

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2008

A meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in North Road School Hall, North Road, Iron Acton commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr. Sheppard (Chairman), Mr. Bellis (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Aplin, Miss. Weldrake, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lomas, Mr. Gawler (Councillor and South Gloucestershire Council), Mrs. Evans (Clerk).

Apologies: Mr. Hockey (South Gloucestershire Council), Mr. Heal and Miss. Blanchard would be joining the meeting later.

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Sheppard declared an interest in minute 62-01-08, left the room and took no part in those discussions.

Action

- 01-01-08 Minutes of the Last Meeting - Copies circulated, agreed correct and signed. Proposed Councillor Taylor, seconded Councillor Weldrake.
- 02-01-08 Public Participation - None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 03-01-08 Financial Report - The Clerk reported balances as at 14th January 2008 of:-
 (1) £5,209.04 in the Current Account.
 (2) £10,127.48 in the Reserve Account.
 (3) £15,275.59 in the National Savings Accounts.
 The Clerk reported that she had found the transfer books. The Councillors had instructed her to transfer £5,000 at the September 2007 meeting. Bearing in mind the current balance, the Clerk was instructed not to transfer the money. The Clerk also reported that confirmation of our precept request for £15,000 had been received.
- 04-01-08 Parish Meadows - (1) Play Equipment:- Nothing to report. (2) Tennis Courts:- Nothing to report (3) Improvements to Play Area:- Clerk reported that a letter had been delivered to the Chairman of Acton Aid asking them to consider their offer of financial assistance towards the new play equipment. (4) General Clearing:- Nothing to report. (5) Trees:- Nothing to report. (6) Repairs to Walls:- Field & Lawn (Marques) Ltd - Nothing to report. (7) Locks:- Nothing to report. (8) Basketball Hoop:- Nothing to report.
- 05-01-08 Footpaths - (1) Use of Community Service Manpower - Nothing to report. (2) Footpath Friends:- Nothing to report.
- 06-01-08 Village Green - (1) Bye-Law Signs:- Nothing to report. (2) Grass Cutting:- Nothing to report. (3) Parking:- Nothing to report. (4) May Pole:- Nothing to report. (5) General Clearing:- Nothing to report. (6) John Smalley Memorial Plaque:- Nothing to report. (7) Edging Stones:- Councillor Sheppard has 20 cobble stones to replace damaged ones. This

will be done as soon as practicable. (8) Stones, Latteridge Road Side:- Councillor Sheppard has spoken with Mr. Blanchard. No further action needed. (9) Driving on Village Green:- It was reported that somebody has been driving across the Green from Park Street to Station Road. Situation to be monitored.

- 07-01-08 Signs - Councillor Sheppard reported that the signs would be ready by 18th January 2008. Andrew Herbert will erect the signs. Councillor or Clerk to be present to ensure they go in the right place. Clerk to chase in Councillor Sheppard's absence. **Clerk**
- 08-01-08 Cemetery - (1) Dog Signs and Dog Bin:- Nothing to report. (2) Memorials:- The Clerk had received notification for the re-opening of a grave following the death of Mr. Bartlett. The funeral will take place on 18th January at 12.45pm. (3) Rubbish:- Nothing to report (4) Grave Edging:- Nothing to report (5) Hedge:- Nothing to report.
- 09-01-08 ALCA - Nothing to report.
- 10-01-08 Allotments - (1) Nibley Lane:- It was agreed that when the weather improves Rob Alvis will be requested to continue works. The Clerk also reported that two people had been in contact regarding availability of allotments. They have been put on the waiting list. (2) Station Road:- Nothing to report.
- 11-01-08 Dyers Pond - Nothing to report.
- 12-01-08 War Memorial - (1) War Memorial - Nothing to report.
- 13-01-08 Chill Wood - (1) Gates:- Nothing to report. (2) Tree Preservation Order:- Nothing to report. (3) Fencing:- Nothing to report. (4) Area in Front of Woodlands:- The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged for 25th January in the Parish Hall. The Police, South Glos, Environment Agency, Farmer and affected residents had been invited. Everyone would be going down to the woodlands and then back to the Hall for discussion on the way forward. Clerk will report back. (5) Cave Gate:- Nothing to report.
- 14-01-08 Public House, Broad Lane - Nothing to report.
- 15-01-08 Parish Charter Working Group - Nothing to report.
- 16-01-08 Information Technology Offer - Nothing to report.
- 17-01-08 Lorry Movements, Latteridge Road junction with By-pass - Nothing to report.
- 18-01-08 Land adjacent to 321 North Road - Nothing to report.
- 19-01-08 Exel Logistics Site - Nothing to report.
- 20-01-08 Land Opposite Station House - Nothing to report.
- 21-01-08 Bus Shelter - Nothing to report.
- 22-01-08 Library - Nothing to report.
- 23-01-08 Street Lights - Nothing to report.
- 24-01-08 Lavenham Farm - Councillor Sheppard reported that following a visit to the farm a track had been put horizontally across the entrance field. According to the plans, the track should go around the field. Councillor Gawler will make enquiries. **HG**
- 25-01-08 Highways - (1) Bows Bridge:- Nothing to report.
- 26-01-08 North Road Sewer Pump - Nothing to report.
- 27-01-08 Rubbish, Locks Lane - Nothing to report.
- 28-01-08 WCS, Frampton End Lane - Nothing to report.
- 29-01-08 Craigathy, Mission Road - Nothing to report.

