

Ipstones Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 27th July 2026
at Ipstones Memorial Hall**

Present: Councillors Malyon, Stevenson, Deaville, Jackson, Birch, Morris and clerk

Apologies: Councillor Hemsley.

Concurrent meeting with Bradnop Parish Council for first part of meeting, present from Bradnop Parish Council were Councillors, Edwards, Swancott, Warrington and apologies from Councillors Bourne, Broadhurst, Day and Walker

There were also ten members of the public from across the two parishes.

137/26	Declaration of Interests: None
138/26	Dispensations: None
139/26	Public Participation: Councillor Malyon read out a statement from Councillor Hemsley of Ipstones Parish Council regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping for the proposed Wind Turbines at Padwick Farm. Member of Public spoke and explained the details he thought the council should ask for in the EIA. Pointing out the domineering impact on nearby properties, some of which were within 160m of the proposed 200m turbines. Further noted was the need for consultation and comments from RSPB and Peak District National Park. Member of Public had sent letter and comments to SMDC and was encouraging all to put in their comments. Member of Public showed a visual representation, generated from Votewind Website, demonstrating the size on the skyline of the turbines. They pointed out that the blades were now compostable once their useful life had been reached. Member of public pointed out that the company would defend the impact on birds by saying cats and cars kill birds. Councillor Birch queried who will be responsible for decommissioning of the turbines in the future. Councillor Malyon queried what impact the turbines and associated works may have on the many boreholes which also provide private water supplies for some of the properties. Member of Public showed illustration of the size of Turbines compared to nearby properties.

	Member of Public explained they had put in comments and were very much against the turbines. They also queried the impact the turbines may cause in disturbing the Radon Gas in the vicinity. It was noted that the SMDC site currently only showed receipt of three comments. Councillor Malyon asked for members of the public to let her know if their comments did not appear on the website. Member of Public noted that the size of the output was stated at being 49.9MW, but the developer had not specified the model of turbine and queried how the total output could be stated without this, especially as different rules applied for wind farms with outputs above 50MW, requiring a national decision not a local decision. Member of Public clarified that SMDC would be responsible for the EIA. Member of Public advised that Mr Haywood from SMDC planning had stated responses would be accepted until 4th August, but response would have to be sent in on 5th August. Member of Public noted that in scoping report 2015 landscaping sensitivity gave the area as High Landscape Sensitivity, but this was only for turbines of 150m, so the current proposal of 200m turbines must be a greater impact. Member of public felt the scoping report was very much outdated. Councillor Birch said that he felt larger turbines should require a study. Councillor Edwards noted that the proposed turbines would generate vibration in the ground extending to 1000m or more, this could cause disturbance to the Radon in the area. Geological importance should be recognised in the area, sites of significance being present within the site area. It was also noted that Pylons would likely be needed in the area to distribute the power to the grid, Cellarhead being one possible destination, causing further impact. Councillor Malyon asked members of the public for a show of hands of being in favour or against the proposed turbines, all members of the public present were against the development.
140/26	Councillor Malyon called the Ipstones Parish Councillors to order and read out the following resolution, Ipstones Parish Council formally requests that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for planning application SMD/2026/0326, relating to the proposed wind turbine farm at Padwick Farm. The Council considers that the development is likely to have significant environmental effects, including but not limited to: • Landscape and visual impact • Noise, shadow flicker, and residential amenity

	• Dark sky and aviation lighting impact • Ecological and habitat disturbance • Geological stability and historic mining risk • Hydrology and drainage • Heritage and listed building settings • Construction traffic impact The Council further resolves that SMDC should require property specific assessments for all dwellings within the Zone of Theoretical Visibility. Councillor Morris proposed accepting this resolution, Councillor Deaville seconded this and all present were in favour. Clerk to produce suitable response and forward to planning. Clerk was also to forward responses to the application to neighbouring parish councils via Sally Hampton, and also to RSPB and Peak District National Park.
141/26	Planning APPLICATION NUMBER DET/2026/0021 LOCATION ACCESS TO COLLYHOLE WOOD, CHURCH LANE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Application to determine if prior approval is required for a single-storey forestry storage building for secure on-site accommodation of tools, PPE, and materials required for woodland management A full discussion took place regarding the above application, following which Councillor Morris proposed a very strong letter objecting to such development on the grounds of not being in keeping with the very rural landscape of the area, and of a size not to the scale of need be sent. This was seconded by Councillor Birch and carried unanimously, Clerk to forward appropriate letter to planning. Clerk was also asked to enquire about Colley hole Wood being registered as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
142/26	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent None
The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 29th July At Ipstones Sunday School Room Commencing at 7.00pm	