



Minutes of the Public Meeting on 8 November 2017 at the Crooked Billet 7.30 pm

Present

Alan Wilson
Amanda Bausor
Maureen Davies
Renita Shwili
Leigh Tugwood

Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Marketing
Planning and Environment

Apologies: Susan Luckhurst

Agenda item 1: Five Points Roundabout

1. Redeveloping the roundabout was a Section 106 requirement of Phase 1 of Pinewood's expansion but we understand the drains under the roundabout have deteriorated. This means the site cannot be developed unless this is put right. Bucks CC is conducting traffic surveys to establish whether to develop the roundabout or Seven Hills Road to reduce traffic congestion on our roads. We will keep members informed of any developments.

Agenda item 2: The Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan

2. **Local Plan:** Iver Parish Council attended the Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council meeting on 7 November 2017. They have deferred publishing the draft local plan until June 2018 and on making final decisions on it until December 2018. They are waiting for central Government decisions on the Budget and the National Planning Policy Framework. They aim to submit the Local Plan in December 2018, have it examined in June 2019 and have it adopted in November 2019.
3. **The Neighbourhood Plan:** Because of the above, Iver Parish Council (IPC) has deferred work on this. They will collate the results of the recent questionnaire in January 2018. This delay may give IPC time to add detail to the Local Plan.

Agenda item 3: Results from air pollution monitoring in Iver Heath

4. The IHRA is monitoring Iver Heath's air quality over 12 months in 10 locations in the village. The Committee is using the same measurement methods as South Bucks District Council and will circulate the results to members after four months once we can identify any trends. We attach an interim report from the first measurements in August/September 2017.
5. These measurements will give the IHRA valuable data to use as evidence of the impact of traffic through Iver Heath to lobby the authorities as necessary. This is particularly important as future developments will increase traffic flows further. South Bucks DC's analysis shows that Nitrogen Dioxide limits considered by the EU as safe have been exceeded in places in South Bucks. The Committee will also share results of the IHRA survey with the Iver Heath Health Centres.

Agenda item 4: Pinewood Studios expansion

6. Phase 2 of the expansion has been approved. There will be three new sound stages, parking and ancillary buildings. We understand that Pinewood has invited tenders for this phase and work will start in the Spring of 2018 with completion by the end of the year. The IHRA has raised concerns with Pinewood that the attenuation pond may not cope following this expansion, risking flooding in Iver Heath Fields. Pinewood has engaged consultants to investigate this situation and we await the results. There will be another attenuation pond on the north side of site alongside Seven Hills Road. We attend regular meetings of the Pinewood Community Liaison Group and will keep members up to date with news.

Agenda item 5: IHRA village 'clean up' initiatives

7. The IHRA's small group of volunteers' monthly litter picks have collected around 100 large bags of litter this year. They recently teamed up with Pinewood Studio representatives on cleaning the area around the shops in Thornbridge Road. IPC has asked the IHRA to maintain the concrete planters in that area. The IHRA cleared the traffic island at the end of Ashford Road to prevent its misuse as a public convenience and a tip for garden waste.
8. The Committee thanked the small group of regular volunteers including Alec Moore for organising the litter picks and Kevin and Jane Brown for cleaning up road signs. More volunteers are needed for the monthly litter picks and would be very welcome. Members should also advise the Committee if there are any specific areas of the village that volunteers should attend to.

Agenda item 6: IHRA fundraising and charity initiatives

9. IHRA's fundraising initiatives have provided Iver Heath's first defibrillator outside the library and we arrange appropriate insurance. The Committee held a Spring Fair earlier this year to raise funds and continues to support the local 'Contact the Elderly' charity which members selected at this year's AGM as a charity that IHRA should support. The Chair thanked Pinewood Studios for recently hosting a very successful film show for this group.
10. The IHRA is now part of Chiltern and South Bucks Internet Lottery. Members can register to buy tickets for £1 of which 50p goes to support IHRA initiatives. There are some substantial money prizes. The details are on the IHRA website or members can find out more information at www.chilternsouthbuckslottery.co.uk/support/iver-heath-residents-association The first draw will be on Saturday 25th November.

Agenda item 7: No. 3 bus

11. The IHRA is aware that the No. 3 First Bus route will change on 25 November 2017. Buses will no longer travel through Church Road and Bangors Road North. They will turn right at the top of Swallow Street and go straight to Uxbridge. The service is provided by a private bus company but Iver Parish Council is investigating this. The IHRA will support efforts to restore the service through the village which is vital for many residents particularly those that don't drive.

Agenda item 8: Christmas lights and switch-on event

12. IHRA has been part of the Iver Parish Council Working Group this year to improve the Christmas lights throughout the Parish. In Iver Heath the lights will remain in the area around the shops in Thornbridge Road. There will be 6 decorated lampposts instead of 3; mistletoe lights in the tree by the Stag and Hounds; a small tree outside the Co-op donated by Iver Flowerland and the large tree sponsored by Pinewood.
13. IPC invite people to attend the Christmas Lights Switch On Event which is being held in Clock Tower Square, Iver between 4pm and 6.30pm on Saturday 25 November. There will be a children's choir, a steel band, an acapella group and much, much more.

Agenda item 9: IHRA members' Christmas screening

14. On behalf of the IHRA, Pinewood Studios will be screening the Christmas film 'Elf' on Tuesday 12 December for members. This is free for all members and the IHRA will give details of how to apply for tickets shortly.

Agenda item 10: Questions from the floor

15. Questions were on:

Q. Air pollution: Does anyone have to act on levels that exceed the EU limits?

Under legislation from 1994, the Government is required to act.

Q. Crossrail: Where will users park?

There are plans to provide parking for Crossrail at Richings Park.

Q. What are the plans for Gams' Field

A. There is a Community Land Trust on this land. It is within one of the preferred options for development and will be affected by the Local Plan. Development would be through a Community Right to Build Order or other planning consent.

Q. Are there any measures to slow traffic in speed in Wood Lane?

A. Ray Sangster advised that Bucks CC and Iver Parish Council have been made aware of traffic speed in Wood Lane on several occasions but there has been no progress in resolving this. Lorries can do 50mph along the road. Police have been asked to measure speed but they cannot calibrate their camera to allow for the slope in the road. IHRA will co-ordinate volunteers who may wish to measure speed voluntarily; find out if a speed camera would be effective; if a monitoring vehicle would help.

Q. Can IHRA put pressure on the bus company to restore the route through Iver Heath?

A. IHRA will support members who are affected by the change of bus route (see Agenda item 7 above).

Q. Why did a resident have to wait for adequate bins and pay for them?

A. IHRA will make enquiries.

Q. Could the Co-op provide larger rubbish bins?

A. IHRA will contact the Co-op area manager again to ask with help with maintaining the work of the litter pickers. They will refer to Councillor Ray Sangster to consider enforcement if litter continues.

Comments:

There is a survey at Langley Refuse Tip to consider whether it should be exclusively for local residents. If this happens, residents will need to register to prove they live locally.

If you feel strongly about any of the topics raised at this meeting and would like to get more involved please let us know.

Your Committee would like to thank the 32 members and residents who attended the meeting.