

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 20th April 2015**

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INCLUDING REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

7 members of the public were present

Councillor Sheppard spoke in relation to 4 emails and 2 phone calls received direct to him regarding concerns over the agreed cycle track at the parish meadows. The comments raised were noted.

A parishioner made reference to concerns over a skateboard park but advised that a cycle track would not cause any issues.

A parishioner who had made contact via email direct to the chairman, prior to the meeting spoke of concerns over the cycle track and asked if plans were available to view. Councillor Bellis advised the parishioner that he would be responding to the email received in due course and stated that any factual information would be available via the clerk.

01-04-15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Tillotson, Councillor Taylor & South Gloucestershire representative Dave Hockey.

02-04-15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary

Councillor Heal - Non Pecuniary - Agenda item 13.

03-04-15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 16th March 2015 - had been clerk previously circulated, it was proposed that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true chair record. **All Agreed**

04-04-15 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

South Gloucestershire representative Pat Hockey gave a verbal report and advised that a representative from merlin would be attending the annual meeting of the parish to give a presentation regarding the gas mains supply. Pat Hockey also advised that a workshop for parish councillors / clerks would be available shortly in relation to green open spaces and further details would follow.

Councillor Gawler advised verbally that building work had stopped in North road as the appropriate planning had still not been agreed.

05-04-15 PARISH MEADOWS

Councillor Heal advised that 2 new benches are required for the parish meadows. 1 to be located by the tennis courts and 1 to replace the broken bench inside the play area. Councillor Heal stated that there was no longer a bin by the tennis court and advised that one was needed. It was agreed that the clerk would look into the cost of new benches and report at the next meeting. The clerk will also look into the bin in question and potential costs and the process and act accordingly.

Councillor Bellis advised of some wall and tree damage that had occurred. He advised that he had visited the site and inspected the damage. The clerk had investigated the procedure for removal of the fallen tree and advised accordingly. It was agreed that the clerk and the parishioner whose land the tree had fallen on would liaise regarding the removal of the tree and the rebuilding of the wall. It was agreed by all that the cost of repair to the wall would be paid for by the parish council.

Due to the concerns raised in public participation and correspondence received councillor

Bellis gave a verbal speech stating how the cycle track had been agreed, the dates and process taken and advised on the position held regarding the byelaws. Councillor Bellis also advised that providing teenagers of the parish some type of recreational equipment had previously been talked about and would be considered with or without the grant funding. A long debated discussion took place which included views from several councillors, questions raised and answered and the thoughts from councillor Gawler in relation to the grant for the funding of the project.

Councillor Sheppard proposed that the construction of the cycle track be scrapped. The proposal made by councillor Sheppard was not seconded and therefore not carried to a vote. Councillor Heal advised that the appointed contractor may make a charge of 25% of the contract cost if the parish council pull out of the agreed contract and therefore this should be taken into consideration.

Councillor Gawler proposed that the cycle track be suspended until 1) The byelaws issue had been resolved, 2) The grant funding had been agreed for the cycle track, 3) The adjoining neighbours of the parish meadows had been informed of the plans. Seconded councillor Heal. **All Agreed**

06-04-15 **UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS / RESOLVE ANY ACTIONS ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Councillor Bellis and Heal to meet in relation to the agreed flower planter.

07-04-15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

National Westminster Bank:	Current Account	£13,667.65
	Reserve Account	£ 10,161.78

No issues arising

08-04-15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

PK15/1033/F - Pear Tree Cottage 410 North Road - Erection of a single storey side extension to include new chimney to form additional living accommodation - **No Observations**

PK15/1106/F - Penrhys Chaingate lane - Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension to form additional living accommodation- **No Observations**

PK15/1386/F - Craig Affie - Mission Road - Alterations to existing stone wall to facilitate erection of gates and fencing. - **No Observations**

PK15/1301/F - Poplar farm cottage, Latteridge road - Demolition of existing garage. Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. - **No Observations**

PK15/1296/F - Green cottage, The Green, Iron Acton - Demolition of existing conservatory, Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. - **No Observations**

PK15/1288/F - Erection of 17no. industrial units for (Class B1c) and (Class B8) use as defined in town and country planning (Use Classes) order 1987 (as amended) - **No Observations**

All Agreed

Clerk

09-04-15 **PLANNING CONSENTS**

None Received

10-04-15 **PLANNING REFUSALS / WITHDRAWALS**

Units 11 - 14 Beeches Industrial Estate - Demolition of two storey office block to west elevation, installation of canopy and cladding, new glazing and entrance doors, access and associated works - withdrawn

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11-04-15 **PLANNING APPEALS**

None Received

12-04-15 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

None Received

13-04-15 **PARISH HALL**

Following a discussion and a request for further financial assistance towards the proposed extension to the parish hall lobby it was agreed that Councillor Bellis would meet with the committee of the parish hall to discuss the feasibility of the further donation being offset against future hiring fees incurred by the parish council for the parish hall, by giving back something to the parish in return for their unstinting financial support to the building. It was proposed and agreed by all that £2500 would be made available and carried as a liability should the need for the funding be required if it had not been raised else where. **All Agreed**

Clerk
Chair

14-04-15 **BYELAWS**

Deferred until further information is received.

15-04-15 **CHILLWOOD**

Deferred

16-04-15 **INTERMENT - J Maciver**

Application for interment

ALL AGREED

17-04-15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages March @ 70 Hrs
- Clerks Expenses March (Mileage/Heating & Lighting) - £36.00
- Talk Talk - Phone & Broad band April - £42.83
- J Holister - Lock for parish meadows - £33.55
- Tax / NI - £70.90
- Allotment Association - Shed - £569.99
- North Road School - Room Hire - £25.00
- Quality First - Bus shelter clean - £30.00

The meeting of the parish council will take place on **Monday 11th May 2015 at Marshall Rooms**, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

