

## **Annual Parish Meeting of Iron Acton 2021**

**Minutes of Iron Acton Annual Parish Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm  
Held remotely via Zoom**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

3 members of the public were present.

### **WELCOME SPEECH**

Councillor R Lomas (RL) the Chairman of Iron Acton Parish Council introduced himself and gave a welcome speech and outlined the procedure and the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **01-04-21\* APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Hunter

### **02-04-21\* TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 had been previously circulated. Councillor Lomas proposed and Councillor Noble seconded that these minutes be adopted and signed as a true record. **All Agreed**

### **03-04-21\* CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Chairman Councillor Lomas Report - Annual Parish Meeting 26.04.2021

- Continued with the Council meetings via Zoom through the Year
- Two large planning applicants have been approved by South Glos Council within the Parish

### **04-04-21\* SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

South Gloucestershire Councillors Report – Report Appendix A

### **05-04-21\* QUESTIONS / REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED**

Iron Acton School report – Appendix B

Floral Friends verbal report from JW – Appendix C

Acton Aid verbal report from JW – Appendix D

RL advised that all subsequent questions and queries that could not be answered on the night or required any further action would be looked at the next PC meeting.

Questions Raised

- Street Lighting in the High Street

Points Raised

- 21 volunteers are now collecting litter within the Parish and a funding request will be sent to the Parish Council for visibility bands.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:00

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....

## **Appendix A**

### **Report from South Gloucestershire Councillors**

#### **South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2020**

Last year, following scathing criticism from Planning Inspectors, South Gloucestershire Council and its partners in the West of England formally withdrew the Joint Spatial Plan from public assessment. In the past year it has started to draft and prepare a new Local Plan to replace its current local planning documents ('the Core Strategy 2006 – 2027 and 'the Policies, Sites & Places Plan') as these are drawing to the end of their lifespan.

As part of those preparations in the past 12 months it has undertaken a Call for Sites. It has also run consultations on the Phase 1 Local Plan document and the Data and Access Profiles that will form part of the evidence base for the forthcoming Phase 2 Local Plan consultation. The Phase 1 Local Plan consultation focused on setting the overarching aims and priorities of the next plan. At this stage we still do not know how many houses South Gloucestershire Council will have build in the next two decades or where it is proposing major development to take place. This information will be presented to the public when the Phase 2 Local Plan document goes out for public consultation at the end of this year. We would like to thank all parishioners who have taken the time to read and participate in these early consultations. We will continue to keep parishioners informed about how the Local Plan drafting process is progressing and how they can put forward their views at each successive stage.

#### **Planning Applications in Engine Common**

We referred two major planning applications in Engine Common to the planning committee at the start of this year as we fundamentally disagreed with the recommendation of planning officers to approve them both. The first of these was a full planning application by Redrow Homes for 118 dwellings on land to the north and west of Lodge Road football ground and the second was an outline planning application by Newland Homes to build 89 dwellings on land to the east of North Road. At five separate planning committee meetings residents, the parish council and ourselves presented arguments against these applications as they contravened a number of the council's planning policies. The committee, however, ultimately went on to grant approval for both applications.

The Redrow Homes application will generate almost £148,000 for the parish council in the form of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contribution from the developer. This is money the parish council can spend to make improvements to facilities and infrastructure in the parish to mitigate the impact of the incoming residents. The payments will be spread out over a number of years as the application is gradually built out. Newland Homes still needs to submit a Reserved Matters application for their site but, if this is approved, it will also generate a substantial CIL payment for the parish council.

Finally, there is a third planning application submitted by Cotswold Homes for 34 dwellings on land to the east of Lodge Road football ground. This application was submitted a year later than the other two applications. The case officer has not yet

arrived at a recommendation in this application but we will inform parishioners as soon as their report has been submitted.

### **Major Investment to Prevent Flooding on Local Roads**

Work has now started on a project to improve the flood resilience of key roads in South Gloucestershire. South Gloucestershire Council has successfully secured £3.2 million of funding from central government and is contributing an additional £500,000 to the scheme from its existing maintenance budget.

Drainage infrastructure is to be upgraded at seven locations to help prevent future flooding, improving the road network for local communities and the traveling public. The roads included in the scheme have been identified as having an issue with flooding during extreme weather. The work will also reduce the need for reactive maintenance works and ultimately result in a cost saving for the Council.

The local roads where work will be carried out include:

- Perrinpit Road & Old Gloucester Road, Frampton Cotterell
- B4059 Yate Road, Iron Acton (from the Latteridge junction to the Iron Acton Way roundabout)

## Appendix B

### **Parish Report from North Road Community Primary School**

#### **April 2021**

At North Road School; in the week before Lockdown One, March 2020, we celebrated National Science Week, which included a day of fun workshops led by Professor Bubbleworks. This was an excellent experience for all of the children, kindly provided for them by our fantastic Friends of North Road.

