

Ipstones Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7.00pm held in the Ipstones Methodist Sunday School Room

Present: Councillors Peter Hallam, Leslie Jackson, Linda Malyon (Chair), Mike Birch, Mick Irwin, Andrew Stevenson, Heather Morris & Patrick Stimpson. The Clerk and three members of the Public.

Apologies: None

Councillor Heather Morris had signed acceptance of office form witnessed by the clerk prior to this meeting as not able to be present at the previous meeting.

99/23	Dispensations: None Received
100/23	Declaration of Interests: To be taken if/when arise.
101/23	Minutes: Councillor Irwin proposed acceptance of the amended minutes for the meeting of 19th April 2023, this was seconded by Councillor Hallam and carried unanimously Councillor Irwin proposed acceptance of the minutes of 10th May 2023, this was seconded by Councillor Hallam and carried unanimously.
102/23	Clerks Report: The clerks report was noted and the following comments and follow up requested. 1. CVR – Councillor Malyon would provide details for follow up of the occupier of the cottage affected by damage. 2. Replacement Planter – There are none remaining in the Bier Shed, Councillor Malyon proposed an additional four be purchased all were in agreement, Councillor Stevenson undertook to arrange the ordering of these. 3. Missing Fingerposts – Councillor Malyon advised of the exact locations of the missing posts which the clerk would communicate to the Lengthsman and confirm with County Public Rights of Way team for delivery of posts for lengths man to fit. 4. WMAS Letter – The letter regarding WMAS service had been sent and to the chair of the Health Committee. Council Jackson proposed sending a copy of the letter from WMAS via email to all Parish and Town Councils in the Staffordshire Moorlands asking for their support. This agreed unanimously. 5. Foxt Play Area – Councillor Hallam and Councillor Birch had reviewed the area and noted that the ground was very stony and that digging to level the area up would not be practical. They further advised that a local resident had offered to fill the depressions with topsoil they had without charge. When complete the area could be sown with wildflowers where appropriate and with grass seed where necessary to create suitable play area. It was noted that there were areas of nettles which may need dealing with, but spraying may need require exclusion of pets and children. Councillor Irwin proposed that a voucher be provided to the

	resident as a thank you, this was seconded by councillor Jackson and carried Unanimously. Councillor Hallam and Councillor Birch offered to undertake the seeding of the area. Councillor Malyon advised this would be taken from the Chair's allowance. 6. Speedwatch – Volunteers were in process of being contacted and details passed on to the CSW coordinator, one of the present Members of Public volunteered to assist with the Speedwatch programme and provided contact details to the clerk. 7. Representatives on External Bodies – Councillor Morris confirmed her willingness to remain as the representatives for School Governor and representative on Memorial Hall Committee
103/23	Public Participation: - Councillor Malyon asked members of public present if they wished to speak. The members of the public took the opportunity to provide extensive details on the proposed application for a dwelling near Shay Lane. Highlighting the benefits of energy efficiency, low Carbon, no Gas usage, thermal efficiency, and creation of a passing place on the narrow Shay Lane. The project would provide a biodiversity gain and be screened to reduce visual impact. Traditional materials would be used throughout. The large footprint was aimed at keeping the ridge height low.
104/23	Plans: SMD/2023/0130 LOCATION Land South of Shay Lane Ipstones PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Erection of detached dwelling and associated works – Councillor Jackson proposed a site visit would be beneficial, Councillor Stevenson seconded this, and this was carried unanimously – the site visit was scheduled for 6.00pm on Wednesday 31st May 2023. Councillor Malyon queried if applicants had considered providing a section 106 to say no other development on the remaining land. SMD/2023/0211 - Peak Wildlife Park, Part retrospective application for 3no. Proposed animal enclosures including raised areas, ponds, tree planting and associated animal house. New 2.4m fencing to enclosures, visitor paths, viewing structure & landscaping (Part-retrospective Groundworks have commenced). Raising existing bund height to the perimeter of the west and northeast sides of the park – Councillor Irwin proposed supporting approval of the application, Councillor Stimpson seconded this, and the motion was carried unanimously. APP/B3438/W/23/3317488 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Appeal Hermitage Farm Froghall Road Froghall ST10 2HQ – Councillor Jackson proposed confirming the original recommendation of refusal, this was seconded by Councillor Irwin and carried unanimously.

105/23	Correspondence: Verges Foxt – Correspondence was noted, Councillor Jackson proposed passing the communication on to highways, this was seconded by Councillor Stevenson and carried unanimously. Transfer of Burial Plot between parties – It was noted that a previous resident of Ipstones who had purchased a burial plot when a resident now wished to relinquish the plot and transfer the plot to a friend who still lives in Ipstones rather than be refunded for the plot. Councillor Stevenson proposed this was acceptable, this was seconded by Councillor Hallam and carried unanimously. Community Ownership Funding – Communication relating to this was noted and it was proposed it be forwarded to the Youth Club, Tiny Tots, and rambling Wombles. Playground Equipment inspection and reports – Communication reminding that the inspection of equipment would be due, Wicksteed who had undertaken the inspection last year had provided a cost, a second quote had been obtained from Sovereign which would provide for 3 years. Following a discussion Councillor Hallam proposed remaining with Wicksteed, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously. Code of Conduct Training – A session was being held on 8th June 2023. Councillor Birch and the Clerk indicated a wish to attend, and the clerk agreed to book places on the session for both. Road Closures at – • Dog lane • A52 • Whiston Eaves Were Noted
106/23	Vacancy for Ipstones Ward: It was noted that there was a vacancy due to insufficient nominations being received for the Ipstones Ward of the Parish Council. It had been confirmed that a vacancy notice was acceptable to attempt to fill the vacancy, this had been displayed with a closing date of 5th June. One member of public present showed some interest and was advised to contact clerk if they wished to pursue the application.
107/23	UKSPF: Clerk updated the meeting on receipt of agreement which required signing, Councillor Jackson proposed holding a first meeting to discuss with residents, this was seconded by Councillor Morris and carried unanimously.
108/23	Severn Trent Water Funding Application: The Clerk advised that a draft application had been started to apply for funding for the blossom trees etc that had been discussed at previous meeting. The Clerk asked if this was a project the Parish Council would wish pursuing, Councillor Stevenson proposed that an application should be submitted, this was seconded by Councillor Stimpson and carried unanimously. Any additional thoughts on items to be included along the three focus areas for the grant, these being People, Place and Environment were

	requested to be forwarded to the clerk for inclusion. The current areas for funding included: - • Flowering trees approx. forty around all parts of the Parish • Stakes and cages to protect above Trees. • Benches across the parish including a talking seat where those feeling lonely could meet to reduce isolation. • Signage to promote nature conservation. • Fruit trees and other trees to improve air quality.
109/23	Donation Requests Youth Club and Tiny Tots: Referencing back to minute 19/23 points 14 and 20 The requests for support to the Youth Club and Ipstones Tiny Tots which had been deferred at the Parish Council Meeting of 15 February 2023 until after the May elections were discussed in turn. Regarding the Youth Club the discussions completely supported a donation with Councillor Malyon, after requesting proposals from other members of an amount, proposed £300 under section 137 payments, this was carried unanimously. Regarding Ipstones Tiny Tots Councillor Morris proposed refusing the request for a donation, as Ipstones Tiny Tots operated as a business. Councillor Jackson proposed a donation of £300, under section 137 Payments, which was seconded by Councillor Stevenson and carried with 7 votes for.
110/23	Any other business deemed urgent: • Boundary Post – An update had been requested and would be further followed up. • Lime Kilns – Follow up required with Kingsley Parish Council to establish position with work on lime kilns. • Froghall Car Park- review of issues with the car park at Froghall and holes • Heating at District Council Offices – Councillor Morris noted that on several visits to the district council offices that all lights and heating were on despite no one being in the premises at the time of visits. Councillor Malyon advised that this point had been noted at the SMDC meeting recently and was being addressed. • Old Rooke's Pottery – Councillor Morris raised concerns on the issues arising by the old site of Rooke's Pottery, Councillor Malyon confirmed that the issues had already been raised with the District Council Officers. • Froghall Speed Limit 60 – The Meeting requested approaching Kingsley Parish Council concerning requesting a reduction of speed limit along stretch of A52 from the existing 60MPH. • Pothole on Froghall Road – Councillor Morris noted the Pothole on Froghall Bank was worsening, Clerk offered to report the issue again on the portal.

111/23 Accounts for payment: -

The following accounts were agreed for payment Proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Irwin, and carried unanimously-

Payee and Details	£	£
Lengthsman's Gross Pay for May 2023	£ 246.96	£ 246.96
Lengthsman's Expenses including mileage	£ -	
JW Clerk's Salary (Gross) £700.00	£ 700.00	£ 700.00
JW Clerk's Expenses (See Expense sheet for Breakdown)	£ -	
JC Clerk Salary hours as advised worked during Month	£ 319.00	£ 278.40
JC	-£ 40.60	
Foxt Village Hall - Coronation Event refreshments		£ 195.00
Ipstones Methodist Church for Sunday School Room Use X 2 Donation, Councillor Stevenson Pproposed increasing amount to £25 per meeting this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried Unanimously		£ 50.00
James Perry Invoice 00555 for Grass Cutting in May		£ 690.00
Replacement Cheque for Jason Buxton payment previously agreed under minute 98/23 under Pure Accounting		£ 260.00
Donation as agreed in minute 109/23 to Ipstones Youth Club Under Section 137 Payments		£ 300.00
Donation as agreed in minute 109/23 to Ipstones Tiny Tots Under Section 137 Payments		£ 300.00

**The date of the next meeting was set for
Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Ipstones Cemetery for site visit
followed by normal Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m.
At Methodist Sunday School Room Ipstones**