

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2008**

The meeting of Iron Acton Parish Council was held in the Marshall Rooms, Iron Acton commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Miss. Weldrake, Mrs. Aplin, Mr. Lomas, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Gawler (Councillor and South Gloucestershire Council)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Howell David had been invited to attend the meeting by the Clerk, in connection with Chilwood woodlands. Due to the wet summer there had been no reports of any 'raves' in the woodlands. The woodlands are now showing signs of regeneration. The issue of the new gates across a footpath had been challenged by local ramblers, but they appreciated the reasons behind this. The Parish Council thanked PC David for all the time and effort spent on this matter. Only time will tell whether the anti-social behaviour has ceased.

Jo and Chris Wright (Silverback Arboricultural Consultancy) addressed the meeting regarding the planned clearing works in the Parish Meadows. Mr. and Mrs. Wright detailed their clearing and replanting schedules along all the boundaries. There is the possibility of obtaining some grant assistance. This will be further debated under agenda item 14.

Resident of Crispins Cottage attended the meeting in connection with agenda item 15.

01-09-08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Sheppard, Bellis, Blanchard, Heal and Hockey.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councillor Lomas was elected to chair the meeting.

02-09-08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Personal and/or Prejudicial

Councillor Weldrake expressed a personal interest in minute 08-09-08, planning application PK08/2550/F.

03-09-08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Copies of the minutes of the meetings held 21st July 2008 and 11th August 2008 had been circulated. Councillor Weldrake proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded that these minutes be accepted. All agreed.

04-09-08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Parish Meadows: The Chairman had received numerous complaints during the summer regarding the increased amount of dog fouling in this area. This is particularly distasteful. The Chairman respectfully requested that the Parish Councillors give serious consideration to making the Parish Meadows dog free and asked for this to be placed on the October agenda in order to be fully discussed.

Cemetery/Allotment Water Pipe: Trial digging has been carried out to see which way the water pipe is laying. All is looking positive and works to divert the pipe will take place in the autumn.

Footpaths: An issue arose over the summer concerning the footpath running from Park Street, past Crispin's Cottage, coming out by Court Cottages (LIA/47/10). Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun were extremely concerned that the extension works at Crispin's Cottage had encroached into this footpath, which they state they own. The Chairman has asked the Clerk to look into the ownership of this footpath. A couple of footpaths across Engine Common have been cleared as well as the footpath along Station Road leading to the bus shelter. Small parts of the wall have also been repaired. SGC have started work on a footpath/bridleway from the Coach Pool joining up with the existing footpath/bridleway running alongside the football pitch.

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Highways: Ponding/puddling of rainwater outside Mr. Hinder's property on North Road, as well as Clark's yard has been reported to SGC. Two landowners have been asked to dig out and clear their ditches along Engine Common Lane. There has also been a significant amount of water on land outside the entrance to the Lavenham Farm development. It is believed that the developers have dug through a water main. The matter is being dealt with by the developer.

Craig Affie: The car sales operation appears to have ceased.

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Parish Meadows: The Clerk has spoken with Chris Wright regarding the proposed clearing of the Parish Meadow boundaries. Mr. Wright will prepare a detailed schedule and present to the Parish Council for consideration.

Village Green: Reinstatement of the cobbles will be undertaken when the weather permits.

May Pole: An email has been sent to Ms. Hennigan stating that the Parish Council do not wish to hire out the may pole due to insurance/health & safety implications. Mention was also made to the fact that the village green is rather water-logged due to the wet summer, and the fact that damage/injury to the village green is an offence.

Traffic Lights, Latteridge Road: The Clerk had been asked by Councillor Bellis to contact the Highways Department regarding the new road markings at this junction. The new road markings indicate that traffic exiting Latteridge Road and Station wishing to turn right are now required to pass on the driver's side. Previously traffic had passed on the passenger's side. The Clerk was also asked to point out that traffic entering Latteridge Road are frequently cutting short on the junction and traffic exiting Station Road have no idea what sequence the traffic lights are on once they have left the junction. Following a brief discussion, it was felt by the Councillors that the road markings are correct and there was no need to pursue this. However the cutting of the junction and traffic lights should be pursued with SGC.

