



INCE Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2025 at Ince Village Hall

Councillors Present Andy Eardley – Chair; Chris Jackson; Lou Kearsley; Tim Lloyd; Paul Longshaw
Apologies Councillor Parker
Also Present Clerk – Pam Bellis

Members of the public PCSO Neil Flanagan

129.25 **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Parker

130.25 **Declarations of Interest**

None

131.25 **Public Speaking Time**

PCSO

PCSO Neil said no incidents had been reported in the last month

- **Taxis using Badger Cottage** – PCSO Neil reported that he had visited the Children's home and had also visited R&M H at Badger Cottage to update them. The issue was now resolved
- **Fiat Bravo car** – Car had been removed
- **Village walk round** – this took place prior to the main meeting and PCSO Neil advised it had been very helpful. He will continue to place “Smiley Sid” on Marsh Lane and Station Road. Fly tipping was discussed and suggested putting up notices

PCSO Neil tendered his apologies for the September meeting. Thanks to Neil who left the meeting

- CJ reported that a resident on Marsh Lane had requested that other residents are asked to keep the front of their properties tidy, eg moving bins etc. It was noted and suggested to put a note in the next newsletter about Ince being a Conservation area and keeping the village tidy

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

None raised

133.25 **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025**

Agreed and signed

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

- **Date for ward walk** – PB reported that officers were not available in July. Dates suggested were 22/9, 25/9, 26/9 from 1pm. Suggested PB email Councillors Heatley and Parker to ask their availability and then ask Craig Green and Sarah Dobbins to organise the meeting. Also request attendance from Stuart Bateman – Highways, Paul McVitie / Martin McNaught – Streetscene and Jane Black **Action: PB to email**

as minuted and arrange the meeting

Councillor Heatley joined the meeting

135.25 **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**

The above items will be discussed and updated at the planned ward walk

Graham advised that Keith Barrow from Highways was able to organise some work to be done via Community Work groups; work could include clearing weeds, low level pruning, cleaning road signs etc. Information required is name of parish, road name and a photo of the item. This information is required by 31.7.25. CJ agreed to identify items and email the information to Graham **Action: CJ identify work required and email information to Graham**

136.25 **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 to draft and submit the objection - completed

- **Planning application 24/01685/106 – Plot 8 Protos ERF Ince Resource Recovery Park**
- **Planning application 24/01322/S73 – Ince Resource Recovery Park**

Notice had been received that the above planning applications would be considered by the Council on 10 July 2025 with an invitation to speak at the meeting.

Graham advised that he understood that the planning applications, requesting removal of the requirement to erect a Railhead for the Recovery park, were likely to be approved but that the land will remain only for use for a Railhead. Parish Councillors expressed dismay at the potential outcome. Graham explained the reason was that evidence had been received to say that it would be no longer viable because waste recovery centres were being opened all around the country meaning no requirement to transport waste long distances

- **CWaC Fees & Charges increase for Festive lights** – notification has been received re: safety requirements and fees for safety checks for festive lighting installations. Information noted **Action: CJ will apply for a licence for the village Christmas tree**
- **Local Survey on flood resilience** – AE advised there is still flooding outside Yew Tree Farm. Agreed the survey needs to be completed. **Action: AE will complete the survey**
- **Local Plan Consultation** – Members briefing had been received advising of the Local Plan update. The consultation period runs from 4th July to 29th August. It was agreed that the consultation should be publicised on the Ince PC Facebook page. **Action:**

Briefing to be sent to DB to put out on Facebook page

- **Members budget** – Graham advised that members budget's were now open. Ince PC will apply for funding for the village Christmas tree

Thanks to Graham who left the meeting

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

None raised

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

Localities Connections Meeting – LK attended the first meeting 17.6.25. Five parishes were represented including Ince, Helsby, Ashton Heys, Manley. Children's & Families services were represented and Spacehive were represented, discussing what it provides

Neighbourhood Plan Next Steps – CJ attended a meeting in Tarvin on 3.6.25. 33 parishes were represented. The meeting discussed changes to the process and advised that funding for Nplans has now ceased. The future of the greenbelt was discussed. Advice is to keep Nplans up to date and in line with the Local Plan

Essar (EET) Community Liaison meeting – AE had attended the meeting and updated the meeting on issues discussed. One comment made at the meeting was that there were very few complaints. AE had challenged this advising that the local Facebook pages had constant comments complaining about noise and smells. It was noted that in order for complaints to be registered with EET they must be logged with the Environmental Agency 0800 80 70 60. It was agreed to publish this information via Ince PC Facebook page **Action: PB to forward information to DB to post on Facebook**

AE also updated on funding grants EET had issued and that they had agreed to fund repairs to the swing basket **Action: PB to email Michelle Lewis to request funding for the swing**

Protos CBF – AE had attended and advised 2 projects had funding approved. The next meeting is 23 September 2025. **Action: Councillors to discuss bid application at next PC meeting**

- **Allocate attendance at community link meetings to parish councillors** – the following were agreed
 - EET (Essar) - CJ and TL
 - Protos Community Liaison – AE and CJ
 - Protos Community Benefit – AE
 - Police Commissioner - PL
 - Localities - LK
 - Encirc - LK and PL

Thanks to councillors for their reports

139.25 **Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence** – One item noted – Members' Briefing 2904 – Managing Recycling – We all get recycling, now let's get it right

140.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

CJ reported that the last meeting on 10 June 25 discussed the Heritage Information Board, finalising photos and detailed information. The project on repairing walls and re-instating footpaths was also discussed, including the crowdfunding for the project through Spacehive and an update on the target for backers and funding. The next meeting is 22nd June 2025

141.25 **Ince Wildlife Sanctuary Land**

It was agreed that the stone clearing and land preparation would be done in the autumn, a date for a community working party day will be agreed at the next meeting. Project funding figures and details to be brought to the next meeting **Action: PL & PB to provide financial information at the next meeting**

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

- **Parish Field** -wildflowers are blooming well in the newly prepared area
- **Goldfinch Meadows** – CJ had not received a response from Richard Barker, nothing further to report
- **Tree on Pool Lane** – one of the newly planted trees may be dying. TL will check again in the autumn

143.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **Play area** – Basket swing replacement will cost £700 + VAT, applying to Essar for a grant. The replacement of the bark with rubber mulch quoted £5,280 + VAT – need to apply for grant funding for this work to be done
- **Goal posts** – TL suggested having them refurbished and powder coated. **Action:TL to obtain quote for their removal, powder coating and reinstallation**

144.25 **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Coins** – LK has obtained a resin kit and will do a test with other coins; if successful she will create the memorial coins plaque ready for installation

145.25 **Finance**

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

Date	Payment	Payee	£
07/07/25	EP	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	298.90
07/07/25	EP	AJGIBL GBP Client NST account	43.20
07/07/25	EP	Cheshire Community Action	20.00

- **Income Received** – none received
- **Insurance** – additional premium to increase value of playground equipment agreed and paid

146.25 **Village Hall**

- **Summary Accounts to date** – agreed and signed
- **Cheshire Community Action** – agreed to renew membership. **Action: PB to complete membership form and make payment**

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

None raised

148.25 **Items for the next agenda**

- Pride in the Village date
- Ince Wildlife Sanctuary working party date

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

1st September 2025 at 7pm

Signed _____ **Date** _____