

IVER VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the committee meeting held on 13th July 2020 by Zoom

Present: Ciaran Beary, John Lees, Susan Lees and Charlotte Anstey.

Apologies: Sam Foster and Pat Lynch

1. Minutes of meeting on 8th June were agreed.

2. Chairperson's Report

Our website is almost ready now. CB showed us the pages on zoom and it is very impressive. Some photos need to be changed and the first page to be a little more informal. To check that is readable on a phone. CA has offered to speak to the web designer about the final few changes. As soon as it is completed we can start to put minutes, events and reports on. CB will finish off the newsletter and get it put on the website asap. We need a joining page where new members can sign up and pay their fee, as well a page with links to other useful sites.

SF has prepared a document with the results of the residents' survey, which looks very good. There are just a few things he wants to amend and then that can also go on the website.

CB and CA submitted the plan for the COVID-19 project to produce a resource pack for children which will be distributed through schools this week and £1750 has been paid into our bank account for this. It now includes 2 books and 800 packages have been printed. (details in Treasurer's Report below).

CB attended the planning meeting which has been set up to make a response for The Ivers to the area plan. It involves the three residents' associations, some councillors, representatives from local churches and someone representing the environment. The commissioner criticised Bucks Council for refusing to discuss the Slough Plan which has plans to build houses on green areas of Iver rather than in Slough. Bucks also want to sell off the piece of land behind the tip for waste infill. An organization has been commissioned to develop a strategy in response the plans as to what we would be prepared to accept.

3. Treasurer's Report

Total Funds: £3,085.32

Made up as follows::

Bucks Council for Covid Project: £1,750

Bucks CC (Communciations): £500.00

Quiz fundraiser

Membership

IVER VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (IVRA) COVID19 PROJECT

Here below are the project details that we submitted to Bucks; the final budget was £1,750, we received this money last week.

IVRA is requesting funding to support a project targeted at parents with children aged 4-11 resident in the Ivers (Iver Village, Iver Heath and Richings Park). We project recognises that during lockdown parents and the wider family have been the main emotional support system for their children and that coping with the experience of social isolation in the context of the COVID 19 crisis is challenging.

IVRA are working with Owl Therapy (<https://theowltherapycentre.co.uk>) to create a pack which will provide materials for parents and children to assist communication and support for understanding and talking about children's feelings. The pack will contain suggestions, advice and support materials for parents to help them communicate with their children and support them.

The pack will provide

- A leaflet which offers suggestions and advice about communicating with children and supporting children during the ongoing situation.
- A set of cards called ZONES (www.theottoolbox.com/zones-of-regulation-activities). The cards are widely used in primary schools and by support staff working with children such as speech and language therapists. The cards describe different emotional states and suggestions about how to help children find ways to moderate and adjust when they feel withdrawn or actively distressed and upset. The aim is to support emotional self-regulation.
- An illustrated story book created by Owl Therapy which features a robot to explore different emotions and supports these various feeling states as part of normal emotional life.

The project costs are:

- A fee payment to Owl Therapy for their professional input

- Printing costs of the materials
- Binding and packaging of the pack.

The packs will be distributed to parents and families in collaboration with the Iver's local Primary Schools and Children's Centres. Two books are now included.

Owl Therapy provides professional therapy intervention services for children in various settings: nurseries, primary schools, families, local authorities.

3.Membership

The committee will try to recruit new members for the association amongst their own contacts and also encourage new committee members. Fiona has resigned from the committee. The AGM is postponed until meetings can be held again and membership will carry over until July 2021. This information will be added to the website

4.AOB

Leigh Tugwood is creating "I CAN", which is about supporting and stimulating local businesses and we will support this.

It may be possible to develop some form of neighbourhood information resource for the many people in our area who have no access to information on a computer

Date of Next Meeting. Monday 10th August 2020.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed..... Date.....