The Friends of North Road have also been very busy completing the fundraising for the new outdoor climbing equipment and school toilet refurbishments. They reached their grand total with the support from three local Liberal Democrat Councillors, who very kindly supported the fundraising with their Members Award Grant.

We have been privileged to receive a visit from the author Anna Hoghton who talked to the children in Key Stage Two about how she became an author and how she approaches the writing process. We have also enjoyed a virtual visit from poet James Carter who read some of his own poetry and helped the children to write their own poems. These were super experiences and enthused many pupils to want to become authors and poets themselves.

During Lockdown one, we joined forces with Iron Acton Primary School and Rangeworthy Primary School to offer a combined small schools provision for children of critical keyworker families. This saw children from across the three schools coming together to learn and have fun and was a great opportunity for some collaborative working by the staff of the three schools.

At the start of June, keyworker provision returned to North Road for our pupils and we also welcomed back our Year 6, Year 1 and Reception Class.

In total, we were able to welcome back just under half of our school community and remained in contact with every family in school, through our regular well-being phone calls and year group catch up sessions using Google Meet.

In September 2020, we were very excited to welcome back 100% of our pupils to North Road. Each class of 30 children became a 'class pod' with a pod teaching team and pod lunch break supervisor. This has remained in place since this time with each pod having a separate break time and lunchtime and staggered start and finish times, to ensure social distancing is maintained by parents on the playground. These restrictions have ensured that we have not had to close any of our pods due to positive Covid cases. Even though we have had to introduce many changes to daily routines and practices, we have been able to ensure that the ethos and vision of the school remains in place.

A special North Road Recovery Curriculum, Somewhere after the Rainbow, was written to address the mental health, social and emotional needs as well as the learning needs of the pupils as they returned to school.

As part of our Recovery Curriculum and to reconnect the pupils as a whole school community once again, we were excited to create a whole school mosaic mural for the front of the school building. We are incredibly grateful to The Art Society Severn Valley and Yate Rotary who funded the project and without whose support this important piece of work would not have been able to take place. Every pupil worked with the artists from Tomato Jack Arts, Berkeley, to make a mural that reflected our school values, acknowledged the experiences that the pupils have lived through and marked our 170th birthday of the school.

After only two terms back at school, we found ourselves again with a period of school closure. This time however, we had over 40% of our pupils in our critical

keyworker provision. This was substantially higher than the first lockdown. We put a remote learning plan in place and with the support of Acton Aid and the residents of Iron Acton, we were able to ensure that all of our vulnerable pupils had access to the technology to complete their daily learning and join on-line daily catch up sessions. With the fantastic support from St James the Less Church we were also able to provide food care packages through the lockdown for some of our most vulnerable families. We have now started our own school Food Bank, with the support of a local supermarket, for families for whom the pandemic has hit the hardest.

The Lockdown has delayed the much-needed addition of traffic calming measures outside of the school but we are hopeful that these will be installed soon, as this is an ongoing concern for staff and parents.

As a school, we have 105 children on roll and all places are full. We had 60 applications for our September 2021 EYFS intake of 15 places and we are looking forward to meeting our new families in the coming months.

In the current circumstances; there are so many unknowns for the future but at North Road Primary School, we will all be modelling our school value of positivity in everything that we do and as per our special rainbow recovery curriculum we will all be "looking for the rainbows on a rainy day".

*Sarah Stillie, Headteacher, North Road Community Primary School*

## **Appendix C**

For the past 4 years a group of about 10 parishioners have been planting wild flower bulbs around the village.

We have planted in Frampton End Road/Station Road, The Lamb end of Nibley Lane, the Village Hall and “phone box” area.

In the last 2 years we have planted around the village green and in the parish meadows.

Despite the best endeavours of badgers , council workers, and lorry drivers to destroy are efforts we hope to be able to continue this planting as we are getting some successes.

## Appendix D

### ACTON Aid

Despite a very difficult year for fund raising we were able to make the donations listed below.

We were also able to run a system for collecting shopping and prescriptions for vulnerable parishioners.

#### **DONATIONS**

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| Christmas parcels        | £1548 |
| Uganda project           | £170  |
| Friends of IA School     | £210  |
| IA PCC                   | £250  |
| Church Yard Bench        | £492  |
| Local Poyntz             | £500  |
| History Project          | £712  |
| Film Club banner         | £100  |
| Scrapstore               | £41   |
| Church Flag              | £91   |
| IA School Ukeleles       | £329  |
| Defibrillator refurb     | £485  |
| Rural Poverty project    | £200  |
| JFR Microphone equipment | £370  |
| IA School book purchase  | £750  |
| Footpath                 | £770  |
| Green community Travel   | £373  |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£7401</b> |
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