Ipstones Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 7.00pm held in the Blore Suite Ipstones Memorial Hall preceded by Site visit to Ipstones Cemetery

Present: Councillors Linda Malyon (Chair), Leslie Jackson, Mike Birch, Andrew Stevenson, Heather Morris, Peter Hallam, and Mike Hemsley. Clerk and six members of Public.

Apologies: Councillors Patrick Stimpson, and Mick Irwin

122/24	**Dispensations:** None received
123/24	**Declaration of Interests:** To be taken if/when arise.
124/24	**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 were reviewed. Councillor Jackson raised a clarification point and asked that minute 115/24 should make it clear that the trees were in the resident's garden, this amendment was made by hand. With this amendment Councillor Hemsley proposed acceptance as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously.
125/24	**Clerks Report:** The clerk's report had been circulated. **Foxt Play Area –** Play Equipment Inspection had been confirmed to take place in August, the clerk advised that a site-specific checklist could be designed at the time of the Inspection for use by the Lengthsman for the routine checks at a cost of £40. Councillor Hemsley proposed that this be requested, Councillor Birch seconded this, and this was carried unanimously. **Noon Sun –** Further site visit to be arranged and clerk to review the details of the Climate Action grant scheme to establish what could be applied for. **Thanks -** had been received from Marine Cadets and Army Cadets for the donations received following the D-Day Commemorations **Mayfair Avenue –** SMDC had confirmed that the resident neighbouring the Open Space had permission to have a gate on to the open space.

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126/24 **Public Participation:**

Resident asked if parish council could provide any additional information about the Gigabyte Scheme currently being promoted by Openreach for the Ipstones and surrounding area covered by the Ipstones Exchange. Clerk advised that the FAQ information was yet to be received from the Openreach attendee at the previous meeting. Once this was received the clerk would place on parish website.

127/24 **Accounts for payment: -**

On a proposal by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Jackson the following were unanimously approved for payment and checked as correct by Councillor Hemsley –

Payee and Details	£	£
Lengthsman's Gross Pay for April 2024		£ 270.63
Lengthsman's Expenses 29 miles @45p £13.05		£ 13.05
JW Clerk's Salary (Gross) plus expenses of £12.09	£ 812.50 £12.09	£ 824.59
Ipstones Memorial Hall Blore Suite meeting June		£30.00
Staffordshire Farm Supplies Paint and Brushes		£63.86
Hamps Valley Ltd - Tree Stump removal		£180.00
Ipstones Agricultura Society - Agreed at meeting 19/06/2024		£500.00
James Perry Grass Cutting X 3 June		£1,100.00
L Malyon Expenses		£63.28

128/24 **Financial Review**

Clerk updated meeting on the current balances and accounts to the end of June 2024, these were reviewed and checked by Councillors.

The clerk confirmed that the Climate action grant received previously to fund the fruit trees in the orchard had been signed of following evidence of spend and completion of project being forwarded.

The Clerk also advised that Natwest still had no system where electronic payments could be authorised in line with the financial requirements of the council. This would require CHAPs form to be completed in order for payments to be made for HMRC payments,

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	these would normally incur a cost to the council, however the customer service team at Natwest had agreed to waive the fee. Clerk to update council at the next meeting.
129/24	**Plans** **SMD/2024/0270** **Location: Land adjacent to Brandon House Farm Town End Road Foxt** **Proposed Development: Formation of new vehicular access to serve dwellinghouse approved under application SMD/2021/0156** Standing orders were suspended whilst member of public spoke on this application. Correspondence had also been received and was reviewed. Standing orders were resumed and following discussion Councillor Hallam proposed supporting the application, this was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously. Citing the damage which would be caused to the old driveway, Flagstones, in the conservation area. A tree under a tree preservation order would also be in danger of being damaged, as would the grass verges in the proximity. The proposed access had been used during construction. **SMD/2024/0272** **LOCATION: Hermitage Farm Froghall Road, Froghall ST10 2HQ** **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Application for the removal of Condition 2in relation to application SMD/1999/0944** Standing orders were suspended whilst member of public spoke on this application. Commenting on the reduction in holiday cottage business due to the increase in Airbnb accommodation. Standing orders were resumed and following a discussion Councillor Morris proposed supporting the application, this was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously. **SMD/2024/0308** **LOCATION: Apesford Farm Apesford Lane Bradnop** **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses in lieu of the 2no. dwellinghouses approved by application DET/2024/0005** Following a discussion Councillor Stevenson proposed supporting the application, this was seconded by Councillor Malyon and carried unanimously.

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	SMD/2024/0279 **LOCATION Manor House Town End Road Foxt** **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT External alterations and works to garage and coach house.** **SMD/2024/0261** **LOCATION Manor House Town End Road Foxt** **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Proposed Single Storey Side Extension to Dwelling, Alterations and Replacement Windows** Councillor Hallam declared an interest as a neighbour to the property. Standing orders were suspended whilst member of public spoke on the above two applications. Standing orders were resumed and following a discussion Councillor Jackson proposed supporting both applications, this was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously. **SMD/2024/0312** **LOCATION The Mount Church Lane Ipstones** **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Change of use and alteration of residential annex to form 1no. holiday cottage.** Following a discussion Councillor Birch proposed supporting the application, this was seconded by Councillor Stevenson and carried unanimously. **APPEAL NUMBER APP/B3438/W/24/3347209. REF Planning Application SMD/2023/0614** **LOCATION Land to South of Shay Lane** **DEVELOPMENT Erection of detached dwelling** Following consideration and discussion on the appeal documents and reviewing the response to the original application Councillor Morris proposed reiterating the reasons for recommending refusal of the application, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously. The original reasons to be cited being as follows: - • The development would be outside of the Ipstones settlement. • The development is not infill. • The development would be out of keeping with properties in the general area. • The proposed development does not blend in with existing buildings.
130/24	**Correspondence:** Correspondence circulated to all councillors and noted. **The Moss Quarnford -** Noted **Churnet Valley AONB –** Correspondence from local MP Noted.

