

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting at the Abingdon Hall on 8th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr P Le Prevost – Chairman, Cllr K O'Connor – Vice Chairman, Cllr J Goodliffe, Cllr S Trim, Cllr A Thomas, Cllr H Marsh and Cllr K Skinner

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk to the Council – Dorset Councillor Jane Somper. There were 4 members of the public present.

Annual Parish Meeting

23/76. Annual review by outgoing Parish Council Chairman and Councillors: The Chairman opened the meeting by giving an annual review and asking for presentations and reviews from fellow Councillors.

23/77. Presentations and review of Village Organisations: A report was given from the Village Club and Abingdon Hall and other local organisations had sent their reports to the Clerk. The full reports from the Chairman, Councillors and local organisations will be in an additional document which will be available to see on the Parish Council website or a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

*The Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting and opened the **Parish Council Meeting**.*

At this point the Chairman asked all to stand in remembrance of Keith Gugan.

Public Consultation: there were none.

23/78. To receive and accept apologies of absence.
There were none.

23/79. Declaration of interest and dispensations.
There were none.

23/80. Approve minutes from the meeting dated 12th February 2024 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 18th March 2024

The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Goodliffe and seconded by Cllr S Trim and all Councillors agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the two meetings; the Chairman duly signed these.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated 12th February 2024 and 18th March 2024 (23/80 no budgetary provision required)

- **Grit Bin and Noticeboard to Oakwood Drive** – at the Zoom meeting on 11th March 2024, it was proposed to purchase a small grit bin for Oakwood Drive and to ask local residents if they would like to make a notice board. The cost for a small 2 cubic foot grit bin will £56.25 plus vat, including delivery. This was agreed by all Councillors. The Clerk will order the bin.

Action – Clerk

Cllr S Trim has spoken to two local residents regarding making a noticeboard. One said he was very busy at the moment and the other person is getting back to her.

- **Update on new Preston Hill bench** – Cllr A Thomas stated that the bench is in position and for the Clerk to get a sign to fix to the bench, stating that people use it at their own risk and that donations had come from several residents of the village.

Action – Clerk

Cll J Goodliffe reported that he had put extra fixings into the concrete and that a yellow line would be painted on the front edge of the concrete.

- **To discuss 20MPH limit near Clayesmore School** – This matter has been raised by Clayesmore School and Councillors. The Clerk informed the Council that if they wish to look at a 20MPH speed limit, they will require evidence from a speed survey completed by Dorset Council at the cost of £275.00 plus vat. Cllr S Trim suggested that Clayesmore School are contacted to see if they are prepared to pay for the speed survey, otherwise the Parish Council will be required to ask village residents if they would support this project before taking it further.
- **To receive update on Compton Abbas Air Show** – Cllr J Somper confirmed that the organisers of the show have not suggested other areas for visitors to park other than Clayesmore School but enquiries are in hand. It was noted that we need a statement from the organisers of what they intend.

23/81. To consider planning application received.

There were no planning applications to consider but Cllr Trim tabled the following Tree Applications:

P/TRC/2024/01439 Rolls Cottage, Blandford Road T1 – Ash (two stems) – Fell. T2 – Sycamore – Fell. No Objection.

P/TRC/2024/01474 Downside, Tower Hill T1 – Cherry – Reduce height from 5m to 4.25m and reduce diameter of lateral spread to 4m. T2 – Cherry – Fell. No Objection.

P/TRC/2024/01802 Copse House, Post Office Road T1 – Ash – Reduce the crown by a 1/3 and shape tree as per annotated photograph.

P/TRT/2024/10920 Crossways, Hobgoblin T1 – Ash – Fell – To be guided by Dorset Council tree officer

23/82. To receive Dorset Council's Unitary Councillor's report from Cllr Jane Somper

- Cllr J Somper thanked Councillors, Clerk and volunteers from the Village, who have worked on projects for the better of the Parish together with Cllr J Somper over the past 5 years.
- Cllr J Somper gave a look back of some of the projects and achievements that she has lead or been part of over the past 5 years; these include, Planning, Road Safety, Housing, waste management, footpaths, planning enforcement, blue badges, highways and has attended many Parish Council meetings in the ward.

The Chairman thanked Cllr J Somper for her support over these years.

23/83 Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

23/84. Accounts

To acknowledge the payment schedule for February, which had been circulated and agreed via email to pay, also March 2024, both listed below.

