

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting at the Abingdon Hall on the 14th of April 2025 at 7pm

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

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

At this point, the Chairman asked for everyone to stand in remembrance of Tom Crabbe, David Cranton and Mary Berry.

Public Consultation: A question was raised, are there any history records for the village? It was noted that there are references to the history of the village in book form, which have been produced in the past; information is being collected by several villagers but it is not clear what can be done next; storage is a problem. It was also noted that the Chairman has a record of all the Village magazine's that have been produced since the current system was started; these in themselves hold a lot of history.

24/86. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Cllr J Goodliffe and Dorset Councillor J Somper sent their apologies.

24/87. Declaration of interest and dispensations: There were none.

24/88. Co-option for new Councillor: A member of the public reported that he is interested in supporting the Parish Council as a volunteer and would be happy to be a co-opted member if needed. It was agreed that this will be debated at the AGM in May.

24/89. Approve minutes from the meeting dated 3rd of February 2025

The minutes were proposed by Cllr K O'Connor and seconded by Cllr H Overton, all Councillors present agreed that they were a true and accurate record of this meeting; the Chairman duly signed them.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated 3rd of February 2025 (24/89 no budgetary provision required)

- **Update on 20MPH** – Cllr J Goodliffe was not present to give a report. Cllr Trim noted that the responses so far from the residents of the Parish, show not all are in favour of the proposed 20MPH scheme, but have highlighted other speed calming measures to be considered.
- **Update on the Play Area Project**– Cllr K O'Connor and Cllr H Overton tabled an update on the Play Area project, showing what funding opportunities are hopefully available and it was also noted that there are certain criteria's to meet when applying for grants. Moving forward, a public meeting is being arranged for the 10th of May, to obtain views from the Children and Families on how they would like to be involved in the project.
- **To consider grant applications received** – The tapestry group require support to enable works to continue on the tapestry for Abingdon Hall. After debate, it was agreed to award the group £150.00 from the grant allocation for 2024-2025 but they still need to fill in the required application.
 - **RESOLVED:** to award the section 137 grant allocation as above (24/89a – grants)

24/90. To consider planning application received.

- **P/NMA/2025/01871** – School Garden, Tower Hill – none material amendment – duly noted.
- **P/VOL/2025/00890/889** – Preston House – single storey extension – to support the recommendation from Dorset Council planning officer.

Trees: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

- **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 – No Objection.
- **P/TRC/2025/00447** Russet House Post Office Road T1 – Willow – Remove 2 secondary branches overhanging neighbour's property to source and remove 1 small stem opposite side to source as per annotated photograph. No Objection.

- **P/TRC/2025/00659** Langleys, The Chalk T1 – believed to be a sumac tree – Fell. T2 – Bramley apple tree – Thin crown by 10-15%. No Objection.
- **P/TRT/2025/00899** River Cottage, The Chalk – T1 & T2 Tilla Vulgaris – Removal of only the epicormic small branch growth around base and trunks. TPO Consent.
- **P/TRC/2025/02207** 1 Bramley Grove, Blandford Road T1 – Beech – Reduce crown by 5m as per annotated photograph. T2 – Beech – Reduce crown by 5m as per annotated photograph.

24/91. To receive Dorset Council's Unitary Councillor Jane Somper's report.

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.

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

CllrJane.Somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

24/92. Chairman's report

Cllr J Goodliffe has updated the resilience guide for the Parish, which has been circulated to all Councillors for their input, before adopting it at the Parish Council meeting in May.

Action-ALL

24/93. Accounts

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

Payee	Detail	Category	Expense Amount	Receipt Amount
N Phillips	Clerks wages Feb	Clerk's Wages	£ 600.43	
Cllr K O'Connor	expen for play area	Recreation ground	£ 352.52	
HMRC	Paye/ni/tax/emp ni	PAYE	£ 194.00	
Iwerne Valley Lawn Main	Grass cutting	Grass Cutting	£ 629.85	
Play Inspection Co	play inspection	Recreation ground	£ 113.94	
Nest	Clerk pension	Clerk pension	£ 88.71	
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Feb	Clerk's Expenses	£ 78.28	
Village Club	Peppercorn rent	Miscellaneous (Inc)		£ 1.00
Total			£ 2,057.73	