- 30-01-08 Parish Hall - Clerk had received response from South Gloucestershire Council confirming that if an application is made through the Parish Council, the fees would be reduced. The Parish Hall Committee has been informed.
- 31-01-08 Acton Aid Donation (Play Equipment) - Nothing to report.
- 32-01-08 Lower Edge Farm Lights - Clerk to chase response. **Clerk**
- 33-01-08 Latteridge Road Bollards - Nothing to report.
- 34-01-08 Skip, Chilwood Close - Councillor Taylor reported that this skip is actually a builders skip and they have been requested to remove it on a number of occasions. This has now been done. No further action needed.
- 35-01-08 Traffic Lights, Latteridge Road Junction - Nothing to report.
- 36-01-08 National Grid Wireless - Nothing to report.
- 37-01-08 Joint Interest Group - Nothing to report.
- 38-01-08 Clarks Yard, North Road - Councillor Sheppard has visited the site and it appears that amongst the vehicles parked on the site are those for Yate Community Transport (in the bottom right hand corner). There have been no complaints from neighbours. Situation will be monitored.
- 39-01-08 Clarks Yard, Drains - Clerk confirmed that South Gloucestershire Council had been emailed. Awaiting outcome. **Clerk**
- 40-01-08 Latteridge Green, Dying Tree - The Clerk apologised for the delay in sorting this problem. The Clerk will speak to Chris Wright. **Clerk**
- 41-01-08 Community Profiles - The Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent.
- 42-01-08 Lorry Movements, Wotton Road - Councillor Gawler keeping track of what is happening.
- 43-01-08 Annual Parish Meeting - It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 30th April 2008 in the Parish Hall. Clerk to book room.
- 44-01-08 Charities Committee - Councillor Sheppard reminded the meeting that a meeting of the Charities Committee needs to be held prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. The Charities Committee requires a Secretary, somebody who will take minutes and hold documents.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 45-01-08 Councillor Gawler reported that there had been a great deal of flooding reported around the Parish following the recent spell of extremely wet weather.
- 46-01-08 Councillor Aplin asked the meeting if they had any suggestions for improvements to the amenities offered by Yate Library as the Library is undergoing redevelopment. There was a suggestion of a coffee shop, a separate area for younger and older children, as well as an audio book section.
- 47-01-08 Councillor Blanchard informed the meeting that North Road Post Office will know the outcome of the current Post Office re-organisation of rural post offices, on the 21st January 2008. There will then be a 90 day consultation period. North Road Post Office is widely used by the local rural community. The Parish Council may wish to consider galvanising the Parish into writing to the Post Office voicing their concerns.
- 48-01-08 Councillor Bellis enquired regarding the rail crossing on Latteridge Road. Clerk to chase Railtrack. **Clerk**

