

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting at the Abingdon Hall on the 3rd of February 2025 at 7pm

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

In attendance: N Phillips – Clerk, there was one member of the public present.

Public Consultation: There were no comments

24/74. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Dorset Councillor J Somper

24/75. Declaration of interest and dispensations: There were none.

24/76. Co-option for new Councillor: Nobody came forward

24/77. Approve minutes from the meeting dated 9th of December 2024

The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Goodliffe and seconded by Cllr K O'Connor and all Councillors agreed that they were a true and accurate record of this meeting; the Chairman duly signed these.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated 9th of December 2024 (24/77 no budgetary provision required)

- **Update on 20MPH** – Cllr J Goodliffe reported that the public consultation has gone out and await responses. Cllr J Goodliffe will also chase Clayesmore School to discuss the proposal and for them to consider financially supporting the project if it goes forward.
- **Update on 5-year tender for grass cutting** – Cllr P Le Prevost and the Clerk had circulated the four tenders received for the grass cutting contract. After debate, Cllr P Le Prevost proposed that the contract is awarded to Rob Smith and Andrew Jenkins, who will jointly cover all areas of the village as described in the Village Maintenance tender from 2025 to 2030, this was seconded by Cllr J Goodliffe, all in favour.
 - **RESOLVED:** to award the Village Maintenance/grass cutting contract to Rob Smith and Andrew Jenkins from 2025 to 2030 (24/77 – Village maintenance/grass cutting)
- **Update on the Play Area Project**– Cllr K O'Connor reported that the open day at the Village Club was well attended and that she and Cllr H Overton are now working on grant applications and finalising the design so that Sovereign Play can put their amended costings together. These will be looked at and resolved at the April meeting.
- **Update on cleaning the War Memorial** – The Clerk tabled the cost for professionally cleaning the War Memorial for the sum of £800.00. Cllr S Trim proposed to accept the quote, this was seconded by Cllr K O'Connor, all in favour.
 - **RESOLVED:** to instruct Bellstone to clean the War Memorial for the sum of £800.00 (24/77a – village features)
- **To ratify the heading against budget for 2025-2026** – The budget had been tabled and Cllr P Le Prevost read out details for each heading. After debate all Councillors agreed with the budget set for 2025-2026.
- **Ratify approval for named company who has been awarded the play area project** – this was covered under Play Area Project update above.

24/78. To consider planning application received.

- **P/FUL/2024/05893** – Land off Church Path, Iwerne Minster – erection of 4no semi-detached homes and associated parking. Cllr J Goodliffe confirmed that, after an archaeological survey had taken place on the site, the remains found are of medium to high interest and that they will request the area where the proposed footing are to be dug are excavated further before any works are done on the site. He will ask Savills what their next actions will be regarding the planning application and what was being done regarding a meeting with Dorset Highways.
- **P/CLE/2024/06853** – Crossways Hobgoblin – siting of caravan for residential use. The Parish Council has objected to this application; full details of the objection can be found on Dorset Council planning portal.

Trees: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

- **P/TRC/2025/00136** Bow Cottage, Shute Lane - T1 - Yew - Reduce crown by 2m and reshape
No Objection
- **P/TRC/2025/00214** St Mary's Church, Church Road T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, and T13 - Yew x11 - Raise crown by removing lower limbs/branches to allow a 2m clearance from ground. T12 - Holly - Reduce branches by up to 1m on south side up to 2m in height
- **P/TRC/2025/00447** Russet House Post Office Road T1 - Willow - Remove 2 secondary branches overhanging neighbour's property to source and remove one small stem opposite side to source as per annotated photograph.

24/79. To receive Dorset Council's Unitary Councillor Jane Somper's report – the following points were raised.

Cllr Somper sent her report which will be available to see on the Parish council website or a copy can be obtained by the Clerk. The main item was about the County's intended budget increase.

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper's contact details for case ward work

CllrJane.Somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

24/80. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

24/81. Accounts

- To approve the payment schedule for December 2024 and January 2025, listed below. Cllr K Skinner proposed the payments, which was seconded by Cllr H Overton, all in favour.

Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
N Phillips	Clerks wages Dec	£ 600.43
HMRC	Paye/ni/tax/emp ni	£ 155.03
Nest	Clerk pension	£ 88.71
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Dec	£ 78.28
Iwerne Valley Lawn Main	Grass cutting	£ 629.85
Abingdon Hall	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Total for Dec 2024		£1,572.30

Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
BT N Phillips	Annual phone/line rental	£ 224.22
Nest dd	Clerk pension	£ 88.71
N Phillips dd	Clerk wages Jan	£ 600.43
HMRC dd	Paye/ni/tax/emp ni	£ 155.03
Signrite	Printing for Play Area proj	£ 47.76
N Phillips	Back pay - 2024-2025	£ 468.00
Mr L Jackson	Electrics for Xmas lights	£ 68.64
Abingdon Hall Donation	Electric supply for Xmas lights	£ 20.00
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Jan	£ 78.28
Parish Magazine	News Letter	£ 89.95
Dorset Council	Election cost	£ 50.00
Total for Jan 2025		£1,891.02

RESOLVED: to agree the payments for December 2024 for the sum of £1,572.30 and January 2025 for the sum of £1,891.02 (24/81 Current Account)

- To agree Clerks wages increase for 2025-2026, as guided by NALC and the resultant back pay. After debate, the Councillors agreed to award the Clerk an increase of one scale point from 30 to 31 for 2025-2026.

24.82. Officers' reports:

Governance & IT: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

The Parish Council have asked for Snow Patrol Volunteers. Anyone able to help with Snow Patrol should contact Paul Le Prevost on paul.leprevost@btinternet.com or mobile number 07879 377565; WhatsApp Community – In order to sign up for Village News, events, and an alert in case of a village emergency please contact Susan Trim on 07811 314694 cllrtrim@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk; Information received from Clayesmore is also shared through this system.

Emergency Planning: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

Further work is being undertaken on the Emergency Plan; the planning group have put a notice out asking for more volunteers and for anyone who is vulnerable to come forward if they have not already done so. Email: iwerneminsteremergencyplan@outlook.com or mobile number 07811 314694.

Highways: Cllr J Goodliffe reported the following: – Cllr H Overton raised concerns over the state of the pavement alongside Clayesmore School towards the junction of New Road Corner to Child Okeford. Cllr J Goodliffe will contact the school, as it is felt they are responsible for that part of the path. Also mentioned is the pavement/hedges opposite Post Office Road, which is also the concern of Clayesmore School. Flooding outside the Talbot has been raised again as a problem.

Footpaths and Rights of Way – nothing to report.

Recreation: Nothing further to report.

Environment and Community Resilience: Cllr J Goodliffe reported that he will circulate the full Resiliency Guide, which has been amended in various places and asked that his fellow Councillors check them and respond.

Action – All

Village Features: Cllr H Overton reported the following:

- Has cleared out the leaves in the bus stop on the west side of the A350 near The Talbot.
- There is vegetation around the Taphouse in The Chalk which needs removing. The Chairman confirmed this is on the work schedule for the Village Maintenance contract.
- The notice board on the Chalk and the one outside the Village Club will need to be cleaned and painted when the weather improves.
- The long notice board near the Post Office needs more attention than the others; it will need to be considered for refurbishment or replacement in the near future.

Other Organisations/Groups:

- **Speed Watch:** Nothing to report.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr S Trim reported that she has asked the village if they would be interested in a Basic Home Maintenance Course. Anyone interested should contact her on iwerneminsterneighbourhoodwatch@outlook.com or mobile number 07811 314694. She has been in contact with SSE about attending the village but they have said they prefer to attend Multi Agency Events, so she will look at who she can invite to a Pop Up later this year. Wessex Internet has said they will consider sponsoring the event.
- **Abingdon Hall:** Wessex Internet will be supplying WI FI to Abingdon Hall on the 4th of February.
- **Village Defibrillator** – Nothing to report.
- **DAPTC** – Any information received is circulated by the Clerk.

24/83. Clerk Report: Nothing to report

24/84. To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence: Nothing further to report.

24/85. Items for next agenda – Co-option – Grants

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 14th of April 2025**
At 7pm, at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.
Signed by the Chairman

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