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	Thank you letter from Val Riley – Noted. **Thank you letter from Ipstones and Foxt Senior Citizens –** Noted. **Registration of all Defibs –** Communication noted and confirmation from AEDdonate that all were registered. **Correspondence on Footpath blocked by a landslide –** Following discussion and review of correspondence received Councillor Hemsley proposed requesting guidance from the Ramblers Association as to the state of the footpath, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously. Clerk to contact Ramblers Association. **Lithium Battery Safety –** Communication noted and Clerk to place information on website. **Local Transport Plan –** Clerk to attend if available. **Mental Health Training –** Noted. **Tourism Regeneration –** Noted. **Parish Assembly –** Councillor Swindlehurst chair communication noted, also planning would be attending the next Parish Assembly meeting. Setting up of Working Groups noted. **Churnet Valley –** Councillors reiterated support for work on preserving Churnet Valley as an area of natural beauty, Councillor Hemsley proposed sending a letter of support to Councillor Cooper, this was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously.
131/24	**Noon Sun Common** Site meeting details were noted, suggestions included creating a picnic area with seating, area for children, willow structures. With the possibility of seeking funding for project through the climate action grant funding. Councillor Stevenson to request information on plan from P Phillips. Working group to be formed consisting of Councillors Malyon, Jackson, Birch and Hemsley, Mr Grimshaw, resident present at meeting also volunteered to assist.
132/24	**Planters and Blossom Trees** Area had been measured and six planters would be required, these would require two or three bags of topsoil. Councillor Hemsley would visit Jacksons Nursery to review the available trees and confirm recommendations in readiness for ordering. Bedding plants had been delivered. Clerk to check price of Topsoil with Oakley's Councillor Birch/Hallam to check if any available from resident in Foxt.

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133/24	**Cemetery Visit** Points from cemetery visit were noted as follows. • Headstones will be cleaned off at next grass cutting. • There was string across two graves to prevent cutting. • Number of graves in Lawn section have additional pots on, notice required. Clerk to send map and current regulations to councillors, also review old grave deed book. Clerk to ask resident to remove string. Mole catcher to review situation with moles. Councillor Stevenson proposed asking James Perry to provide a quote for – • Spraying Nettles • Trimming epicorium growth • Trimming Oak Tree • Trimming Copper Beeches • Bush on Barley Road Area This was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried, clerk to action.
134/24	**Fire Station** Communication had been received regarding GDPR and files at Fire Station, no files were at the fire station which had personal information, all were public documents. The clerk advised that older files were also present in storage at Fire Station which required reviewing and possible confidential disposal or archiving.
135/24	**Mayfair Avenue Open Space Tree:** Councillor Hemsley provided an update, however the report from Steve Massey, district Tree Officer was awaited.
136/24	**Blakelow Picnic Site etc Working Group:** Clerk to look at procedure for registering the area as a Parish owned piece of land with the land registry.
137/24	**Foxt Play Area Equipment:** It had been reported to the parish council that a depression had appeared on the play area, Councillors Hallam and Birch volunteered to inspect the area and report back to the clerk, potential to inform Severn Trent Water if necessary or ask if local resident could provide some topsoil to level area. Councillor Jackson offered to contact Waterhouses parish council for information on their play equipment.

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138/24	**Standing Orders Review:** Following review by Councillors since last meeting Councillor Hemsley proposed accepting the revised Standing Orders, this was seconded by Councillor Hallam and carried unanimously.
139/24	**Highways and Lengthsman's Report:** The wall at the front of the orchard required review and decision on what is needed. The following points were noted: - • Councillor Stevenson raised issue of Odda Lane • Councillor Morris noted that footpath fingerposts were still missing. • Japanese Knotweed potentially present on Odda – Clerk to check when last treated. • Foxt Bank condition had worsened – Councillor Deaville to be contacted. • Shaw Walls Lane Potholes – Councillor Deaville • Congestion on High Street caused by parked Cars – Councillor Jackson proposed writing to Staffordshire County Highways department, this was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously. • The wall on back lane had partly fallen, Councillor Hemsley proposed that the clerk should write to owner of field to advise and ask if it could be repaired, this was seconded by Councillor Morris and carried unanimously. • Wall nest to Church meadow had fallen, Councillor Malyon advised that the field and wall belonged to Church and that it had already been reported. • Clerks Bank to stream required strimming. Lengthsman's report reviewed and signed by Chair of Council,
140/24	**Any other business deemed urgent:** **VE Day 80 -** to be put on the agenda of next meeting.
The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 7.00 p.m. at Ipstones Sunday School Room	

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