



Iver Heath Residents Association Annual General Meeting Saturday 28th March 2025 at Evreham Sport Centre MINUTES

Committee:	Leigh Tugwood	Co-Chair
	Renita Shwili	Co-Chair
	Maureen Davies	Treasurer
	Debs Forward	Secretary

The following were also welcomed:

Cllr. Wendy Matthews
Cllr. Luisa Sullivan
Parish Cllr. Julie Cook
Parish Clerk Shaun Fishenden

WELCOME:

Renita Shwili (RS), Co-Chair of Iver Heath Residents' Association (IHRA) opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. Apologies were made for lack of visuals during the meeting as intended, however information discussed in paper format was available at the various stands around the meeting room.

Minutes from previous AGM were agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Maureen Davies (MD), IHRA Treasurer, reported that the accounts for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 show a healthy position for the Association with funds standing at £3,635. This includes an amount of £1,900 ring fenced for the STOP campaign in readiness for the many upcoming planning applications that may need advice sought. There was a small surplus of £124, compared to a deficit of £894 in the previous year. Subscriptions fell by £105 and the lottery receipts by £109. These were compensated for by an increase in donations received and bank interest.

Membership Fees: Members voted to keep the IHRA membership fee at £5 per household for the year 2025/26.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Leigh Tugwood (LT) reported that, during the past year, IHRA has been working and meeting with our local MP Joy Morrissey as well as both Unitary and Parish Councillors, discussing local planning applications and assisting with the strengthening of the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee has also continued to build stronger relationships with both IVRA and RPRA, avoiding duplication of efforts and collaborating on a number of joint initiatives. LT then handed over to the Ivers Parish Council Clerk.

SHAUN FISHENDEN (SF), IVERS PARISH COUNCIL (IPC) CLERK:

SF introduced himself and, having taken up the post in November 2024, said he recognised the need for improved communication throughout the parish, something that he is eager to work on. From May 2025 there are likely to be some new IPC councillors after the election and he looks forward to working on a 4-year strategic plan with them, all done in consultation with residents' associations, local groups and residents themselves.

The next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan is underway and expected to become an 18-month project, working in consultation again with the community. Transparency via the IPC website and updates on ongoing projects should help with communication. He also reported that he is putting IPC forward for Local Council awards to encourage and show good practice and procedure.

It will be Iver Heath Recreation Ground's centenary in 2030. Initiatives around making enhancements and improvements will start to be planned soon in preparation for centenary celebrations. SF reported that IPC reduced its precept for Council Tax by £8 per household this year and attributed this to smarter contract renewals and cost savings.

IHRA FUTURE PLANS:

LT outlined the focus for IHRA for the coming year:

1. Work Smarter – we plan to work with other local groups to avoid duplication of effort
2. Improve Community Engagement – widen our reach within the Iver Heath community
3. Celebrate what we have – offset bad news by celebrating and enhancing Iver Heath's 'assets' and consult to see how we can improve them further.
4. Pollution – inclusion of further air quality monitoring as well as sound
5. Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan – support IPC in creating the next iteration of the Plan

LT gave a brief overview of IHRA's Air Quality Monitoring programme, which was now in its 8th year. He stressed that, although nitrogen dioxide levels had shown a steady drop since Covid, this was not a full picture of air quality. LT then asked members to vote on IHRA undertaking the monitoring of PM2.5, the tiny particles that lodge deep in lungs, which requires different equipment that monitors particulate matter, such as that created by brake dust. The vote was carried and LT will put together a plan for the revised monitoring scheme to present to members.

Future Dates for the Diary:

RS remarked that there were many events and notable dates coming up in 2025, however wanted to bring three in particular to members' attention at this time:

5th April – the annual Great British Spring Clean Ivers Community Challenge

22nd April – Hustings for Unitary Councillors being organised by IHRA, IVRA and RPRA

1st May – Local Elections

JANE BROWN (JB) – SMARTVILLE:

JB introduced herself and gave a brief history of how Smartville was introduced to the area 10 years ago and how it has now grown across the Parish in an effort to help both prevent and detect crime. There are CCTV/ANPR in five locations in Iver Heath. Jane further explained that for GDPR purposes to get a copy of any information a police Crime Number is needed.

Smartville works closely with other local schemes, Richings Park and Iver having very similar setups, as well as local Police and Bucks agencies. The scheme is fully registered with the ICO and it is hoped to continue to build the scheme primarily via donations.

CLLR JULIE COOK (JC) – COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH:

After introducing herself, JC explained that this was a Thames Valley Police initiative where adults can sign up to and receive training of speed monitoring equipment. Once trained and working in teams of 3, they can join operations at approved sites chosen by TVP. They are supplied Hi-Vis and work 1 hour shifts, a letter is sent by TVP to anyone found to be over the speed limit in an attempt to educate; anyone found to be continually infringing can be fined or given further training by TVP. Further information was made available at one of the stands in the meeting room for those interested. Colne Valley Park Information was also available in the meeting room.

CLOSING:

RS extended sincere thanks to IHRA members, supporters and volunteers, as well as both Parish and Unitary Councillors who give up their time to support IHRA initiatives and the community.

AOB – None raised

Q&A

New Co-op Parking restrictions were raised after the Traffic Regulation Order was recently introduced, restricting parking around the area until 8th April – this was addressed by Cllrs Wendy Matthews and Luisa Sullivan stating that it was for the lining work to be completed/corrected. It was also stated that the scheme will be policed by Traffic Enforcement Officers.

A member from Cedar Close asked advice on how to deal with **Anti-Social Behaviour** late at night on Thornbridge Road adjacent to Cedar close, loud noise and littering. They were advised to diarise incidents and given information about reporting ASB.

Air Pollution from Heathrow was raised as LHR undertakes their Airspace Modernisation Project. This is a realignment of flight paths in line with current jet capability to manoeuvre turns quickly after take-off. The CAA will be changing routes and is proposing routes directly over the Ivers in the next 2 to 3 years. It was requested by Wendy Matthews that any undue noise be reported to Heathrow immediately and repeatedly so they are aware of any impact before making decisions.

LT asked about **improving the local bus services** – Luisa Sullivan answered explaining that it was a pure case of commerciality; if the customer numbers are low, bus companies have no business case to change or add routes. Members were reminded that the Pinewood Shuttle Buses were still available for residents use and had good links to local stations/towns.

LT asked about **abandoned cars at Evreham** – Wendy Matthews and Luisa Sullivan explained the long and protracted process that has to be gone through to move cars that are not parked/abandoned in a place that is dangerous to the public.

RS then closed the meeting.

A summary of the information discussed is available on the IHRA website.