Payee	Detail	Expense Amount	Receipt Amount
N Phillips dd	Clerks wages	£ 556.93	
HMRC dd	Paye/NI	£ 147.00	
N Phillips - Norton Sec	Laptop Security	£ 74.99	
Abingdon Hall	Hall hire Feb	£ 20.00	
Downie Clean	Grass cutting	£ 375.00	
Nest dd	Pension for pc and clerk	£ 85.71	
S Trim	Reimburse for Emergency plan	£ 7.40	
Donation for Bench	Donation for bench	£ -	£ 20.00
Iwerne Minster Village Club	Peppercorn rent		£ 1.00
Parish Magazine Printing	Newsletter	£ 87.20	
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Feb	£ 78.28	
Total		£ 1,432.51	

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N Phillips	Clerks wages	£ 556.93
HMRC	Paye/NI	£ 139.00
Parish Magazine Printing	News magazine	£ 85.40
Abingdon Hall	Hall Hire march	£ 20.00
Reformed Plastics	Bench and fixings	£ 630.00
Nest	Clerk pension	£ 85.71
N Phillips	Clerks expenses March	£ 93.49
The Play Inspection Co	Play area inspection	£ 99.00
Total		£ 3,870.62

RESOLVED: to ratify the payments for February 2024 and agree the payments for March 2024 and award the Clerk a pay increase from scale 30 to 31 for 2024-2025 (23/84 Current Account – Clerks wages)

Cllr S Trim approved the Bank Reconciliation for March 2024

23/85. Officers' reports:

- Governance & IT: Cllr S Trim reported the following:** – We had previously been advised that the Vodafone battery in the Church would last two hours in the event of a power cut. Tests were made by Cllr Paul Le Prevost and myself during the power cut in January 2024 and we found this was not the case. A representative from the Church and I met with Vodafone who confirmed the reason for the loss of signal. Vodafone are planning to resolve the issue but have been delayed.

Digital Voice, I understand the rollout has currently been delayed and the 2025 deadline may be extended.
- Emergency Planning: Cllr S Trim reported the following:** – The group have been given lanyards by Dorset Council and Cllr Trim has produced name tags for them. The group had held a very successful Public meeting in the church, which had been appreciated by those attending.
- Highways: Cllr J Goodliffe reported the following:** – The continuing problem of the seeping manhole at the corner of Old School Lane, Watery Land and the path to the children's playground was stressed. This caused thick ice in January and now the road surface is very slimy. The problem drain outside Crossways was discussed: Highways are unlikely to do anything until the work at Crossways is completed. It was felt this and other problems with water have resulted from residents filling the ditches. He noted that Dorset Council have confirmed that this footpath to the Play Area is their responsibility, but cannot confirm which department is responsible for it. Cllr J Somper advised the Clerk to contact Tim Hulme, Head of Assets and Property to get clarification on who is responsible for the ditches. **Action - Clerk**
- Footpaths and Rights of Way – Cllr A Thomas reported the following:** – reminded people that the Iwerne estate have been kind enough to provide Permissive paths to the west of the A350 thus providing a circular walking route linking to N65/22 and N65/5, so please keep to the footpaths that are sign posted. An item could be put in the Newsletter reminding walkers which paths they could use. She has also written to the estate about a similar route near the C13.
- Recreation:** – Cllr K Skinner reported that the “springy horse” play equipment in the play area needs some attention, Cllr K O'Connor will check this out. Jeff Overton has painted the white goal posts for which he was thanked.

The Clerk will continue to chase Dorset Council waste department officers regarding replacement bins.
- Environment and Community Resilience: Cllr J Goodliffe had nothing further to report.**

Other Organisations/Groups:

- Speed Watch:** The introduction of an Autospeedwatch camera on the A350 had been mentioned in the Annual Parish Meeting for which Dorset Council and others should be thanked.
- Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr S Trim reported the following:** – The Iwerne Minster Information Pop Up is being held in the Village Club on Thursday 11th April between 10am and 12noon. More details are available on WhatsApp, Next Door, Facebook and Village Noticeboards.
- Abingdon Hall:** The tapestry is still being worked on and will be put in place over the double doors between hall and kitchen when finished.

- **Village Defibrillator** – nothing to report.
- **DAPTC** – any information received is circulated by the Clerk.

23/86. Clerk Report – The Clerk reminded the Councillors that they will be voting for a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the AGM in May and also for them to consider what roles they would be interested in.

23/87. To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence – Nothing further reported

23/88. Items for next agenda – AGM

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Parish Council AGM will be held on **Monday, 13th May 2024**
at 7pm, at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed by the Chairman

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