-06-14 **PLANNING APPEALS**

None Received

11-06-14 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

None Received

12-06-14 **PLANNING APPLICATION**

It was agreed by all to submit a planning application for the necessary works for the tree adjacent to park cottage

13-06-14 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages @ 70 Hrs
- Clerks Expenses (Mileage/Heating & Lighting) - £21.60
- Talk Talk - Phone & Broad band- £45.79
- Viking - Stationary - £273.29
- I Selkirk - Internal Audit - £90.00
- R Williams - Pond Clearance - £180.00
- Quality First - £30.00
- SLCC Membership - £129.00

Clerk

ALL AGREED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Monday 21st July at the Village Hall**, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Signed:

Dated:
