**Iwerne Minster Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual General Parish Council meeting and subsequent monthly meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish at Abingdon Hall on the 12th of May 2025 at 7pm**

**Present**: Cllr P. Le Prevost, Cllr K. O’Connor, Cllr S. Trim, Cllr J. Goodliffe, Cllr K. Skinner and

Cllr H. Overton.

**In attendance**: Mrs N. Phillips – Clerk to the Council and Dorset Councillor, Mrs J. Somper

 There were 6 members of the public present.

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**1/APM. Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**2/APM. Chairman to convene the meeting**

Cllr P. Le Prevost convened the meeting.

**3/APM. Annual reports of the Councils officers and local organisations.** Where available full reports will be published on the Parish Councils website or copies can be provided by the Clerk.

**St Mary Church** – It was reported that the Church is in good order and that the heating has been fixed. They have also held some very successful music events which were well attended.

**Abingdon Hall** – A full report was provided. A member of the public wished to highlight the support in obtaining permission for the roof repairs and thanks to the local resident who supplied the used tiles. Thanks were expressed to those concerned.

**Village Club** – A full report was provided.

**Iwerne Minster Produce and Horticultural Association** – A full report was provided. There was an additional note that this year’s plant sale will be taking place on Saturday 17th of May 2025.

**Speed Watch** – Geoff Peters, representative of the Speed Watch Team tabled the following comments:

* The Speed Watch team in Iwerne Minster has been running for over 10years.
* The team works closely with the local police and Geoff attends the police AGM and regular meetings with the Dorset Traffic team.
* The Speed Watch team is looking for more volunteers to join the group, if you can spare a few hours a month please contact Geoff Peters or the Clerk.
* Concerns were raised over the speeding traffic from Clayesmore School; it was also reported that any abuse to the Speed Watch volunteers are reported to the Police, who will follow up the complaint.
* It was noted that the Children from Clayemore have been seen not wearing their high viz tops. It is very important that they can be seen when crossing and walking on the roads.
* Geoff Peters expressed his disappointment that he has not been contacted about the proposed 20MPH speed limit and also expressed that the Speed Watch team would not be in position to run the SID system if they were to be installed.
* The team try to complete 6 sessions a month, depending on weather and availability of volunteers.
* In the past year, 50 Speed Watch sessions and 13 TrueCam sessions (with the police) were held. 13,795 cars were recorded by the team and 2,365 cars recorded when the police were using the TrueCam. Cars that were recorded as speeding were 791 by the team and 148 when TrueCam was used. When the team register a speeding vehicle, depending on the speed, a letter is sent to the vehicle owner, or the police will visit the owner of the vehicle. When the TrueCam registers a speeding vehicle, a fine or even court summons is issued. This last year the fastest recorded was 52mph and percentages of those speeding recorded by the CSW was 5.7 and by the TrueCam 6.2

**Any other organisations** – No further reports.

**At this point, the Annual General Meeting was opened**

**25/1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Office.**

Cllr S. Trim proposed Cllr P. Le Prevost for Chairman 2025-26, this was seconded by Cllr K. O’Connor, all were in favour; Cllr P Le Prevost signed the acceptance of office form.

**RESOLVED: for Cllr P. Le Prevost to be Chairman of the Iwerne Minster Parish Council for 2025-26 (25/1, no budgetary provision required).**

**25/2. To receive and accept apologies of absence** – There were none.

**25/3. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr S. Trim proposed Cllr K. O’Connor for vice-chairman, this was seconded by Cllr H. Overton, all were in favour; Cllr K. O’Connor signed the acceptance of office form.

**RESOLVED: for Cllr K. O’Connor to be Vice-Chairman of the Iwerne Minster Parish Council 2025-26 (25/3, no budgetary provision required).**

***At this point, the Chairman reported that Cllr S. Trim will be resigning at the end of the meeting. A massive thank you to Cllr S. Trim for all of the hard work that she has done for the Parish Council and the Parish.***

**25/4. To agree the following officer’s roles**

The officers’ roles will be deferred to the meeting in June.

**Representatives to other organisation/groups:**

**DAPTC Rep** – Clerk

**Speed Watch** – Geoff Peters to report to the Council.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr K. O’Connor.

**Abingdon Hall** – Cllr K. Skinner.

**Village Defibrillators** – Dougal Wilson-Croome and volunteers.

**25/5.** **Parish Council Legal documents**

* To confirm that the Council has met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, all members agreed this to be the case.
* To confirm there have been no changes to the adopted policies/procedures. Two new policies were then adopted, Resilience Guide and Emergency Plan. All members agreed.

**25/6. Approve minutes from the APM/AGM dated the 13th of May 2024**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Goodliffe, seconded by Cllr P Le Prevost and all members agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting, these were duly signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes dated 13th May 2024 (24/6, no budgetary provision required).

**25/7. Approval of annual accounts and governance statement**

The Clerk had circulated the following:

* The annual governance statement 2024/25.
* The end of year accounting statements 2024/25.
* The Asset Register 2025, which had been revised.
* The Bank reconciliation 2024/25.
* Confirm no conflict of interest with BDO LLP.
* Confirmed that the internal auditor has no concerns.

The Chairman duly signed all the required documents.

**RESOLVED:** to agree the above items in 25/7 for the year ending 2024/25 and confirm that there were no conflict of interest with BDO LLP (25/7, accounts).

**25/8. Annual review by the outgoing Parish Council Chairman**

The report will be published on the Parish Council website.

**25/9. Date of next APM/AGM** –to be confirmed.

***The Chairman closed the AGM and opened the Parish Council meeting.***

**25/10. Declaration of interest and dispensations** – There were none.

**25/11. Co-option for new member**

This agenda item will be deferred until June meeting 2025.

**25/12. Approve minutes from 14th of April 2025**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr S. Trim and seconded by Cllr K. O’Connor, all members agreed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

 **RESOLVED:** approve the minutes from 14th of April 2025 (25/11).

Matters arising:

* Update on 20MPH proposal – Cllr J. Goodliffe reported that the results from the questionnaire put out to the resident of the Parish, was a 50/50 split, so the Parish Council will not be progressing the 20MPH scheme as it requires the support of the majority of the Parish. There were however several other speed calming ideas which will be investigated. It was stressed that this project was not yet approved/finalised and that nothing had been agreed.
* Update on Play Area – Cllr K. O’Connor and Cllr H. Overton reported that the open meeting held on Saturday 10th May to obtain comments from residents of the village regarding the Play Area was well attended. A report will be produced, taking into consideration all comments raised. One overriding concern was that the parents were all asking for a WhatsApp Group so that can raise suggestions etc. for consideration.

**25/13. Dorset Council Councillor Jane Somper’s report**

The full report will be published on the Parish Council website, or a copy can be obtained by the Clerk.

Cllr Jane Somper thanked the Chairman, Councillors and Clerk for their support in the past year and stated that it is sad that the Parish Council were losing Cllr S. Trim.

**25/14. Finance**

To agree payment schedule for April 2025. Cllr K. O’Connor proposed to pay the invoices on the payment schedule for April 2025 for the sum of £993.53. This was seconded by Cllr J. Goodliffe – all in favour.



**RESOLVED**: to pay the invoices on the payment schedule for April 2025 (25/14 Current Account)

Cllr S. Trim had approved and signed the Bank Reconciliation.

**24/15. Officers’ reports:**

**Planning** – Cllr K. Skinner had circulated his suggestion regarding the following:

**P/HOU/2025/02237 – Rose Cottage –** Erect single storey extension – to support application – all agreed.

**Trees** – Cllr S. Trim had circulated the following response from Dorset Council**.**

**P/TRD/2025/02599 6 The Paddocks T1 – Hazel –** Remove dead tree under regulation 14. Tree Works – Reg 14 – Does not require 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. Outstanding from last month, no decision yet.

**Governance, IT, and social media – Cllr S. Trim had circulated the following report:**

* Further work has been undertaken on the Emergency Plan.
* The Village WhatsApp Community has grown over the last year and as a result of a meeting on Saturday we are considering setting up groups which would allow two-way communication to attempt to bring the community together. This would not affect the Announcement Group which would still only allow Susan Trim, Paul Le Prevost, and Kerry O’Connor to send out messages.
* Wessex Internet has brought Full Fibre to the Village in the last year, though it is understood there are still issues with some properties.
* Cllr Trim will hand over chasing up Vodafone regarding the issue with the battery in The Church, to a Church volunteer.

**Emergency Planning** –The revised plan has now been adopted.

**Highways –** Cllr J. Goodliffe reported the following:

* Will speak to Dorset Council Highways officer regarding the leakage/spring that is still running across Watery Lane, suggestion that the drains are still blocked.
* It was reported to Cllr J. Goodliffe that water has been seen coming up from the drain behind the Talbot.

**Footpath and Rights of Way –** Member of the public reported that the permissive footpath is up and running with the necessary signs at Oyles Mill.

**Recreation** – It was reported that the Dog Bin outside the Village Club was overflowing; Cllr K. Skinner would check this out.

**Community Resilience & Environmental Protection –** Cllr J. Goodliffe reported that:

* There hadn’t been a Stream Clean this last year but it does need the grids cleaning out.
* More solar panels are being used on properties within the Parish, which helps with the local environment.
* He suggested that resident should think about emergency stock piling un-perishable foods, including bottles of water, in case of long power cuts, etc. It was suggested that at least 3 days of food should be stored.
* The Chairman will organise a Village Litter Pick in the near future.

**Village Features –** A member of the public had reported to the Chairman that the roof of the War Office has been hit. Cllr H. Overton will investigate.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – nothing to report.

**Abingdon Hall** – nothing further to report.

**25/16. To receive officer’s reports that had not been covered under Annual Parish Meeting**

There were no further reports.

**25/17. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest**

* Concerns were raised regarding the recent attempt of travellers to site on the Parish Field. Please be vigilant and report any concerns regarding this matter to the Parish Clerk or Chairman.
* The sign about camping should be removed from the gate.
* It was suggested that a height barrier could be installed to prevent high sided vehicles from entering the field.
* It was also agreed for signs indicating that No Fires/Barbecues were allowed on the field, as there has been proof that someone has been using throwaway barbecues. This is very dangerous, especially in the dry weather. **Action – Clerk**

**25/18. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.** Co-option for new Councillor**.**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Parish Council meeting will be **Monday** the 9th of June 2025, at 7.00pm,

 at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.55

Signed by the Chairman

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