

IPSTONES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Methodist Sunday School Room Ipstones

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

Apologies: Councillor Snow

It was proposed by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Stimpson that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 30 March 2022 as being a true record. This was carried.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023 was read out: -

1. The Parish Council welcomes Judith Ward to the role of Parish Clerk following the announcement that Janet Chadwick will be retiring from the role in the spring.
2. The Lengthsman Scheme continues to be a useful asset to the parish and is now mainly funded by the parish council following the withdrawal of the County Council Grant in April 2017. The District Council still give a grant toward the Scheme.
3. The Parish Council has continued to support both the Memorial Hall and Foxt Village Hall by way of grants.
4. Donations were given to many local organisations including: - The Ipstones and Foxt Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; The Ipstones Agricultural Show; The Christmas Market & the Doctors' Dispensary
5. The many flower tubs around the parish were planted and gave a lovely display of colour during the summer months and into the autumn. This year the tubs have been planted for the winter/spring months.
6. After a gap of several years Ipstones was entered into the Best Kept Village Competition with the support of the Wondering Wombles. Ipstones received a certificate for being 'Highly Commended' and won 'the sustainable and Green Initiative Award' being presented with a plaque and a Pear Tree. Well done to everyone who helped with the entering of the competition and improving the village.
7. Unfortunately, the speed watch scheme is still not operational, but several volunteers have come forward subject to training taking place. It is planned for joint training with Waterhouses, who are looking into setting up a Speed Watch Scheme.
8. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were a success and a weekend enjoyed by many parishioners in both Ipstones and Foxt
9. The parish Council finally secured a 15-year lease of the Mayfair Avenue Open Space and are progressing well with a 15-year lease of land between 22 & 24 Froghall Road, where it is planned to plant fruit trees.
10. A generous donation was received from an anonymous person of two defibrillators, these will shortly be installed at St Leonard's First School and the top of High Street.

No other items were brought up.

The Annual Parish Assembly was closed. The normal meeting followed.