Payee	Detail	Category	Expense Amount
N Phillips	Clerk wages March	Clerk's Wages	£ 600.43
Lloyds Bank	Service Charge	Membership Fees	£ 4.25
N Phillips	Clerks expenses	Clerk's Expenses	£ 78.28
HMRC	Paye/ni/tax/emp	PAYE	£ 116.06
Abingdon Hall	Hall hire Feb	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Nest	Clerk pension	Clerk pension	£ 88.71
Total			£ 907.73

RESOLVED: to agree the payments for February 2025 for the sum of £2,057.73 and March 2025 for the sum of £907.73 (24/94 Current Account)

Cllr S Trim approved the Bank Reconciliation.

24.94. Officers' reports:

Governance & IT: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

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 cllrstrim@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk. Information received from Clayesmore is also shared through this system.

Emergency Planning: Cllr S Trim reported the following:

Further work has been undertaken on the Emergency Plan and we are ready to present the plan for adoption at the Annual Meeting. The Chairman thanked all Councillors who have worked hard on producing the Emergency Plan for the Parish.

Highways: Cllr J Goodliffe reported the following: – nothing to report.

Footpaths and Rights of Way – Cllr K Skinner noted that the Parish Council have received information about the proposed Footpath Diversion at Oyles Mill, Iwerne Minster. It was noted that the land owners have agreed to create a Permissive Path. Although this will not have the same force, as walkers can continue on the old route until/if the diversion is approved; this will enable them to try the new route. It has been endorsed by Senior Ranger Graham Stanley who will provide appropriate signage. The major element of the diversion is a new bridge similar to the one further downstream which is expected to be installed shortly.

It was also noted that the refurbishment of the bench along Tower Hill is still in hand.

Recreation: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have been approached by a Solicitor who is dealing with the conveyancing for a neighbouring property to the Play Area, and has asked for a copy of the conveyancing document showing the boundaries of the Play Area land owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk looks for the original document and forward it as requested.

Action-Clerk

On a Play Area inspection, it was reported that the handles on the small springy piece of equipment need to be replaced. It was agreed for these to be purchased and fitted.

Action-Clerk

The Clerk to contact Rob Smith to see when he will start the grass cutting in the Play Area.

Action-Clerk

Environment and Community Resilience: The Chairman suggested that a litter pick should be organised; and at the same time we could clear any debris which was being left on the grass of Watery Lane and The Chalk. The Chairman will circulate proposed dates.

Action-Chairman

Village Features: Cllr H Overton raised the matter of the long notice board near the Post Office that needs attention. It was agreed for the Clerk to find out the contact at Clayesmore School to see if their pupils would be interested in making a replacement notice board, as the top part has a lot of history behind it and this needs to be kept.

Action – Clerk

There is vegetation in and around the Taphouse that needs removing. The Clerk will contact Mr Jenkins and ask him to remove the vegetation.

Cllr Overton offered to clean and paint the other notice boards in the better weather.

Other Organisations/Groups:

- **Speed Watch:** Nothing to report.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Nothing to report.
- **Abingdon Hall:** The Abingdon Hall trustees will be requiring a member of the Parish Council to join the trustees. Cllr K Skinner offered to stand.
- **Village Defibrillator –** Nothing to report.
- **DAPTC –** Any information received is circulated by the Clerk.

24/95. Clerk Report: Nothing to report

24/96. To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence

The Clerk reported that there is a new dog order in place, which covers the Play Area as a no dog zone, but the Parish Field, cannot have a dog control order made as it does not currently comply. The signs will remain in place to encourage people not to take their dogs onto the field.

Cllr Trim had received a request for a “pick up after you” dog sign to be put up in The Chalk. As this is on the highway, the Parish Council is unable to put a sign up, but the resident is in their right to put a notice on their fence. The Clerk will ask Dorset Council for more signs.

Action - Clerk

24/85. Items for next agenda for AGM-APM – Co-option; and adopt newest versions of Resilience Guide and Emergency Plan.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 12th of May 2025**
At **6.30pm**, 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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