

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
IRON ACTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 6th December 2010**

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

Present:- Mr. Sheppard (Chairman), Mr. Gawler (South Gloucestershire Councillor and Councillor), Miss. Blanchard, Mrs. Aplin, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Heal, Mr. Lomas, Mr. D. Hockey (South Gloucestershire Councillor).

Action

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Six members of the public were present.

Mr. Huish addressed the meeting regarding agenda item 17, Frampton End Road, asking that the Parish Council support their petition to make Frampton End Road access only. Frampton Cotterell Parish Council has already agreed to support this campaign and forward details on to SGC Highways for their input. The same request is being presented to Westerleigh Parish Council tonight by Mr. Nick Carver, and the campaign group intend to present the same petition at the SGC meeting on 15th December. Iron Acton Parish Councillors had been invited to walk the route at the weekend. Frampton End Road is a narrow lane, forms part of the Frome Valley Walkway, and also the Avon cycle route. There are no passing places for pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders to stand in order to allow vehicular traffic to pass, and the frequency of traffic has increased over recent years. So far there have been several deaths of animals, numerous collisions, damage to walls and building and it is becoming increasingly difficult to use it as a bridal-way or footpath. The petition currently has over 600 signatures. The campaign group is looking for Iron Acton Parish Council to support the petition and pass onto SGC Highways section to have a look at. The Chairman thanked Mr. Huish for his presentation, and reported that he had spoken to a number of residents of Nibley Lane, Chaingate Lane, Engine Common Lane and Mission Lane and they had said what was the difference between Frampton End Road and their respective lanes, and why close one in favour of the other? The Chairman also pointed out that there had been five fatalities on Badminton Road. Mrs. McCoy pointed out that Frampton End Road was much narrower than Nibley Lane. Mr. Huish said that Chaingate Lane had numerous places for people to walk on the verge. Councillor Lomas asked the campaign group about what they were trying to achieve. Mr. Nick Carver said the ultimately the residents would like to see Nibley Lane closed to through traffic. Mr. Carver went on to say that delivery vehicles such as B&Q and Comet are increasingly using Frampton End Road as part of their delivery routes as their satellite navigational equipment direct them that way. Councillor Aplin said that she would be opposed to closing the road and perhaps consideration should be given to deterring vehicles from using the road through the imposition of a 20mph restriction and possibly a weight restriction. Councillor Heal said that he would support proper signage, and referred to an incident where he had been asked to assist a 42 tonne HGV which had become stuck on the bridge by Algars Mill. The HGV had been unable to get any traction and it had taken two hours to get the vehicle back onto the main road. Councillor Weldrake referred to a sign she had seen on a recent holiday which read "Despite what your SatNav says, do not come down this route". The Clerk had spoken to SGC Highways department about the situation on Frampton End Road and a number of solutions could be looked into, one being that providing agreement could be obtained from the landowners then maybe passing bays could be installed. The Chairman thanked the campaign group for attending the meeting.

Mr. Carver wished to thank the Parish Council for their perseverance last year over the issue of illegal raves being held in Chilwood woodlands.

01-12-10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Bellis.

02-12-10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Personal and/or Prejudicial

None received.

03-12-10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2010 had been circulated. Councillor Aplin proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded that these minutes be approved and signed. **All agreed.**

04-12-10 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the outcome of the meetings with residents in connection with the Holly Hedge and tenants on the Nibley Lane allotments would be covered under separate agenda items later in the meeting.

05-12-10 CLERK'S REPORT**Action from October Meeting**

Public Participation - Councillor Gawler contacted SGC in connection with their refusal to allow appropriate signage to direct delivery lorries to Western Environmental. SGC have responded stating that their refusal was because business names are not permitted on signs, only a generic term should be used, and in the case of Western Environmental it should be the word 'Factory'. On a positive note SGC have established that the post code for the Western Environmental site is incorrect, which could be a contributing factor to the delivery lorries being misdirected by their satellite navigational equipment. Therefore they have arranged with the Royal Mail to rectify this which will hopefully direct lorries to the correct location.

04-11-10 - The Clerk has contacted Chris Wright in connection with some of the trees located around the Parish and will be meeting up with him to discuss further.

ALCA - The Special General Meeting of ALCA took place on 1st December 2010. The outcome of the meeting was that ALCA would continue with membership subscriptions being based on a sliding scale. Smaller Parish Councils would notice only a slight increase of probably around £10.00 per annum, and larger Town and Parish Councils would see a slight reduction. It was also hoped that with the forthcoming elections in May 2011 there would be increased training income from New Councillor Training. ALCA staff costs are also being cut by reducing staff hours and the loss of one member of staff. Further information will be made available to member Parish and Town Councils.

Food Trading Application - At the October 2010 meeting the Parish Council considered a Food Trading Application from Istanbul Kebabs to operate a food trailer on Wade Road. The Parish Council had no objections to this application, however the application was withdrawn. The Clerk subsequently received a fresh notification from SGC that Istanbul Kebabs has applied to trade on Millbrook Road. The application is for permission to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages from a food trailer after 11.00pm. The Clerk enquired of SGC why this new application had been made and was informed that Istanbul Kebabs had been unable to obtain permission of the landowner to site their trailer on Wade Road. The email from SGC was for information purposes only and does not require any action on behalf of the Parish Council.

