

Ipstones Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.00pm held in Ipstones Methodist Sunday School Room

Present: Councillors Linda Malyon (Chair), Leslie Jackson, Peter Hallam, Mike Birch, Mick Irwin, and Heather Morris. The Clerk. Three members of the Public

Apologies: Councillors Andrew Stevenson, Mike Hemsley and Patrick Stimpson

217/23	Dispensations: There were no dispensations.
218/23	Declaration of Interests: To be taken if/when arise.
219/23	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2023 were reviewed and Councillor Jackson proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously.
220/23	Clerks Report: The clerks report was noted and the following comments and follow up requested. 1. WMAS – It was noted that there had been two incidents in Tean and a one in Kingsley Holt with defibs being deployed without correct notifications being made to guardians. 2. SPCA – Guidance on updating the Website noted, quotes to be sought. 3. Best Kept Village Competition – Councillor Birch to ascertain if Foxt would be entering the competition. 4. Youth Club – Volunteers were required to continue the running of the Youth Club and due to the current shortage, the Youth Club would not be operating for the next few months. 5. Foxt Village Green application – To be followed up. 6. Mayfair Avenue Gate – Scheduled to be installed.
221/23	Plans: SMD/2023/0598 LOCATION: 54 Meadow View Froghall Road Ipstones PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 proposed dwellings It was agreed to obtain, if possible, a copy of the covenant attached to the property. Standing orders were suspended to allow two members of public to speak. Standing orders were resumed prior to councillors deliberating on the application. A query was raised as to the accuracy of the plan regarding the position of the window on the neighbouring property, which could provide an inaccurate portrayal of the impact of the field of view of the neighbouring property.

Following discussions, Councillor Morris proposed recommending refusal of the application, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously. Citing

- Need to review the covenant associated with the property and any implications this may have.
- Application would have a negative visual impact on the neighbouring area as the proposed properties would not be in the building line of the other properties in the road.
- There was the possibility of up to fourteen drivers living in the properties with no garage facilities which could cause hazard on the roadway near the property.
- There would be a loss of privacy to neighbouring properties with less than one metre from the boundary wall if plans are to scale, this would not be neighbourly.

SMD/2023/0011

LOCATION: FAR LAKES FARM Shaw Wall Lane Whiston

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of Agricultural Workers Dwelling

The updated financial report was noted, and it was agreed for further review of the report be undertaken. Councillor Birch proposed that the original response to the application be reiterated, this was seconded by Councillor Irwin and carried unanimously.

Clerk noted that the email informing of a new application had been received with a notice dated 12 days earlier than the email, it was agreed to raise this with Planning team at SMDC. Such delays in forwarding notices of applications left little time for the Parish Council to comment.

APP/B3438/W/23/3324867

Re SMD/2022/0662

LOCATION: Crossways Farm, Morridge Top Road, Onecote,

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of a portal frame agricultural style building and change of use to B2 general industrial, B8 Storage and Distribution/ Sui Generis to use the proposed buildings for handling and storage plant of animal by-products and derived products.

Following discussion Councillor Jackson proposed forwarding notification of recommendation for upholding the refusal of the application, Citing.

- Location being in close proximity to the Peak District, being within the Peak District Fringe and in the Churnet Valley Fringe
- Large industrial skyline impact in open countryside
- The negative impact on tourism from potential odours etc
- Negative impact on local businesses
- Heavy Goods Vehicles on the local small rural roads
- Impact on wildlife and potential for pollution

It was also noted there were other businesses offering similar services already in the vicinity.

222/23	Correspondence: WMAS issues – Correspondence received from ombudsman noted, it was agreed to contact the family to ascertain if they would pursue the issue directly. Buglife – Correspondence offering assistance by providing wildflower seeds noted and discussed, Councillor Jackson proposed accepting the offer, this was seconded by Councillor Hallam and carried unanimously. SCC Engagement – Communication noted. SPCA Training courses – Noted. Cemetery query – Details Noted, and councillor Birch proposed that the written fees and associated increases for those who were not residents of the parish be applied without exception, this was seconded by Councillor Morris and carried unanimously. It was also agreed to discuss further at January meeting to ensure clear guidelines and procedures could be in place for the new financial year. Defib Grant Scheme – details of half funded defib offer from DSHC, confirmation of the match funding was required. Councillor Malyon proposed the parish council provided the £750 match funding to enable a provision of the subsidised defib for Foxt. This was seconded by Councillor Irwin and carried by a vote of three for, one against and two abstentions.
223/23	Highways and Lengthsman's Report: Councillor Jackson proposed writing to Staffordshire County Council Highways highlighting the extremely poor condition of the B5053, this was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously.
224/23	Any other business deemed urgent: None

225/23 Accounts for payment: -

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

Payee and Details	£	£
Lengthsman's Gross Pay for November 2023	£ 246.96	£ 246.96
Lengthsman's Expenses 24 miles @45p		£ 10.80
JW Clerk's Salary (Gross)	£ 700.00	£ 740.98
JW Clerk's Expenses (See Expense sheet for Breakdown) £40.98 including filing boxes	£ 40.98	
Royal British Legion re Wreaths for Remembrance Day		£ 300.00
Ipstones Sunday School Parish Council Mtg December		£ 25.00
Hamps Valley Trees for Work on Memorial Tree		£ 480.00
Churnet Valley Furniture Ltd - second Picnic Table Mayfair Avenue		£ 445.00
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for attendance at Mayfair Avenue event as agreed minute 210/23 November		£ 50.00
M Hemsley – Reimbursement for Wildlife event materials		£ 15.38
London Hearts Defib Cabinet as agreed minute		£ 750.00

**The date of the next meeting was set for
Wednesday 24th January at 7.00 p.m.
at
Foxt Village Hall**