

The Ivers Parish Council

Reducing the Environmental Impact of Community Facilities

Community Board Update – February 2023

The Community Board provided some start-up funding for a project by The Ivers Parish Council to reduce the environmental impact of the council's community facilities.

The funding was used to pay a consultant to survey the council's community facilities (pavilions at Iver and Iver Heath Recreation Ground and the premises at 45B High St, Iver) and report on their energy efficiency.

The surveys were undertaken in October 2022 and the resulting "Heating System Strategy & Energy Efficiency Reports" have been provided for each building, suggesting areas for improving energy efficiency.

The Ivers Parish Council is now in the process of working through the recommended actions as funds allow. Two quick wins (low cost and high benefit) are:

- improving the insulation levels in the lofts of all properties and competitive quotes for this are currently being obtained;
- upgrading to LED or similar low energy lights (at Iver Heath Pavilion) to replace the existing strip lights and tungsten/halogen bulbs and again competitive quotes for this are currently being obtained.

Parish Council funds have been set aside for a third project which is to instal photovoltaic panels (at 45B High Street, Iver) to provide power to run the building during the day, charge official cars and to charge batteries to provide the power for the Police night shift.

Longer term recommendations include boiler upgrades at all premises. The survey reports also contain advice on the difference between Ground Source and Air Source heat pumps which could be used when the heating systems need replacing.

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