British Legion Poppy Appeal - A letter of thanks has been received from the Mrs. Sue Greenwell, Poppy Organiser for Iron Acton. Mrs. Greenwell confirmed that there was an overall increase in donations of 24% on last year with the total amount raised for Iron Acton being £2,582.54. Councillor Blanchard commented that it was nice to

receive a letter of thanks.

Hiring Charge, North Road School - Following the Chairman's telephone call to the head teacher of North Road School, the Parish Council has received notification that the hiring charge for the school hall will remain at £25.00 per session until further notice.

Chilwood Woodlands - It was reported to the Clerk that two trees have been uprooted following the recent high winds. Chris Wright has had a quick look at them and they will be dealt with when he and the Clerk meet to discuss other trees around the Parish.

06-12-10 **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Councillor Gawler reported that hopefully this week SGC should know how much money will be received from central government.

Councillor Dave Hockey reported on the Core Strategy consultation. It was important to note that Engine Common would not be considered as a development site, however this would not stop a developer submitting a speculative application. The Core Strategy document is due for approval by SGC Cabinet on Monday and will then go to a public enquiry/examination in the spring/summer of 2011. At this stage developers can object to what is not in the document. The whole process is likely to be wrapped up by the end of 2011. Councillor Gawler commented that in the meantime there may well be speculative applications from developers. The Brimsham Green area is still referred to in the document despite the fact that residents do not want to see any further development. The infrastructure of the area is the main issue and major development cannot go ahead unless the proper infrastructure is in place such as drainage, sewerage and roads.

Councillor Dave Hockey also reported on the new waste collection system for plastics and food waste which commenced on 22nd November 2010. Unfortunately not enough of the new white plastic bottle receptacles had been ordered therefore some residents had been supplied with white plastic bags. SITA have a new fleet of lorries that are designed to cater to keep cardboard, green bin and food waste separate. No roll-out of a new waste collection regime across 100,000 houses is going to go without a hitch and problems should settle down. The Clerk enquired of Councillor Hockey when SITA were going to be able to recycle plastic meat trays. Councillor Hockey reported that SITA would be able to recycle plastic meat trays as and when this becomes financially viable.

07-12-10 **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Councillor Taylor reported that there had been a burst water main outside number 3 The Green. The burst water main had occurred during a particularly cold spell of weather and the road had become very dangerous due to ice. The Water Board had attended very quickly to sort the problem out and had put down grit.

On the subject of the village green, it was noted that some residents are continuing to park their vehicles with two wheels on the green. This is causing damage to the grass and edging stones. **It was agreed** that the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of placing large stones around the edge of the village green in order to stop further damage occurring. Councillor Heal and the Parish Clerk would obtain prices. If approved by the Parish Council as the most appropriate course of action, then **it was further agreed** that these stones would be put in place by the end of March 2011. Proposed Councillor Taylor and seconded Councillor Sheppard.

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Clerk

08-12-10 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported balances as at 2nd December 2010 of:-

National Westminster Current Account	£5,200.36
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National Westminster Reserve Account	£160.66
National Savings Accounts	£16,418.35

The Clerk also reported that cheque number 2184 for £100 made payable to Victim Support dated 19th April 2010 had not been cashed and was now out of date. The Clerk had contacted Victim Support enquiring if the cheque had in fact been received and was awaiting a response. The Clerk had also requested that a fresh letter of request be sent to the Parish Council if the organisation wished to pursue a donation. Bearing in mind that the cheque was now out of date the Clerk had reinstated the £100 back into available funds. Councillor Weldrake pointed out that sometimes banks will cash cheques that are out of date, but to place a stop on the cheque would incur bank charges, therefore the Clerk should keep a close eye on the bank statements to ensure that the cheque has not been cashed. Councillor Blanchard queried the outstanding Mazars cheque. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mazars confirming that the Parish Council did not agree with the increased audit charge, but nothing further had been heard from Mazars.

09-12-10 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS/TREE WORKS**

- PK10/3201/F - North Corner House, Chaingate Lane, Iron Acton - Erection of two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation. No objections.
- PK10/3012/F - Two Wells Farm, Wotton Road - Erection of timber hay storage barn. No objections.
- PK10/3223/TRE - Yate Sewage Pumping Station, 242 North Road, Yate - Works to remove 2 no Thorn trees, and reduce height by 33% of 1 no. Ash tree covered by SGTPO 633 dated 22nd September 2009. No objections.
- PK10/3274/F - Iron Dale House, High Street, Iron Acton - Demolition of existing garage and front wall to facilitate the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and construction of new vehicular access with associated works (re-submission of PK09/6068/F). To object and comment as PK09/6068/F, question 40m visibility, narrow section of the High Street, request that the application be referred to SGC Planning Control East.
- PK10/3275/CA - Iron Dale House, High Street, Iron Acton - Demolition of front boundary wall. To object and comment as for PK09/6068/F.