Clerk

Play Equipment: The Clerk reported inappropriate use of the play equipment by some older children; climbing onto the top of the roof of the slide and then jumping down onto the slide itself; placing two picnic benches together and riding on top of the benches and then throwing the bike from the benches. Although no significant damage has occurred to the play equipment, except some minor dents in the bottom of the slide, this is inappropriate use of the equipment. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would report this to the PCSO's.

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Highways - Flooding - The Clerk has reported numerous flooding problems to

SGC. These include; the High Street, Station Road (by the bus shelter); Engine Common; North Road (outside Clarks Yard).

Footpaths - The Clerk has contacted SGC regarding the large bulge in the wall just past the tunnel on footpath LIA32. SGC engineers attended the site and considered that although not an immediate danger, there would be a need for the wall to be reconstructed at some stage in the future. The situation will be monitored.

Dog Bins - The cemetery dog bin is due for installation later this month. The Dog Warden also visited the proposed site by the traffic lights on the Wotton Road and agreed that this would be a beneficial site. Again, this will be scheduled for installation later in the month. The bins will cost £299.00 each and will incur a £3.45/week collection fee.

Notice Boards, Iron Acton Primary School - Confirmation received that the two notice boards erected on the outside of the primary school wall do not need planning permission.

First Bus - The Clerk had received a number of telephone calls from residents regarding the change to the bus route through the village. Unfortunately First Bus did not advertise fully the fact that this would change on 3rd August. First Bus had advertised in the 'free' newspapers, Evening Post, and on their web site. The Clerk pointed out that Iron Acton does not receive the 'free' newspapers, not every buys a copy of the Evening Post, and not everyone has access to the internet. First Bus apologised but also said that the bus stops were not their responsibility, but that of SGC. The Clerk had also received a complaint about the state of the bus stop/shelter on Station Road. This has now been cleared, along with the overgrown footpath. The wall was found to have 'blown' in several places, which has been repaired.

Alzheimer's Society - A letter of thanks for the £100 donation has been received.

Joint Cycleways Group - The Clerk has received notification that the next meeting of the Joint Cycleways Group will take place on 30th September 2008 in Poole Court at 7.30pm. At the moment Yate Town Council are representing Iron Acton and keeping us informed of outcomes of the meetings. If any Parish Councillor would like to take on this role, please let the Clerk know.

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Wessex Water Pumping Station Application - The Clerk has been contacted by Wessex Water who would like to meet with the Parish Council to fully discuss their recently withdrawn application. The suggested meeting date is Tuesday 7th October 2008 at 3.00pm on site.

06-09-08 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Councillor Gawler reported that SGC representatives will be visiting Swindon to see some wind turbines in action. Councillor Gawler also reported that consideration is being given to the resurfacing of the Iron Acton by-pass. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would contact SGC to suggest the installation of bus stops on the by-pass as and when this work commenced.

On behalf of Councillor Bellis, the Clerk asked Councillor Gawler what was happening in connection with the building of the new SGC offices on Stover Road, and the park and ride scheme. Councillor Gawler reported that work on the new offices had, that day, commenced and the park and ride and wind turbine had not been finalised and had been put back until 2010.

07-09-08 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported balances as at 15th September 2008 of:-

National Westminster Current Account	£7,087.43
National Westminster Reserve Account	£10,350.93
National Savings Accounts	£15,892.87

Bank Charges: Following numerous telephone calls to NatWest Bank, the Clerk had finally made contact with our account manager. A meeting has been arranged for 18th September at 1.30pm to discuss excessive charges on the account.

