

Iron Acton Parish Meeting 2013

Minutes of Iron Acton Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2013 at 20:00

Held at Iron Acton Parish Hall

Present: - Councillor Sheppard (Chairman), Councillor Bellis (Vice Chairman), Councillor Lomas, Councillor Blanchard, Councillor Huish, Councillor Tillotson and Donna Beal (Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

27 members of the public were present.

01-05-13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Taylor, Councillor Heal, Councillor Gawler & South Gloucestershire Councillors Pat & Dave Hockey.

02-05-13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23RD May 2011 had been previously circulated. Councillor Bellis proposed and Councillor Lomas seconded that these minutes be adopted and signed. **All Agreed**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2012 had been previously circulated. Councillor Bellis proposed that an amendment be added to the minutes to reflect the concerns of a parishioner that on minute no 842 that the poll that was taken at the meeting had no effect. It was noted that the procedure taken was unclear at the time and the vote counted was not unanimous and there was an objection to the procedure taking place. Councillor Tillotson seconded that these minutes be adopted with the proposed amendment and signed. **All Agreed**
(Action Clerk to make amendments & Chairman to sign)

03-05-13 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillor Sheppard gave a report with an over view of the previous year.

04-05-13 OTHER REPORTS

Written reports were supplied and read out at the meeting by Councillor Sheppard from
North Road School
Councillor Gawler from Ladden Brook Ward
South Gloucestershire Councillors Dave & Pat Hockey
Charities Committee
Toddler Group.

Reports were then presented and read in person from
Parish Meadows Committee
Iron Acton PCC
Parish Hall
Acton Aid
Community Cinema
North Road Ladies
Victorian Committee

Councillor Sheppard thanked all organisations for there reports.

05-05-13 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Audited accounts for 2010/ 2011 had been previously circulated. Tony Pullen proposed and Rachel Weldrake seconded that these accounts be adopted and signed. **All Agreed**

The Audited accounts for 2011/ 2012 had been previously circulated. Councillor Lomas proposed and Carol Dickson seconded that these accounts be adopted and signed. **All Agreed**

06-05-13 UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2013

The Unaudited accounts for 2012/ 2013 had been previously circulated. Observations raised were: Legal fees have been paid in 2012/13 an explanation was given by councillor Sheppard as to why and what the legal fees covered. It was noted that some parishioners were not happy in relation to having to pay legal fees and thought that it should not be down to the parishioners to have to cover this by having the precept put up. Councillor Bellis advised that the precept had gone up due to the fact over the last couple of years money had been used from the reserves to keep the precept request down, as it stands now the reserves account is where it should be as a balance and would no longer be used to subsidise a lower precept.

An observation was raised in relation to the clerk’s wages. Councillor Bellis advised that the clerk’s wages had remained the same through out the year and the only variation from last years payment was the agreed number of hours to pay the clerk as per her contract.

Parishioner Di Heal proposed that the Parish Council as a whole and all Councillors put there differences behind them and move on to a brighter future for the current year for the good of the parish, seconded Councillor Bellis. **All Agreed.**

It was noted that no tennis fees had been collected. Councillor Sheppard advised that it had been proposed previously by Councillor Heal and agreed that an honesty box would be installed to aid collection of fees. This will be monitored and the Parish council would be looking into an enforced regime.

07-05-13 CHARITIES ACCOUNTS

A written report from the charities account was read under section 4 by Councillor Sheppard.

08-05-13 ANY NEW BUSINESS

A parishioner made comment in relation to the Notice board at the Parish Hall and difficulties in reading documents due to the condensation. Councillor Sheppard advised that the clerk had also encountered difficulties with the notice boards in the winter months and advised that the Parish Council will look into getting them fixed.

It was noted that the pond in dyers lane looked like its needs attention. Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Lomas advised that the pond does get cleared once a year to the required limits. Councillor Sheppard advised that he would ask South Gloucestershire Council environmental department to also look at the pond and give there recommendations.

Following concerns from some parishioners it was noted that the feelings in relation to the allocated budget for the Parish Meadows should only be spent for essential work required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm

Signed.....

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