

Ipstones Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 7.00pm held at Ipstones Sunday School Room

Present: Councillors Linda Malyon (Chair), Leslie Jackson, Mike Birch, Heather Morris, and Mike Hemsley. Clerk.

Apologies: Councillors Peter Hallam, Andrew Stevenson, and Patrick Stimpson

129/25	Dispensations: Councillor Hallam had a six-month dispensation.						
130/25	Declaration of Interests: To be taken if/when arise.						
131/25	Planning: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>APPLICATION NUMBER</td><td>SMD/2025/0261</td></tr> <tr> <td>LOCATION</td><td>Hermitage Farm Froghall Road Froghall</td></tr> <tr> <td>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</td><td>Application for Removal of Condition 3 in relation to application SM92-1066</td></tr> </table> Following a full discussion regarding the above application Councillor Morris proposed accepting the application, this was seconded by Councillor Hemsley, on a vote of 2 to 1 with 2 abstentions it was agreed to support the application. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53 Order Making Authority: Staffordshire County Council Title of Order: Staffordshire County Council Public Bridleway- Church Lane, FP28 to Sharpecliffe Lodge, FP29, Ipstones Parish, Modification Order 2024 It was noted that a public meeting was scheduled for 10th July commencing at 7.30pm at the Sunday School Room. Following a full discussion, it was agreed unanimously to write to the Planning Inspectorate to advise that the Parish Council feel that the upgrading of above-named footpaths was unnecessary and that they should remain as footpaths and not be upgraded to a Bridleway due to the impact on habitats and wildlife adjacent to the paths. Any widening would also impact neighbouring privately owned land, as the paths are in places not wide enough to accommodate widths stated.	APPLICATION NUMBER	SMD/2025/0261	LOCATION	Hermitage Farm Froghall Road Froghall	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Application for Removal of Condition 3 in relation to application SM92-1066
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132/25	Correspondence: Tunstead House Planning – Noted and discussed Neighbourhood plans – Removal of Government funding to sort development of Neighbourhood plans noted. NALC Newsletter – Clerk to forward form to Councillor Malyon Fire Awareness Information – To be placed on Website						

Guides Trip Grant Request – Request discussed and noted that a similar request had been funded, clerk to check back and ascertain level previously awarded.

SPCA Training – Noted

Events Publicised by District Council – Some events missing such as 5K Road race

National Grid request for Pruning – Lime trees in cemetery are overhanging electricity wires and permission has been sought to prune by National Grid, Councillor Birch proposed giving permission, this was seconded by Councillor Morris and carried unanimously.

Clerk further noted that the Lime Trees could be inspected to ensure health of trees, Clerk to obtain quotes for inspecting the trees from appropriate Arboriculturists.

Foxt Mower – Councillor Birch updated the meeting on this, advising that he felt he could undertake some remedial actions at a low cost, Councillor Jackson proposed that Councillor Birch undertook the actions and obtain any spares as required, this was seconded by Councillor Hemsley and carried unanimously.

Gigabyte Project – Details of project around the Onecote area received noted

Investment Accounts – Details of suitable accounts noted further research to be undertaken

Baker Street Belles Quote – Quote received for attending Last Night of the Proms, it was noted that a grant application had been submitted to support the Last Night of the Proms Event.

Grass Pitch Correspondence – Details forwarded to Memorial Hall

Asset Transfer Correspondence – Noted

Parish Cluster Meetings – Details of meeting to inform Parish Councils of current situation with devolution noted.

Mayfair Avenue Lease – Land registry had been confirmed

Devolution Media Release – Press release noted.

Plantscape Prices – Details of recycled planters noted

Community Garden Notice – Communication had been received explaining the positioning of the sign, Councillor Malyon proposed that a response should be sent stating that the sign made the garden appear to be a private garden rather than a Community Garden for use by the general community. Also suggesting that the Community Gardeners could invite the children to participate in gardening or associated activities to increase cross-generational

	awareness. And further stating that the Parish Council would appreciate the sign being removed. Councillor Morris seconded this and carried unanimously. LGR Presentation – Reviewed Defibs on Fire Vehicles – To be placed on Agenda for Next Meeting Wall on Mayfair Avenue Open Space – Correspondence noted, Councillor Hemsley to attempt a possible solution.
133/25	Tree Packs The offer of free trees from woodland trust was discussed, it was agreed that the necessary space was not available at this time
134/25	Councillor Vacancy: The necessary notice to public to request an election had been displayed for the required period, no election had been requested and therefore the post could be filled by co-option. Councillor Hemsley proposed placing an advert on the noticeboard and website requesting those interested to apply. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously.
135/25	Survey responses: - A discussion took place on the survey currently underway; it was noted that speeding was also an issue. It was agreed to invite the new chair of the County Council to a future meeting once the survey had been completed.
136/25	Standing Orders review: The Standing Orders were reviewed and Councillor Hemsley proposed accepting the Standing Orders, this was seconded by Councillor Morris and carried Unanimously.
137/25	Working group: It was agreed that the Working Group should arrange a meeting in order to progress the work in progress
138/25	BKVC Update: It was noted that the signs provided by the organisers were not durable and were peeling from the backing.
139/25	Phone Box: The condition of the Phone Box in Ipstones was discussed, Councillor Jackson proposed asking the Lengthsman to undertake some refurbishment, if this was approved by BT. This was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously.

140/25	Foxt Play Area: The specification produced by Councillor Birch was reviewed and Councillor Hemsley proposed accepting the specification and forwarding to potential suppliers for quotations. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson and carried unanimously. It was agreed to allow four weeks for suppliers to provide quotes. The poor condition of the fencing around the community play area was discussed. It was agreed to obtain costs from some local fencing providers. The Lengthsman had noted that the Toddler swing seat was looking tired and would benefit from being replaced. Play Equipment inspection had been booked for August, details of training costs for formal inspection training noted. Disabled Swing to be considered if funding can be found
141/25	Fire Station Agreement: It was noted that the updated agreement was still awaited.
142/25	Highways and Lengthsman's Report: Some residents had brought issues of parking on the road near to Hetty's Teashop. Options considered included asking Hetty's to display a sign asking visitors to not park near the bend and bridge or writing to County Highways to seek support. Councillor Morris advised that a warning sign for Horse Riders was missing near Noon Sun. It was noted that the Stop Sign at Belmont Road had been completed. There was a dropped cover in the road near 24 High Street was causing a Pothole. It was also requested that County Highways be contacted to establish how long the white lines around potholes are left before repairs are undertaken.
143/25	Any other Business Deemed urgent Defibrillator in Foxt required new pads, clerk to check AEDdonate were aware of this, also a new defibrillator had been fitted in Consall, Clerk to check this had been notified to AEDdonate.
The Next meeting was set for Wednesday 23rd July 2025 Cemetery Site Visit at 6.30pm followed by meeting at 7.00pm at Ipstones Sunday School Room	