- 49-01-08 Councillor Bellis also enquired about the current status of the Folly Lane/Latteridge Road junction/layout. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Highways and representative of the Parish Council for some time in March. **Clerk**
- 50-01-08 Councillor Taylor enquired about the war memorial lighting. Councillor Sheppard mentioned that the Government currently has plans to add an additional Bank Holiday (War Memorial Day) with the emphasis on honouring all armed forces who have given their lives in service to their country. Councillor Sheppard asked the meeting to give some thought into the possibility of developing a larger memorial for the Parish. **All**
- 51-01-08 The Clerk was instructed to place notice of the grass cutting tender on the Parish notice boards, and sent out to South Gloucestershire Council, Landscape Services and Instant Landscapes. **Clerk**
- 52-01-08 The Clerk reported that a questionnaire had been received from South Gloucestershire Council, asking for feedback on the recent resurfacing of Chaingate Lane. The Clerk was asked to respond mentioning that the potholes along the side of the road had been filled in after the surface had been dressed. **Clerk**
- 53-01-08 Councillor Sheppard gave a brief history behind Dyers Cottage.
- 54-01-08 The Clerk reported that a request for a donation had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau. Councillor Taylor proposed and Councillor Weldrake seconded that a donation of £250.00 be sent. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 55-01-08 Planning Consents
 (1) Puddle Cottage, 2 Park Street, Iron Acton (minute 45-11-07)
 (2) Land at 208 North Road, Yate (minute 45-11-07)
 (3) 28 Nibley Lane, Iron Acton (minute 50-12-07)
- 56-01-08 Consent of Certificate of Lawfulness
 (1) Little Acre, Dyers Lane – PK07/2931/CLE (minute 46-10-07)
- 57-01-08 Notification of Withdrawal of Application
 (1) Bay Tree Cottage, Bridge Road, Yate (minute 45-11-07)
- 58-01-08 Planning Refusal
 (1) Northmead House, Latteridge Road, Iron Acton (minute 45-11-07)
 (2) Mayfield House, High Street, Iron Acton (minute 45-11-07)
 (3) 6 Chestnut Springs, Mission Road, Iron Acton (minute 42-07-07)
- 59-01-08 Refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness
 (1) Little Acre, Dyers Lane – PK07/2927/CLE (minute 46-10-07)
- 60-01-08 Notice of Appeal Against Enforcement
 Land off Folly Road, Latteridge, Iron Acton – The unauthorised erection of a stable block, store room, tack room and fee & hay store
- 61-01-08 Notice of Appeal
 Land Opposite Green Farm Business Park – PK07/2174/F (minute 43-05-07)
- 62-01-08 Planning Applications
 (1) 200 North Road, Yate – Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (outline) with means of access to be determined all other matters reserved. Councillor Sheppard declared an interest in this application, and left the room. Councillor Bellis took the Chair. No objections. When the discussions had finished Councillor Sheppard returned and resumed as Chairman.

- (2) 18 Westview Cottage, Engine Common Lane - Erection of two storey side and rear extensions with front and side porches to provide additional living accommodation (amendments to previously approved scheme (PK06/3141/F). No objections.
- (3) Building 3, Lavenham Farm, Nibley Lane - Erection of front porch and installation of 2 no. conservation rooflights in east elevation. No objections.
- (4) 353 North Road, Yate - Erection of detached garage. No objections.
- (5) 5.85 Acres Field, Larks Lane, Latteridge - Change of use from agricultural land to land for the keeping of horses. Erection of hay barn and 4 no. stables. Erection of 1.2m high post & rail fencing (resubmission of PK07/2834/F). To object - the proposed development was an intrusion and loss of green belt land, overdevelopment of green belt land, increased traffic movements on an unsuitable country lane.
- (6) Land Opposite Green Farm Business Park, Folly Road, Iron Acton - Construction of outdoor ménage and erection of 1.25m high perimeter fence (resubmission of PK07/3166/F). To object - access to the site is on a dangerous bend in the road, and considered to be overdevelopment of green belt land.
- (7) Land off Frampton End Road, Frampton Cotterell - Construction of radio transmitter station comprising 2 no. 50.3m high cable stayed mast antenna, 2 no. antenna tuning units, a radio transmitter building, alterations to access, hardstanding, fencing and associated works. To object - proposed stationing of transmitter is in green belt and not brown field as stated; concern over visual impact of masts from the close proximity of a conservation area as well as an area of designated Ancient Woodland; the proposed masts would be located on a ridgeline overlooking the Frome Valley and would cause considerable visual intrusion in an area having attractive views in all directions; problems with access and the impact of construction vehicles along very narrow winding lanes whose surface, hedges and walls are already in a poor condition; the road is already marked as "Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles"; access to site would be across an unmanned Railtrack crossing that has been designated as dangerous by Railtrack themselves.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

63-01-08 None received.

Date of Next meeting - Monday 25th February 2008 in the Marshall Rooms, Iron Acton commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____