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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 30 April 2025
at 7.00pm held at Blore Suite
Ipstones Memorial Hall
Continuation of Meeting from 23rd April 2025

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90/25	Correspondence: Cemetery - A request had been received regarding a cremated ashes plot purchase, Councillor Birch proposed that a family plot could be purchased by a local resident and a close relation who had lived outside the village be interred in the plot at single fees. This was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously. Foxt Mower - The condition of the Mower at Foxt was discussed, Councillor Jackson proposed that Councillor Birch looked at the Mower to establish if it could be repaired economically. This was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously. Nature in your Neighbourhood - It was noted that registering Noon-Sun Common with this project was ongoing through Bryony from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. It was also noted that Blakelow Common and FP28 and FP 29 be reviewed. Councillor Stevenson advised that he had undertaken the Nature in your Neighbourhood training. Solar Farm Meeting – Councillor Birch expressed interest in attending, Clerk advised of recent publicity relating to fire service concerns over water requirements for fighting fires at Solar Farms, to be passed to Councillor Malyon for forwarding to planning committee for information.									

Foxt Village Hall Representation – Discussion relating to current representation, it was noted all representatives for outside organisations would be confirmed at May meeting.

Mature Drivers – Noted

Data Protection support SCC – Noted

Ash Die Back – Noted and in relation to Mayfair Avenue

VE Day 80 – Foxt Village Hall had sent thanks for the £100 towards the D-Day 80 commemoration

RPM Motorbike Show – Noted and passed on to Agricultural Society

NALC – Noted

MP Trip to Houses of Parliament – Noted

Resident Thank you – Following recent Diamond Wedding Gift Noted

Poems – To be forwarded to BKVC

Emergency Planning – Councillor Malyon would ask for District Emergency Planner to attend a meeting

PCSO 20-year Service Medal – Councillor Hemsley proposed the Parish Council support the campaign for a 20-year service medal for PCSOs, this was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously

Playing Pitch Survey - Noted and completed

NatWest Bank – Closing Noted, possibility to use and promote the Post Office for Banking, though Google was showing Cash was not available at Ipstones Post Office.

Cancer Bus – It was agreed to ask if the Cancer Bus could attend Ipstones Village next year if service runs again.

Park Lane Issues – Letter from Councillor M Deaville, it was agreed to hold this over until May Meeting due to upcoming elections

Town And Parish Council Devolution – Noted

Training – Noted

Section 137 Spend Limits – New Limit of £11.10 per elector noted for 2025/26, increasing from £10.81 for 2024/25

Parking Issues – To be discussed at Working Group and Next Parish Council Meeting

	JACS Gateways – Noted Milepost Communication – Noted Flower Festival - Councillor Malyon requested photos of Wedding to be provided if possible Foxt Bank Communication – Communication from Councillor Deaville noted, to be held to next meeting due to upcoming elections Gigabyte Project – Drop-in session for Foxt arranged for 14th May Fire Awareness Training – Councillor Malyon suggested obtaining information on availability for a session.
91/25	Foxt Play Equipment Hedges to be reviewed by Councillor Birch.
92/25	Highways and Lengthsman Froghall Bank – Potholes Pavement outside 16 High Street - Condition Pavement near Shop – Poor condition High Street near Mick Reeves – Potholes
93/25	Any Other Business deemed Urgent Councillor Stevenson advised a resident from Waterhouses was interested in the work being undertaken by the Working Group to register land Bus Shelter and Grit Spreader Advertisement noted and clerk to request prices and see if any grant funding available.
The date of the May meeting was set for Wednesday 28th May 2025 Foxt Village Hall	