

**MINUTES OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 20th July 2015**

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

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

Action

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5 members of the public were present

A request was received from a member of the public requesting a donation to help towards funding for a young parishioner to represent Great Britain in acrobatic gymnastic in the European games in Germany. Councillor Bellis advised that no decision could be made and the request would be added to the next agenda for a meeting to be held on Monday 3rd August 2015.

Councillor Sheppard advised that the Magistrates Courts in Yate and Bath are up for closure.

A local resident of the Parish Meadows provided a written statement showing concerns about the Parish Council lack of transparency and communication in respect of the proposed work for the Parish Meadows and play area. The parishioner requested that in future better consultation should be had with residents and respect for their privacy should be taken into consideration when making any decisions. The comments were duly noted.

01-07-15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

02-07-15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Pecuniary/ and or Non Pecuniary

Councillor Noble - Non Pecuniary - Agenda item 19

Councillor Lomas - Non Pecuniary - Agenda item 19

Councillor Sheppard - Non Pecuniary - Agenda item 19

03-07-15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015 had been previously circulated. Proposed Councillor Bellis and seconded by Councillor Sheppard that these Minutes be adopted and signed as a true record with the amendment wording proposed by Councillor Bellis for Minute no 16-06-15 **All Agreed.**

04-07-15 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

South Gloucestershire councillor Marian Lewis provided the following report:

Following the Frome Valley Area Forum meeting, we can be assured that the grant of £13,000 allocated to Iron Acton PC for the provision of play equipment for older children is still available to us. We just have to satisfy the Forum that the money is used for the specified purpose. (A cycle track will not fulfil the criteria)

No further information on the 2nd phase of the Superfast Broadband rollout. Most of North Road, Engine Common Lane, The British, still not included.

Plans are still moving forward to have the North Road Post Office set up at the Codrington Arms. The pillar box will have to move sometime soon, as it is currently sited on private land.

West of England partnership issues.

As part of the Government's plan for devolution in England, it was suggested that 4 Local Authorities (S Glos, Bristol, Bath and NE S, North Somerset) should band together, have an elected Mayor, and become a single body with some devolved powers over local issues. The plan to have an elected mayor of 'West of England' has been rejected by all three more rural councils - anticipating that most of the power and finance would naturally gravitate towards Bristol. We favour retaining the

independence of the current Authorities but having a closer working relationship.

05-07-15 **PARISH MEADOWS**

Councillor Sheppard made the following personal observations

The current running track in the play area was unusable and needed attention.

- The stream was blocked and needed clearing.
- The boards in the tennis area needed replacing and the courts needed sweeping.

Councillor Bellis advised that the maintenance work required within the parish meadows would be added to the next agenda for a decision to be made.

Councillor Sheppard also advised that the grass cutting in the Parish Meadows had slowly crept in leaving a bigger border around the perimeter. It was agreed by all that Councillor Sheppard would liaise with Landscape Services the contractor and ensure the contract was being fulfilled.

Written notice was provided and signed by Councillors Bellis, Taylor and Evans under Standing Order 12a that all resolutions covered under Minute 05-06-15 are reversed. All Agreed.

06-07-15 **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.

Councillor Sheppard advised that he would liaise with South Gloucestershire Council to pursue the drain clearance in North Road.

07-07-15 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

	1st June
Monies available as at -	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 had been sent to Grant Thornton for the external audit.

08-07-15 **PLANNING - NEW APPLICATIONS / PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS / TREE WORKS**

PK15/2711/PNGR The Piggeries Northmead Lane Latteridge Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 9TL - Prior notification of a change of use from Agricultural Building to single residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) - **No Observations**

PK15/2616/PNA Two Pools Farm Wotton Road Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 9XD - Prior notification of the intention to erect an extension to existing agricultural building to store hay, straw and agricultural machinery - **No Observations**

PK15/2504/RM Land Adj. 328 North Road Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 7LL - Erection of 6no. dwellings with garages and associated works. Approval of Reserved Matters to be read in conjunction with Outline planning permission PK14/3152/O. - **Object - Too close to neighbouring properties, no provisions for adequate drainage including no surface water drainage, current interference to neighbours ditch, believe further development would cause further damage to trees covered by TPO**

PK15/2729/PNGR Coach Pool Farm Dyers Lane Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 9XU - Prior notification of a change of use from agricultural

building to 1 no. residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). - **No Observations**

PK15/2037/PNH 32 Chilwood Close Iron Acton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 9US - Erection of single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.85 metres, for which the maximum height would be 2.7 metres and the height of the eaves would be 2.7 metres - **No Observations**

PK15/2944/F Rock View Engine Common Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7PX - Change of Use of land from Agricultural to residential (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to include mobile home to be used as annex ancillary to main dwelling (Retrospective) - **No Observations**

09-07-15 **PLANNING - CONSENTS**

None received.

10-07-15 **PLANNING REFUSALS/WITHDRAWALS**

None received.

11-07-15 **PLANNING - APPEALS**

None received.

12-07-15 **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT**

None received.

13-07-15 **ALLOTMENTS**

Discuss and resolve any associated work required and issues arising with both Nibley Lane and Station Road Allotments - **Deferred**

14-07-15 **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Publication of financial information on the Parish Council Website

- *Annual Return*
- *Statement of Audited Accounts*
- *Internal Auditors Report*
- *Budget for previous and current financial year*

Deferred

15-07-15 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Deferred

16-07-15 **BYELAW**

Deferred

17-07-15 **CO-OPTION**

Discuss and resolve co-option for the remaining vacancy.

Deferred

18-07-15 **INTERMENT**

Mr Roy Preddy Funeral Director - request for interment of the late Mr Tony Curtis
All Agreed

19-07-15 **POLICIES, SITES & PLACES PLAN**

Following a discussion and review of the responses provided to all councillors by councillor Evans it was **Agreed By All** to adopt recommendations from Councillors Bellis/Evans following the meeting with South Gloucestershire Council re. Green Spaces and submit the responses accordingly.

20-07-15 **CLERKS ANNUAL APPRAISAL**

Deferred

21-07-15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- Clerks Wages July @ 70 Hrs
- Clerks Expenses July (Mileage/Heating & Lighting)
£40.80
- Talk Talk - Phone & Broad band July - £41.47
- Landscape Services - March / April - £1,116.00

- South Glos Council – 2 x Green Bin Collection Yearly Fee - £72.00
- Quality First – Bus Shelter Clean - £30.00
- North Road School – Room Hire - £30.00
- SLCC Membership Renewal - £210.00
- Landscape Services – May / June - £1,722.00
- HMRC – Tax / NI - £121.52
- South Glos – Election Fees - £350.00

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 3rd August 2015 in Iron Acton Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.43 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____