

Ipsden Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 6.30pm, Ipsden Village Hall.

PC MEMBERS.

Cllr. Mr. N. Miller - Chair
Cllr. Mrs D. Beaumont Vice-Chair
Cllr. Mr. D. Coldwell DC
Cllr Mr. R. Moberly
Cllr. Mrs. S. Bennett

Parish Clerk – Sinead Archer

Meeting started: 18:30

Members of Public: 3

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None

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.

Member of the public: Said they had written to the Parish Council in August regarding the excessive night time lights at Flintfield.

Since then the Parish Council has written to the residents at Flintfield outlining concerns about night time exterior lights but has as yet had no reply. The Parish Council will consider visiting Flintfield to check that they have received the letter. If this matter continues the Parish Council advised building up a diary of events to demonstrate concerns which could then be used to discuss with Flintfield or to present a case to SODC.

4. To Approve Minutes – of Parish Council meeting 25th June 2026.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

5. Co-Option to the Parish Council

Two candidates have applied for the parish councillor vacancy. Both have sent in an application to the Parish Council for full review.

One candidate attended the meeting and spoke to say what they could bring to the Parish.

Resolved: It was approved to co-opt Siobhan Bennett

6. Finance

- To approve Payments list 22nd June – 10th September

Payments Out

Date	Payee	amount
25-Jun	S Coldwell- Forest Row Handyman	91.76
29-Jun	T Vernon litter pick	122.68
29-Jun	Clerk Wages	263.53
17-Jul	S Coldwell- Forest Row Handyman	87.93
17-Jul	Mowing H Cassels	123.00
20-Jul	Bank service charges	4.25
27-Jul	T Vernon litter pick	122.68
27-Jul	Clerk Wages	263.53
14-Aug	K McCrea Website	90.00
14-Aug	HMRC	263.20
16-Aug	Forest Row Handyman	45.00
18-Aug	Bank service charge	4.25
20-Aug	K McCrea Website	90.00
26-Aug	Zurich - Insurance	453.53
27-Aug	T Vernon litter pick	122.68
27-Aug	Clerk Wages	263.53

Payments In

Date	Payee	amount
03-Sep	Precept SODC	5139.50

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Resolved: Unanimously approved

7. Update to Planning Inspectorate Reference ROW/3343763 correspondence re bridleway 31.

All information relating to this has been sent to the Parish Cllrs.

The Public Inquiry opened in the village hall on 21 April 2026. It was adjourned on 23 April and reconvened on-line on 11 June to be adjourned the same day and will be reconvened for a final sitting in the village hall on 18 September. Following the final sitting it is expected that the Inspector will take up to 6 weeks to decide whether to confirm the Order or not.

Resolved: Update noted by the Parish Councillors.

8. Funding contribution towards broadband to the Village Hall

A Village Hall representative came to talk about the fibre broadband to the village hall which was installed in a project jointly funded by the Government and Oxfordshire County Council. It went live in October 2023 with no service charge for the first 3 years. From October 2026 onwards the service charge will be down to the Village Hall and the request was that the Parish Council issue a 50% grant towards the service charge. It is a well used service by those hiring the village hall and is even accessed via Wi-Fi by some residents and visitors to the village from the grounds outside the village hall.

The monthly service charge from October 2026 will be £28 rising to £32 in April 2027 and £36 in April 2028 until September 2028 after which the Village Hall will have to enter into a new contract.

Total 50% grant requested for the remaining 6 months of this financial year is £84.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

9. Planning

P26/S2511/HH - Solar panel array to provide renewable energy for the house. (As amended by plan received 28 August 2026 to reposition the array to the south of the site). Meadsworth Braziers Lane Ipsden OX10 6AP.

Resolved: Unanimously approved to make no comment on this amendment.

P26/S1025/FUL - Proposed general purpose agricultural building on existing farmyard- Lime Tree Farm

Update on the application – this application was approved at panel last week. A number of conditions have been applied to the application. The cladding will now be in wood, the roof is subject to a colour chart which should be less intrusive to the landscape, and there will be some screening via planting.

Resolved: Update is Noted.

26/S3905/3R -Use of third bay of building for flexible use (change from agricultural use) - Hailey Cottages, 3 Track From Hailey To Poors Farm, Ipsden, Wallingford, OX10 6AD

Grain store will be used for some commercial grain storage, opposed to the farms grain storage.

Resolved: No Objection

10. Update on correspondence with OCC Highways and Thames Travel regarding the northbound bus stop on the A4074 near the junction with The Street.

Work was due to start in May of this year but that has not yet happened. An update has

been requested by DC but there has been no response.

Resolved: Noted. An update request letter to be sent by the clerk.

11. Playground update

- **- Early Days Nursery request to install new equipment**

No update from Early Days Nursery, DC has supplied some options to the Parish Council. With approval these to be sent to Early Days to get their feedback.

Resolved: Unanimously approved

12. Drainage of The Street

Alleviation works outstanding. To be carried out before the next parish council meeting in November.
NM to Action.

13. Neighbourhood Plan

There is a group membership for the Oxfordshire neighbourhood plan group at £50.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to sign up to the neighbourhood plan group.
Clerk to Action.

14. Grass Verge Cutting

The cutting started at the end of July but was it stopped almost immediately due to fire risk caused by sparks when striking flint. It is due to start again this week. The second cut needs to be re-programmed. DC will do this.

Resolved: Noted

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

15.1 Playground options for older children. Submit an item to The Window seeking suggestions.
Action DB

15.2 Budgeting & Precept - agenda item for the next meeting.

16. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th November or Thursday 26th Depending on Precept/budget.