# **Minutes from Annual Meeting 30 July 2024**

1. The meeting was attended by 24 people
2. Apologies: Wendy Matthews
3. Minutes from last year agreed by all
4. Chair Report: The IVRA has now moved from asking to be heard to being invited to speak. Through the IVRA, councils and organisations are learning what really matters to the residents.

Olympicnic with the IHRA and RPRA was a great success. Funds were received from the IPC, the National Lottery and donations from local businesses. Thanks to Amanda Clark, who was the main coordinator.

Election Hustings was again organised with the IHRA and RPRA. 7 of the 8 candidates to represent the Ivers attended the Hustings.

Illuminated Ivers was a success and many businesses put up festive decorations. Thanks to Pat and Sally for organising it again this year.

The Christmas Lights Switch On was organised by the IPC. IVRA had a stall and raffle at the event. Thanks to Fiona Gill and Sue and John Lees for fundraising for the IVRA at the event by running the raffle.

St. Peter’s Christmas Tree Festival: We had an IVRA tree featuring the handprints of Iver residents creating the leaves of the tree. Thanks to Chloe Kraus, Amanda Clark and her daughter Holly for the great work and effort.

Litter Picks and gardening events -IVRA run litter picks but would like to run more. Need volunteers to come forward to organise more, and to promote them. Would like to find a litter pick co-ordinator. Swan provided free sandwiches and refreshments after the litter picks.

Discussions were also held on the futures of the high street, parking, air pollution and public transport. Bucks plan to make a large investment in Iver High Street to improve air quality, parking and revitalise it. IVRA to work as hard as usual to make sure that residents’ voices are heard.

Path to Iver station - Pressure applied by IVRA helped push through the path restoration.

Many households are still not members of IVRA. Still need to push for members. Plans on how to get more residents to join were discussed. One of the suggestions was to have Area reps to hear and organise local issues and report back to the chair etc.

IVRA to push for public transport, especially for transport to Iver station.

It was also noted that there are no activities for teenagers. This contributes to antisocial behaviour.

1. Treasurer’s Report: £2,197.55 in bank from before July 2023. £6,604.11 income through grants and donations to Olympicnic. Spend of £5,528 over the period, so the balance is £1,076.11.
We hold a small sub-fund from the summer event raffle for the 3 RAs. Excess grant money of £877 to be given back to the IPC. £2k+ to carry forward in 2024.

Vote of thanks to Oliver and Amanda.

1. IPC Notice Board – Site next to the bus station outside Iver Village Hall. A grant was given by the Community Board, so the project was founded by them, not by using IVRA funds. A plaque showing that it was funded by the Community Board to be displayed.
2. Membership Report: The IVRA increased by 45 to 168. Free to join. Need to push for new members on Facebook and websites.
3. Nomination and Election of Committee Members:

Charlotte Anstey is leaving the committee

Nominated and accepted:

Oliver Kraus

Chloe Kraus

Pat leech

Amanda Clark

Anne Clarke

Sally Roberts

Silvester Baptista

Peter Clarke

Keith Hawes

John Lees

John Scoates

Agreed on the meeting date to be the last Tuesday of every month.

1. Resident Participation Session

Bernice Harris raised the issue of the heavy traffic, speeding, and jumping the lights at the temporary traffic lights.

David, who lives at the top of Iver High Street, said they need to find a way to give people a chance to cross the road safely.

Cars are getting cleaner, and ULEZ in Hillingdon may have a positive knock-on effect on air quality. It’s also possible that it will have a negative one. We will have to wait and see.

Living Streets: IVRA subscribed to their newsletter and is checking if it can be useful to our area.

A complaint was raised about cars blocking pavements, citing the Double Buggy Test. It was mentioned that when contacting the police to complain about badly parked cars, we need to mention **Obstruction on pavements**.

Notices to be put up on boards, reminding people to park better.

Regarding badly behaved HGVS – Residents need to complain to the company that’s on the lorry and CC the Traffic Commissioner and the company’s transport managers. If many complaints are registered with the commissioner, it can affect their chances of applying for licences, so they take it seriously.

The Issue of the narrow pavements on Thornery Lane North and the lorries going past was raised. Residents are finding that section of pavement dangerous, especially when pushing a buggy. However, it may be impossible to widen the pavement on that section. Would have to narrow the road, which is already too narrow at that point.

Ian Thomas signed off the yellow liens on street corners, Luisa Sullivan promised to take it up with him again.

Car Park by Iver Station: residents said that no Car park appears to be on the cards. Councillors have reported that S106 (Section 106) money is guaranteed for the construction of the car park if the 2nd phase of the Data Centre plan is approved. This will be developed by the owners of the land where Tomato Plant resides, in Thorney Lane South, north of the station.