

IPSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 6.30pm, Ipsden Village Hall.

PC MEMBERS.

Cllr. Mr. J. Jeffery JJ
Cllr. Mr. D. Coldwell DC
Cllr. Mr N. Miller NM
Cllr Mr R Moberly RM
Cllr. Mrs Dilys Beaumont DB

Parish Clerk – Sinead Archer

Meeting started: 18:32

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr. Mrs Dilys Beaumont DB and Cllr. Mr. R. Moberly RM sent apologies for absence.

Resolved: Reasons for absence was unanimously approved for DB and RM.

2. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

3. Public Forum - Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, with the permission of the Chairman.

No MOPs present

4.To Approve Minutes – of Annual Parish Council meeting 9th November 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved.

5.To receive the District Cllr Report

None

Resolved: Noted.

6. Planning.

None

7. Payments – To approved payments note receipts.

09/11/23 Oak tree

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£60.00

28/11/23 T Vernon	Litter Picking	£111.15
23/07/23 Handy Man	Playground/expenses	£ 37.80
28/08/23 S Archer	Wages	£329.33
21/11/23 K Mcree	Website	£90.00
21/11/23 OALC	Training	£120.00

7.1 Budget 24-25 review and approval.

Budget has been modified from feedback in the previous meeting. This has been re-circulated to members for review. There was a question on how much of the reserves will be held, it was noted that as good practice half of the annual precept should still be held in reserves.

It is highlighted after some discussion that there will need to be an increase to the precept for 24/25 financial year.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed the budget. We are mindful of the impact on next year but do wish to wind down the reserves.

7.2. Precept 24-25 review and approval

5% increase to the precept to £9665

Resolved: Unanimously agreed the precept, the form was signed, and Clerk will send to SODC. We are mindful of the impact on next year but do wish to wind down the reserves, whilst not increasing the precept by a large percentage in the 25/26 financial year.

8. Playground – Update.

Protected treatment of the two picnic benches is still needed.

9. Website access codes

JJ has received a letter with the website access code on a USB stick to be held for emergencies which was handed to the Clerk for safe keeping.

10. To Receive update on Oak Tree.

Payment for tree has been processed. Tree looks healthy and well, some new stakes were used to support the tree. It is suggested that a wire wrap is surrounded the three trees in that triangle and the plastic tubing is removed.

Resolved: Noted. DC will look into the stakes, caging and the ties for the trees – the cost of these will be either invoiced to the Council or expensed by DC.

11.Matters arising – matters for discussion that have arisen after this Agenda issued.

Clerk has received the engagement letter from the Auditor, this has been circulated to Cllrs. It is advised that the council approves the terms and appoints the auditor.

Barclays have closed the old account and have sent a Chq for £4.07 which the clerk will bank.

The holes in the road by the Church and Church car park have been filled in, at present Cllrs are unaware of who has done the work. JJ will try and find out who did this so they can be contacted for other work in the village.

The slow sign on the road when the 20mph work was completed within the village. JJ mailed OCC highways and asked for these to put but in along with some chevrons and can confirm that this work has now been completed.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to appoint the auditor and accept the quote.

12. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 15th February at 6:30pm

Meeting closed 18:54.