10-12-10 **PLANNING CONSENTS**

- PK10/2530/F - Garborne, Chaingate Lane, Iron Acton
- PK10/2850/TRE - 244 North Road, Yate
- PK10/2555/F - Two Wheels, The Green, Iron Acton

In connection with PK10/2555/F, the Clerk reported that subsequent to the Parish Council considering this application a Certificate B had been lodged SGC. This was because the original planning application indicated that the land to the front of Two Wheels was owned by the applicant. Following a conversation with the agent, the Clerk had informed him that this land was in fact village green and not owned by the applicant. A Certificate B states that the applicant wished to build over land that is not owned by them, ie the front porch will overhang village green, and the owner of the land had been informed of the applicant's intention. The Clerk was instructed to write to the agent and the applicant stating that the Parish Council could not give permission for anything to be built that would overhang village green. Proposed Councillor Sheppard and seconded by Councillor Aplin. **All agreed.**

11-12-10 **PLANNING REFUSALS/WITHDRAWALS/APPEALS**

None received.

12-12-10 **PLANNING APPEALS**

Note received.

13-12-10 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

None received.

14-12-10 **CEMETERY**

The Parish Council had received a request for permission to erect a memorial in connection with Mark Warren Spaul. The memorial will be a Serena Gothic top headstone. No objections were raised, and **it was agreed** that permission be granted. Proposed Councillor Taylor and seconded Councillor Weldrake. **All agreed.**

15-12-10 **PRIVATE LANE, OFF HIGH STREET, IRON ACTON**

Following the site meeting between the Parish Council, residents of the private drive and the Parish Hall Committee, **it was agreed** that the height of the holly hedge would be reduced to the same height as the Parish Hall guttering. These works would be undertaken after Christmas but before 15th February 2011. Proposed Councillor Sheppard and seconded Councillor Blanchard. **All agreed.** The Clerk was instructed to write to the residents (copy to the Parish Hall Committee) informing them of the action to be taken.

16-12-10 **NIBLEY LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Following the site meeting with the Nibley Lane allotment holders on 27th November 2010 **the following was agreed:-**

- That the accumulation of rubbish at the top of the allotments would be cleared. This would be done by employing the services of the Leyhill Prison Team and would take place before the spring. Once cleared the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of installing a concrete based bay for non-compostable allotment waste.
- The brambles along the hedge adjacent to allotment 14b would be cleared away, again using the services of the Leyhill Prison Team. The tenant of 14b had informed the Clerk that he no longer wished to rent the allotment, therefore the allotment would be used to burn the brambles.
- The access track along the wall with the cemetery would be cleared.
- That the water to the allotment trough be turned off at the end of October and turned back on at the beginning of April each year. This course of action was being taken because of the expensive water bills for the allotments. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would investigate the cost of replacing the trough with a standpipe, as the availability of water from the trough is being abused by some of the allotments tenants.
- That a green and black bin would be placed in the cemetery clearly marked for use.

17-12-10 **FRAMPTON END ROAD**

The resolution before the Parish Council was to consider a request from the Frampton End Road action group to support their application for a permanent road closure. **It was agreed** that this resolution be amended to 'gain agreement and support from Iron Acton Parish Council to forward this issue to SGC Highways department for them to review, consult and look at all practical options at their next meeting'. Proposed Councillor Aplin and seconded Councillor Weldrake. **All agreed.** Following discussion, **it was agreed** that Iron Acton Parish Council would support this resolution. Proposed Councillor Taylor and seconded Councillor Weldrake. **All agreed.** The Clerk was therefore instructed to write informing SGC **Clerk** of their support.

18-12-10 **PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

The Clerk requested that the Parish Councillors give consideration to confirming meeting dates the start of 2011. The proposed meeting dates were Monday 17th

January 2011 (North Road School Hall), Monday 21st February 2011 (Parish Hall), Monday 21st March 2011 (Marshall Rooms) and Monday 18th April 2011 (North Road School Hall). Following discussion, **it was agreed** that these meeting dates be accepted. Proposed Councillor Blanchard and seconded Councillor Aplin. **All agreed**. It was noted that Councillor Bellis would be unable to attend the meeting on 17th January and that Councillor Lomas would chair the meeting.

19-12-10 **ROYAL WEDDING**

In light of the recent announcement of the forthcoming Royal Wedding in April 2011, the Clerk had placed this item on the agenda for the Parish Council to consider whether they wished to mark the occasion for the Parish. Following discussion **it was agreed** that because the Royal Wedding will take place on the Friday of the May Bank Holiday weekend and the Village Day Celebrations will take place on Monday 2nd May 2011 then the Parish Council would not presume to impose their own ideas but would prefer to leave Parish organisations to celebrate as they saw fit.

20-12-10 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

South Glos Council	Dog Bin Collection	£164.97
Ross Office Supplies	Stationery & New Cupboard	£167.44
Mrs. P. Evans	Clerk's Salary	£570.47
HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£117.23

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 17th January 2011 in North Road School Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed:

Dated:
