



INCE Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2025
at**

Ince Village Hall

Councillors Present Andy Eardley – Chair; Chris Jackson; Lou Kearsley; Tim Lloyd; Paul Longshaw; Cllr Graham Heatley - CW&C

Apologies None

Also Present Clerk – Pam Bellis

Members of the public Neil Flanagan – PCSO; Cerys Percival – ENI; Rob MacKenzie – ENI; Drew Bellis

6:45 – Presentation by ENI

Update on Protos Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline (West AGI) Proposed Development

Cerys and Rob gave a presentation to update Ince PC on the progress of the planning application for the proposed Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline; they advised that a revised planning application will be submitted to allow the proposed development to be constructed on a brown field site, part of Encyclis, rather than a greenfield site adjacent to Encyclis. They discussed the route of the pipeline. They took questions away and will email the answers together with a copy of the slide presentation. Thanks to Cerys and Rob for their presentation, they left the meeting

Neil Flanagan left the meeting

22.25 **Apologies for Absence**

None received

23.25 **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

24.25 **Public Speaking Time**

PCSO Neil Flanagan had left information advising that there had been no reported incidents during the last month

Drew Bellis advised the Councillors that now that the new inceparishcouncil.gov.uk website was in place he would issue associated personal emails to each councillor via their current email and asked them to set them up.

Action: PB to forward list of current emails to DB

25.25 **Requests for Items to be raised under Any Other Business**

- Ince / Elton Railway Station – AE

26.25 **Setting up “Friends of Ince Reservoir” Group**

TL advised that the officer apologised for not being able to attend tonight's meeting and will attend the March meeting

27.25 **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2025**

Agreed and signed

28.25 **Matters arising from the Minutes NOT agenda items**

None raised

29.25 **Matters to be raised with Councillors Heatley / Parker**

- **Railings on Station Road** – painting and refurbishment – no update
- **Ward Walk update** – no update
- **Station Road electronic speed check sign** – no update
- **Station Road – Barebrick house pavement area** - no update
- **Station Road – Barebrick house dropped kerb** – been advised that the work will be done when funding is available
- **Station Road – Protos footpath safety barrier** – no update
- **Station Road – dropped kerb at entrance to Protos footpath** – been advised that the work will be done when funding is available
- **Marsh Lane/ Goldfinch Meadows** – CJ had been advised that some of the bullrushes had been removed
- **Removal of the Railhead requirement Section73** - Cllr Heatley advised that this has not yet been submitted to Planning
- **Flooding on Station Road by the bridge** – no update
- **Roundabout maintenance Ince & Elton** – no update
- **Flooding on Marsh Lane by the pumping station** – severe flood again, cars not able to drive through. **Action: Request CWaC to erect a flood road sign at this point** CJ had reported it via the app and had received a response which will be forwarded to Cllr H
- **Flooding Kinseys Lane outside Yew Tree Farm** – AE had reported the flooding via the app, no action taken to date

PB to email Councillors Heatley and Parker and ask for update information - PB had forwarded an email to Councillor Heatley detailing the outstanding issues. Cllr H advised that he had informed the relevant officers involved. Cllr H asked for a follow up email to be sent to him for action. **Action: PB to send follow up email re: outstanding issues**

30.25 **Matters to be raised by Parish Councillors**

- **Pool Roundabout bulb planting** – last lot of bulbs will be planted asap, weather dependent. TL & DB will organise sowing wildflower seeds in the next few weeks
- **Registering Community Assets with CWAC** – PB advised that it had been discussed whether to register the Duke of Wellington pub. **Action: PB will obtain further information about the scheme**
- **Communications** – **PB to email Councillors Heatley and Parker and ask for clarification on planning procedures and notifications to residents** - A response had been received from Planning, advising the timescale and procedures

31.25 **Reports / communications from Members including matters arising**

Police Commissioner – PL had attended the meeting and minutes / information had been circulated to all parish councillors. PL highlighted the following

- re: incident hotspots – parish & town councillors could pay for a PC to attend @ £200 for 4 hours
- Police cost in the precept has increased
- citizens assemblies being set up with 5 sessions taking place

Protos Community Forum – AE had attended and highlighted the following

- Encyclis – AFW plant is behind schedule and not operational

- High voltage system is due and full scale commissioning expected in July
- Uncertainty whether the Community Benefit Fund will continue, not been advised of any available funding for the current year.
- Hynet have submitted a revised planning application re: the siting on the plant for Encyclis
- Continue to be problems reported of the speed of HGVs along Pool Lane
- Flooding on marshes and surrounding area – AE enquired if there were problems with the pumping stations and was advised that they are functioning correctly
- CJ queried whether AE had asked about Big Wood – he had advised that nothing would change with the mitigation area being moved.