08-09-08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Landscape Services	Grass cutting	£1,588.39
Wessex Water	Water Rates - Nibley Lane	£80.81
Mrs. L. Angell	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£29.00
Mrs. P. Taylor	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£29.00
Mrs. P. Evans	Clerk's salary	£1,570.56
Mr. Keith Cole	Works around Parish	£100.00
Iron Acton PCC	Room Hire x 2	£30.00
Senior Citizens Forum	Donation	£100.00

Proposed Councillor Taylor, seconded Councillor Weldrake, all agreed that the above accounts be paid.

08-09-08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS/TREE WORKS

- PK08/2284/F - Cherry Lodge, Bristol Road - Construction of pond on agricultural land. Erection of 1 no. farrowing shed and 1 no. chicken breeding shed (retrospective). No objections.
- PK08/2354/F - The Laurels, Stover Road, Yate - Demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate the erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated works (resubmission of PK07/1004/F). No objections on condition the walls are rendered in accordance with section 10 of application form
- PK08/2356/F - E.R. Hemmings (Building) Ltd, Dean Road, Yate - Erection of two storey building and link extension to form storage area and office. No objections.
- PK08/2405/F - Bean Cottage, High Street, Iron Acton - Erection of first floor rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. To object - visual impact of proposed left elevation (5.591m high) on street scene within conservation area and surrounding dwellings.
- PK08/2460/F - The Old Rectory, High Street, Iron Acton - Conversion of existing garage to form self-contained accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling. No objections.
- PK08/2358/TRE - 330 North Road, Yate - Works to crown thin by 25% and crown lift by 4m 1 no. Oak Tree covered by SGTPO12/07 (dated 14th November 2007). No objections.
- PK08/2530/RVC - Land at Units 45-48 Beeches Industrial Estate, Waverley Road - Variation of Condition 8 attached to previously approved planning permission PK08/1026/F dated 3 June 2008 to read "Outside storage including materials/goods/ waste or plant shall only be permitted on the parts of the site shown on plan 2180-03 Rev B as being used for such purposes". To object - fear of wind blow materials going into River Frome, already a problem on the site.

PK08/2550/F - 2 Prospect Cottages, High Street, Iron Acton - Erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation (resubmission of PK08/1322/F). No objections.

10-09-08 **PLANNING CONSENTS**

- PK08/2046/F - Laddenside Farm, Bristol Road, Iron Acton (minute 03-08-08)
- PK08/1976/F - Coronation Cottage, 276 North Road (minute 09-07-08)
- PK08/1781/F - The Bungalow, Bridge Road, Yate (minute 09-07-08)
- PK08/1682/F - Meadowside, The Green, Iron Acton (minute 09-07-08)
- PK08/1503/F - Iron Acton Village Hall, High Street, Iron Acton (minute 80-06-08)
- PK08/1937/F - St. Joseph Cottage, 19 Engine Common Lane (minute 09-07-08)
- PK08/2081/F - Two Pools Farm, Wotton Road, Iron Acton (minute 03-08-08)

11-09-08 **PLANNING REFUSALS/WITHDRAWALS/APPEALS**

- PK08/2194/F - Northend Farm, Wotton Road, Iron Acton (minute 03-08-09). Refused.
- PK08/2067/F - Land off Bristol Road (adjacent Hoovers Lane), Iron Acton (minute 03-08-08). Withdrawn.
- PK08/2169/F - Land at Algars Mill, Frampton End Road, Iron Acton (minute 03-08-08). Refused.

12-09-08 **CORE STRATEGY**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council as a whole needs to respond to SGC's consultation regarding the proposed development of 1,000 new homes within the Engine Common area. The Clerk had received an email from SGC informing town and parish councils of forthcoming public meetings - 17th September (Kingswood), 22nd September (Kingswood), 25th September (Stoke Gifford Community Centre) and 14th October (Ridgewood Centre). **It was resolved** that the Clerk would ascertain when the consultation period finishes, and if necessary an additional meeting of the Parish Council would be called before the next Parish Council meeting, in order for the Parish Council to prepare a response.

