

**MINUTES OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 18th July 2016**

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

Present:- Councillor Noble, Councillor Hackland, , Councillor Bellis, South Gloucestershire Councillor Lewis, Councillor Lomas (Acting Chairman) & Donna Beal (Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 members of the public was present

01-07-16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Councillor Taylor, Councillor Sheppard, Councillor Smith & South Gloucestershire Councillor's Dave & Pat Hockey.

It was noted that Vice Chairman Councillor Lomas will be Acting Chairman until a new Chairman is elected.

02-07-16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary

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

03-07-16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2016 had been previously circulated. Proposed Councillor Noble and seconded by Councillor Hackland that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true record. **Resolved - All Agreed** and signed by the Acting Chairman.

04-07-16 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Report Marian Lewis

West of England Devolution Agreement is on track to go ahead. Of the 4 authorities originally planned, N Somerset has voted not to take part but the amount of funding (£1bn) remains the same. Bristol, Bath and NE Somerset, and S Glos have now made their final decisions on the plan, and have decided in favour. So the whole project is now out for consultation until 15 August 2016 in all three councils - meaning residents from all three geographic areas are invited to take part. The consultation results will then go to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government who will decide whether the West of England devolution deal should go ahead. If it goes ahead, it will be set up in early 2017, with elections for the position of West of England Mayor to take place across all three local government areas in May 2017.

North Road has been resurfaced - at last! Very efficient job. Thanks to South Glos.

North Road Post Office. Post Office still delaying.....now looking at early September!

The building where the PO will be housed is being cleared out in preparation.

Waste and Recycling: Final proposals for reorganising collections were put to the committee in July and they have been accepted. Main results from consultation

- that fortnightly black bin collections are important
- residents find the current recycling service confusing
- the numbers of containers for recycling makes storage difficult

All residents will be informed as the new system rolls out, and the new smaller black bins are distributed.

05-07-16 PARISH MEADOWS

Councillor Lomas reported that he had carried out a visual playground inspection. It was noted that extra soil is required at the top of the slide.

06-07-16 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Grant Funding – Councillor Smith reported a meeting had taken place with the clerk and t 1 application was being looked at and will be completed in due course.

Chill Wood – It was noted that 2 days work has now been completed as agreed.

Gloria Jean – It was reported that the soil level had been raised around the boat, Clerk to make a formal request to Acton Aid for schedule of works, a response had been received stating that they were aware of the required work and this would hopefully be completed in the next few weeks.

07-07-16 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Monies available as at 01/07/2016

National Westminster Bank

Current Account £8,938.41

Reserve Account £12,872.40

Noted – No Issues Arising

The Clerk provided a budget report and bank reconciliation for the 1st July 2016, it was noted that the clerk would revise the budget with Councillor Hackland and Lomas.

Noted – The Annual Return 2015/16 has been submitted for an Intermediate External Audit and no update had been received to date.

Councillor Bellis left the meeting.

08-07-16 **PLANNING- NEW APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

PK16/2429/F – To the rear of 218 North Road, Yate, BS37 7LQ - Object - The proposed site is only accessible via the sub-standard narrow lane "The British". Vehicular access to this lane from North Road is by driving over the pedestrian pavement of North Road. The British is sandwiched directly between 218 North Road and North Road community primary school. The North Road pavement which crosses the access to The British is used by pupils going to and from school. The lane cannot allow vehicular passing as it is only 3.05 meters wide at its entrance from North Road and is narrow throughout. There is no vision splay at its junction with North Road. Vehicles exiting have to drive over the footpath to gain vision and cannot see pedestrians using the footpath until they do so. Vehicles entering The British from the North have to swing out into the opposite carriageway of North Road to be able to turn into The British to avoid hitting the perimeter wall of the school and the wall of 218 North Road. School children also have to use the British for access from the school to the school playing field.

For the reason above Iron Acton Parish Council contends that no more residential development should be permitted that requires additional vehicular access from The British

Resolved – All Agreed

09-07-16 **EMPLOYMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL HANDYPERSON**

Deferred - Pending reports / costing

10-07-16 **PENSIONS REGULATOR**

Resolved that the primary and delegated contacts for the Nest Pension Scheme would be Councillor Lomas as primary contact and Councillor Bellis would remain the second contact. **All Agreed**

11-07-16 **CHILL WOOD**

Report - Councillor Hackland - I met Chris and Neil at Chill Wood on Saturday morning on behalf of IAPC and we had a useful and informative tour of their work. They have cleared a beautiful "glade" at the heart of the wood along with the main paths, have chipped the branches and made piles of the heavier timber. They have dropped a large oak limb that was "hung" to make it safe and ringed one section so that it lies as a safe and fun log for children to sit on or scramble over. The piles of chippings are next to the paths waiting for Friends of Chill Wood to spread. Overall it looks lovely and one can see

through the wood, now, where they have worked, with the sun reaching the ground between the trunks of the oaks.

Following the report, it was Discussed and Resolved commissioning further work as per the agreed management plan at £1,200.

"Pursuant to the motion above, Chill Wood, Iron Acton Parish Council resolved to vire from its Reserves £1,200 to Budget Item 'Trees / Chill Wood' to cover the cost of the additional work."

All Agreed

12-07-16 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages July @ 70 Hrs
- Clerks Expenses July (Mileage/Heating & Lighting) £39.20
- Talk Talk – Phone & Broad band July – £42.06
- Shipton Book Keeping - £60.00
- Landscape Services - £258.00
- Quality First - £30.00
- Allotment Association – Liability Insurance - £92.19
- GM Computing - £30.00
- SLCC Subscription - £149.00

Proposed Councillor Lomas, Seconded Councillor Sheppard that the above accounts are paid.

Resolved - All Agreed

13-07-16 **FORTHCOMING BUSINESS**

Clerks Annual Appraisal

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 15th August 2016 in Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed:

Dated:
