



INCE Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2025 at Ince Village Hall

Councillors Present Andy Eardley – Chair; Chris Jackson, Lou Keearsley, Tim Lloyd, Paul Longshaw

Apologies None received

Also Present Clerk – Pam Bellis

Members of the public PCSO Neil Flanagan

1.25 Apologies for Absence

None received

2.25 Declarations of Interest

None

3.25 Public Speaking Time

PCSO Neil Flanagan – Neil advised that there were no reported incidents for Ince during December; there had been a neighbour dispute in Marsh Lane which had been dealt with. Neil advised of the new Dementia Memory Cafe starting at Elton Church Hall 10th February from 11 – 1pm It will be held on 2nd Monday every month, everyone welcom. Thanks to Neil who left the meeting

4.25 Requests for Items to be raised under Any Other Business

Communications - CJ

5.25 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2024

Minutes agreed and signed

6.25 Matters arising from the Minutes NOT agenda items

None raised

7.25 Matters to be raised with Councillors Heatley / Parker

- **Railings on Station Road** - 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** - no update
- **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**
- **Flooding Kinseys Lane outside Yew Tree Farm** – AE had reported the flooding via the app, no action taken to date

Action: PB to email Councillors Heatley and Parker and ask for update information

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

- **Pool Roundabout bulb planting** – CJ and PB had completed most of the planting. The grape hyacinth bulbs have just been received and will be planted asap
- **Registering Community Assets with CWAC**
- **Setting up “Friends of Ince Reservoir” Group** – TL has arranged for Andy James to attend the February meeting to discuss the process
- **Communications** – CJ asked who is responsible for advising residents of current planning applications and informed councillors that with the recent application to remove the sycamore tree, no neighbours / adjacent residents had been informed. If it is the responsibility of Ince PC CJ suggested posters on lampposts and Ince Facebook page. It was noted that Essar notifications are emailed to AE and CJ who forward them to DB to be posted onto the Ince Facebook page. Essar also set up a system where people can register to receive 1st response information.

Action: PB to email Councillors Heatley and Parker and ask for clarification on planning procedures and notifications to residents

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

Protos Liaison Group meeting – LK advised that due to late work commitments she had been unable to attend but had sent apologies for LK and CJ

Protos CBF – AE had attended. There had been 5 applications but the balance of the fund was only £8,500 so only 2 were granted. There was uncertainty about community funding for 2025. The next meeting is 11 March 2025.

10.25 **Clerk’s Report**

- **Correspondence** – none received
- **Message via Facebook – PB to respond** – PB relayed the response and the reply from the resident
- **ENI request to attend February PC meeting – PB to reply** – booked to attend 6:45 prior to the start of the main meeting in February

11.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Sandstone wall repairs - CJ advised that Paul Potts from Essar is in the process of identifying a suitable contractor to carry out the repairs to the sandstone walls which are a grade 1 listed Ancient monument

Conservation area leaflets – the design is currently with the printers

Meeting with landowners – this will be discussed and a date set at the next Steering Group meeting which is Tuesday 21st January, 7pm at the Village Hall

Map of the village – this will be discussed and what information to be included agreed at the Steering Group meeting

12.25 **Ince Sanctuary Land**

AE advised that Keiran will start to clear the land at the end of January. Need to decide what the wood sculpture will be and what is required.

Action: PB to speak to Tony about the sculpture

13.25 **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

PB to draft and submit objection – PB relayed the response to the meeting, copy on file. CJ advised there had been further objections submitted from neighbours. Awaiting a decision

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

- **Pool Lane Roundabout – purchase wildflower seeds** – TI had spoken to Simon Jones, Your Streets Officer, who will provide seeds, and was awaiting to receive them. Raking off is required before they can be planted
- **Ward walk follow up** – no update
- **Tree to be planted on the Parish Field and wildflower planting by church wall** - seeds to be purchased and planted Feb/March
- **Railings on Station Road** - no update
- **Goldfinch Meadows** – see above minute, some bullrushes have been removed
- **SPEnergy Festive MPAN – PB to complete and return – AE will send the relevant information to PB to complete and return** – still to be completed and submitted

15.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **Repairs to equipment** – still to be completed. The basked swing requires to be removed. TL advised that he could obtain a new basket but that it only had 2 connecting supports, the existing one has 4. PB has not received notification that the current year's safety checks have been carried out. **Action: It was agreed that PB should**
 - **Contact MPS re: completion of the annual safety check**
 - **Make an appointment with Creative Play to inspect the equipment and advise on repairs**
 - **Obtain quote from Creative Play to provide “wet pour” under equipment as required**
- **Windfarm / or other grants for new equipment** – once quotes received, look to obtain grant funding to carry out the required work / install new equipment

16.25 • **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Date and arrangements for official opening** – PL had contacted SpEnergy but had not received a response. **Action:**
 - **Next meeting agree date and arrangements for coffee morning at the Village Hall – PB to check existing hall bookings**

- **Arrange defibrillator demonstration / training for the same day**

17.25 Finance

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

Date	Payee	Reason	£
03/01/25	Chris Jackson	Pensioner Christmas Gifts	152.00
03/01/25	Chris Jackson	Bulb planters	13.98
03/01/25	Royal British Legion	Poppy appeal 2024	25.00
04/01/25	Village Hall	Annual hall rental for PC meetings	264.00

- **Income Received** – none received
- **Parish Precept 2025/26** – PB had provided a budget forecast for 2025/26 and a number of options for the parish precept. After discussions it was agreed that the precept for 2025/26 should be £4,600 with a Band D property value £70.12 an annual increase of £3.76 from 2024/25. **Action: PB complete the paperwork to be signed and submitted by 29th January 2025**

18.25 Village Hall

- **Summary accounts to date** – agreed and submitted
- **Grant applications** – CJ will submit an application to the Protos Community Benefit Fund for a grant to install double glazing
- **Management Group meeting** - 10th February, 7pm at the Village Hall

19.25 Agreed Items to be raised under Any Other Business

Item raised under above minute 8.25

20.25 Items for the next agenda

- **Setting up “Friends of Ince Reservoir” Group** – speaker

21.25 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 3rd February 2025

- **6:45** – presentation from Eni
- **7.00** – Ince Parish Council meeting

Signed _____ **Date** _____