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13-09-08 **CEMETERY - PROPOSED WORKS**

The Clerk had received a verbal quote from Leyhill Prison of £125.00 per day for a 6-man team and supervisor to clear the cemetery/allotment wall. It was estimated by Leyhill that this would take approximately 4/5 days. The debris would be left for the Parish Council to deal with. **It was resolved** that this quote be accepted. The Clerk will contact Leyhill. The works should commence the first week of October.

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The Clerk also informed the Parish Council of the internment of Michael David Davis.

Request received from Summers for an additional inscription to the headstone of Kathleen Elson, to include Donald Elson who passed away on 7th March 2008. All agreed.

14-09-08 **PARISH MEADOWS - PROPOSED WORKS**

Following the presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Wright (Silverback Consultancy) under public participation, **it was resolved** that the Parish Council accept the outline costs of £4,000 (£3,000 for works and £1,000 for planting) and the Clerk will post a notice on the parish council notice boards declaring that the Parish Council is planning to undertake this work at a maximum cost of £4,000. Proposed Councillor Lomas, seconded Councillor Weldrake, all agreed. This notice will be posted for 3 weeks. Councillor Gawler asked the Clerk whether this had been budgeted for. The Clerk confirmed that this had not been budgeted for in this financial year, however the Parish Council has an extremely healthy

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financial reserve which would adequately cope with this amount of expenditure.

- 15-09-08 **PARK STREET, IRON ACTON - OBSTRUCTIVE PARKING**
 The Clerk had received a letter from Mark Parry of SGC Highways department regarding a complaint from Mr. Bennett of 2 Park Street concerning the parking of cars outside his house and the difficulties he is experiencing. SGC are considering the installation of advisory "Keep Clear" road markings to be painted along the carriageway 1m south of the doorway of 2 Park Street to 1m north of the entrance gate to 3 Park Street, equivalent to two car lengths. Mr. Parry has invited the comments of the Parish Council. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would object to the installation of the Keep Clear markings as it was felt that this would transfer the problem to other parts of the High Street/Village. The markings are only advisory and cannot be enforced. Mr. Parry has previously been advised of the Parish Councils concerns over obstructive parking in the High Street. The Clerk to respond to SGC. **Clerk**
- 16-09-08 **VICTORIAN EVENING - HIGH STREET**
It was resolved that Iron Acton Parish Council would participate in the production of an Iron Acton Calendar. The Clerk will arrange for a photograph to be taken at the next meeting. The Parish Council will be represented in January. **Clerk**
- It was resolved** that Iron Acton Parish Council do not object to the proposed road closure for the Victorian Evening on Saturday 20th December 2008 (ref L3/DS33/STOA/PT.3613). The Clerk will inform SGC. **Clerk**
- 17-09-07 **REQUEST FOR DONATION**
It was resolved that a donation of £100 be made to the Senior Citizens Forum. Councillor Weldrake proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded. All agreed.
- 18-09-08 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**
 The Clerk informed the Parish Council of notification from SGC of a tree preservation order SGTPO 19/08 on two Oak trees (to the west of Cherry Lodge and by the entrance to Laddenside Farm), which came into force on 24th July 2008.
- 19-09-08 **BUS STOPS - STATION ROAD (Councillor Taylor)**
 Councillor Taylor suggested that consideration be given to the re-siting of the Bristol bound bus stop from its current place to beside the post box on the Bristol Road (beside Bean Cottage). There is no continuous footpath to this bus stop and users have to cross over the Bristol Road, walk approximately 50 yards and then back over the Bristol Road to the bus stop. **It was resolved** that the Clerk should write to SGC suggesting this possibility. **Clerk**
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 The full Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Monday 20th October 2008** in the **Marshall Rooms**. However, if it was required, a meeting of the full Parish Council will be convened prior to this date to discuss the proposed development of 1,000 new homes in the Engine Common area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____