32.25 **Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence** – a number of correspondence emails had been received and forwarded to the parish councillors. The following were highlighted and noted
- EET letter to all residents advising of the current shutdown event
- Members Briefing – Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington councils ask Government to be considered for devolution priority programme
- ENI – update on proposed Carbon Dioxide Spur pipeline

33.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- Ince Conservation Area leaflet has been printed and will be distributed to all residents with the next Ince PC newsletter
- Steering Group have met and are planning the Village Information Board. Choices of which buildings / items of interest to be included will be decided at the next meeting
- DB had circulated a map showing the proposed view of the parish to be detailed
- TL, CJ & PB had attended a TEAMS meeting with officers to discuss the content and approach for the meeting with landowners and farmers, to offer advice and information about available grant funding. Suggest an open invitation to all residents to attend. The meeting will be at the Village Hall 7:30 on Thursday 27th March

34.25 **Ince Sanctuary Land**

- **PB to speak to Tony re: Wood sculpture** – still to be completed
- The clearing work is nearly completed. Lengthy discussions took place about next steps. It was agreed to have an onsite meeting 5pm Tuesday 11th February 2025

35.25 **Planning Applications**

No applications received and no decisions taken by Cheshire West & Chester Council since the last Parish Council meeting. Decisions awaited:

Site Address: 1 Bakery Cottage Marsh Lane Ince CH2 4NR

Proposal: Complete removal of the Sycamore tree (T1) due to its location beginning to cause issues with the property.

Reference Number: 24/03515/CAT

Notification dated 6th January 2025 had been received advising that the tree had been made a Tree Preservation Order on a temporary basis which will remain in force for 6 months. Anyone affected had the right to object before 3rd February 2025. The decision whether to make the TPO permanent will be decided at a future date

36.25 **Environment, Highways and Rights of Way**

- **Pool Lane Roundabout – purchase wildflower seeds** – TL has obtained the seeds and he and DB will arrange to sow them in the next few weeks
- **Ward walk follow up** – no response
- **Tree to be planted on the Parish Field and wildflower planting by church wall** – still to be completed
- **Railings on Station Road** – no response
- **Goldfinch Meadows** – nothing reported
- **SPEnergy Festive MPAN – PB to complete and return – AE will send the relevant information to PB to complete and return** – still to be completed

37.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **Repairs to equipment – It was agreed that PB should**
 - **Contact MPS re: completion of the annual safety check** – PB had contacted Alan Dymond who had forwarded the latest inspection report dated 12 June 2024; report circulated to all parish councillors. The report was discussed and maintenance requirements noted for action
 - **Make an appointment with Creative Play to inspect the equipment and advise on repairs** – PB had made an appointment for Tuesday 4th February
 - **Obtain quote from Creative Play to provide “wet pour” under equipment as required** - rep to quote for rubber surfacing beneath the swing and to be asked about maintenance requirements
- **Windfarm / or other grants for new equipment** - PL advised the date for submission is the end of February. PB will organise quotes to be forwarded to PL

38.25 **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Date and arrangements for official opening** – AE will contact Jason for revised availability dates for a Saturday for training and the official opening.

39.25 **Finance**

- **Summary accounts to date** – agreed and signed
- **Invoices Due**

Date	EP/CHq	Payee	Reason	£
03/02/25	EP	C Jackson	Conservation leaflets	89

- **Income Received** – None received
- **Parish Precept - PB complete the paperwork to be signed and submitted by 29th January 2025** - submitted

40.25 **Agreed Items to be raised under Any Other Business**

Ince & Elton Railway Station

AE advised that Andy Cannon from Elton PC had contacted him to say there is a possibility that a train service for Ince & Elton station running from Ellesmere Port through to Helsby could be re-introduced and wanted to know if there would be interest from the residents to support this. It was agreed to put details into the next newsletter and ask for responses from Ince residents.

41.25 **Items for the next agenda**

- **Newsletter**

42.25 **Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting**

7pm Monday 3rd March 2025

Signed _____ **Date** _____