



INCE Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025 at Ince Village Hall

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

Apologies Councillor Margaret Parker

Also Present Clerk – Pam Bellis; PCSO Neil Flanagan

Members of the public

107.25 **Apologies for Absence**

108.25 **Declarations of Interest**

None

109.25 **Public Speaking Time**

PCSO Neil Flanagan stated no incidents had been reported in the last month.

- Concerns had been raised by the residents of Badger Cottage about a youth ordering taxis to be picked up outside their property. **Action: Neil will follow up the enquiry.**
- Residents concerned about pavement parking down Marsh Lane, particularly opposite the pub. Neil asked for registration numbers to be noted and emailed to him
- Concern raised about traffic speeding down Station Road, particularly around 5:30pm
- A red Fiat Bravo has been parked right on the corner of The Square and Marsh Lane for a few days, owner not known. **Action: Neil will investigate**
- Thanks to Neil for helping set up the new dementia cafe meeting in Elton Church Hall 2nd and 4th Mondays monthly. It has been well attended
- **Arrange date for a village walk round** - agreed to meet at the Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 7th July for walk round prior to the Parish Council meeting

Thanks to Neil who left the meeting

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

TL raised that Edward Crank has removed branches from the oak trees in the filed on Station Road. The trees have TPOs. Gorse has been removed by the acoustic fencing. Need to assess what has been done

111.25 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025**

Agreed and signed

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

- **Invite Sarah Dobbins and Craig Green to attend the meeting** – PB had asked them to attend but neither were available. It was agreed to request a ward walk and also ask availability of Councillors Heatley and Parker. Dates after 15th July and request from 5pm to allow parish councillors to be available
Action: PB to requested availability of dates

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

- **Railings on Station Road**
- **Ward Walk update**
- **Station Road electronic speed check sign**
- **Station Road – Barebrick house pavement area**
- **Station Road – Barebrick house dropped kerb**
- **Station Road – Protos footpath safety barrier**
- **Station Road – dropped kerb at entrance to Protos footpath**
- **Marsh Lane/ Goldfinch Meadows**
- **Removal of the Railhead requirement Section73**
- **Flooding on Station Road by the bridge**
- **Roundabout maintenance Ince & Elton**
- **Flooding on Marsh Lane by the pumping station – Request CWaC to erect a flood road sign at this point**
- **Flooding Kinseys Lane outside Yew Tree Farm**

No information to report

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

- **Newsletter distribution** - completed

115.25 **Reports / communications from Members including matters arising Encyclis** – CJ gave a detailed report and highlighted the following

- That was the last meeting – it is being passed over to Protos
- Testing waste delivery at the end of this year with expected fully functioning by April 2026
- There is a problem with the state of the railway bridge which has been reported
- Issues with signage on the roundabout for Kemira Road
- Carbon Capture planning has been passed but no start date yet. It will take 3 years to construct

Link Meeting representatives – meetings to be allocated to parish councillors at the next meeting

Thanks to Paul who left the meeting

116.25 **Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence**
 - **CWaC Cost of Living Support Newsletter May 2025** – PB to put copies in the Ince PC and Village Hall noticeboards - done
 - **Policies review** - PB to update file copies - done
 - **Members Declaration of Interests** – All councillors to complete and return to PB – not yet completed

PB Highlighted the following Members Briefings which had been circulated

- Reducing the harms associated with ketamine use in the borough
- Change to kerbside waste and recycling times

117.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

CJ had attended a “Next Steps” meeting at Tarvin

The bid has been prepared to raise funds for the required maintenance work on the ancient walls, this is ready to submit

Next meeting of the Steering Group is 10th June 2025

Thanks to Chris for the update

118.25 **Ince Wildlife Sanctuary Land**

- **PB to find out the cost of clay** – AE has enough clay available when required
- **Councillors to Post on the Whatsapp group when stone picking has been completed** – this work still to be completed. Suggested setting up a working party day

119.25 **Planning Applications**

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

Moving the mitigation areas affecting the farming land– CJ explained that the Parish Council can still submit an objection. CJ will draft an objections and also inform Councillors Heatley and Parker **Action: CJ to draft and submit the objection**

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

- **Parish Field** – nothing to report
- **Goldfinch Meadows** – Very overgrown again on the small pathways, it needs cutting back. The bollards have still not been installed **Action: CJ will email Richard Barker requesting cutting maintenance**

121.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **PB to contact Michelle Lewis at Essar** – PB had contacted Michelle who had requested more detailed information. AE will be attending a meeting with Michelle and will discuss what is required

122.25 **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Date and arrangements for official opening – Saturday 31st May – PB to issue invitations** - done
- Coins required to cement in – it was agreed to put the dated coins into a resin block which will then be installed into the telephone box. LK offered to organise this
- Plaque to be installed - done
- Ribbon for official opening ceremony - done
- Refreshments – PB will arrange with CJ and LK – done

The opening went well with a number of residents also attending the training session at the village hall.

123.25 **Finance**

- **Audited accounts 2024-25** - accounts have been locally audited and all in order. PB will submit the documents to PKF Littlejohn and arrange for them to be uploaded onto the parish council website
- **Summary accounts to date** – agreed and signed
- **Invoices Due**

Date	Payment	Payee	£
30/05/25	EP	D Bellis	125.00
18/05/25	EP	Gallagher Insurance	467.77
20/05/25	EP	Janet Freeman	30.00
31/05/25	EP	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	298.90
02/06/25	EP	P Bellis	265.38

- **Income Received** – none received
- **Insurance** – PB had asked about possible increased cover when installing a pond. No response received. AE requested an increase in replacement value for the playground equipment up to £50,000. **Action: PB to request insurance company to increase the value**

124.25

Village Hall

- **Audit of accounts 2024 – 2025** – audited and found correct
- **Summary accounts to date** - agreed and signed
- **Gutter cleaning** – work has been completed

126.25

Agreed Items to be raised under Any Other Business

No additional items raised

127.25

Items for the next agenda

- Pride in the Village date

128.25

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 7th July 2025 - 6pm at the Village Hall for PCSO walk round the village followed by the Parish Council Meeting

Signed _____

Date _____