



INCE Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2025 at Ince Village Hall

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

Members of the public Neil Flanagan - PCSO

172.25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Tim Lloyd, Councillor Parker and Drew Bellis

173.25 **Declarations of Interest**

None

174.25 **Public Speaking Time**

PB read out an email received from Ray and Maureen Hassell re: New Hall Barn. It was agreed to relay the information to PCSO Neil Flanagan

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

None

176.25 **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2025**

Agreed and signed

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

- **Transport survey – to be copied and distributed to Ince residents** – this had been done but only 5 responses to date. Pam Williams, Elton PC councillor had reported 500 responses to date. **Action: Ask DB to put out on Facebook also with link for on-line completion**
- **Damage to fruit trees and antisocial behaviour -PB to email Mary Lavery and Howard Pimborough** – PB reported that Mary Lavery is no longer with that department. Councillor Heatley offered to fund replacement fruit trees. **Action: CJ & PB to order replacement trees and reclaim funding. Contact Howard Pimborough for metal tree guards**
- **Ward walk – revised date** – Friday 17th October at 1pm
- **CWaC Fees & Charges increase for Festive lights – CJ will apply for a licence for the village Christmas tree** – application submitted, awaiting response
- **Essar - PB to email Michelle Lewis again to request funding for the swing** – PB had received confirmation that Essar would donate towards the repairs but the funding had not yet been received **Action: PB to follow up**

178.25 **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** - CJ advised Stuart Bateman will push forward the request
- **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**

CJ will amend the ward walk document to include all items that need to be highlighted and discussed and will circulate before Friday's ward walk

AE asked for information on the Removal of the Railhead requirement. Councillor Heatley confirmed that approval had been given that there is no requirement to build the Railhead. However, he clarified that the land cannot be used for anything else other than to build a railhead. Concern was expressed that the number of HGV's daily could increase beyond the agreed number and queried how the number would be monitored. Councillor Heatley was not aware of any monitoring process in place

Neil Flanagan, PCSO joined the meeting

Highways Community Work - CJ identify work required and email information to Graham – Councillor Heatley confirmed that he was waiting to hear if they have been selected. **Action: Councillor Heatley will follow up the timescale for the work and report back**

Thanks to Councillor Heatley who left the meeting

179.25 **Public speaking - PCSO report**

Neil confirmed that he had also received a copy of the email from Ray and Maureen and had replied to them explaining that it is a civil matter, not a police matter unless they wish to pursue a case of fraud. Neil had not received a response

Incidents

- 12.8.25 – Motorbike stolen from Marsh Lane; motorbike was recovered but no person identified
- 21.9.25 – Suspicious activity reported on Marsh Lane – a male trying car doors. Arrest made and charge of vehicle interference and criminal damage

Thanks to Neil who left the meeting

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

- **Protos CBF – Councillors to discuss bid application at next PC meeting** – it was agreed to submit an application towards the children's playground repairs. **Action: PB to complete and submit the application via This is Protos including the quote**
- **Pride in the Village date – Saturday 25th October at 10:30**
- **Evero Energy offer of financial support** – - no response received. **Action: PB to follow up the request**

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

Encirc – LK advised that the planned meeting had been cancelled and awaiting a new date

Locality Connections – LK will be attending the meeting tomorrow

Protos Community Forum – CJ and AE attended and provided the following update

- Progress report given on Encyclis – the new factory advertised for apprenticeship posts, received 800 applicants and 4 were appointed
- Queries were raised about possible fires on the sites – advised that Protos have their own fire fighting equipment to deal with any emergencies

- HGV movements are 6am – 7pm weekdays and 6am – 1pm Saturdays
- Plot 13 – Enviro is under construction. It will recycle plastic PET bottles and produce new bottles. They wish to increase daily number of lorries from 9 to 14
- Still waiting for postcodes to be issued
- Road signs are to go up. A plan of the site was requested
- CJ requested traffic signs and bollards to be done
- 70% - 90% of food packs will be recycled
- CG site demolition has been started
- the recent pipework laid up to the Pool Lane roundabout was a 4inch gas main to increase the supply needed by plot 13
- Ecology site to be re-sited. Public access to the site has been requested
- Small particles are escaping into the air, this is being screened.
- Air quality report will be published
- Goldfinch meadows – 5 year maintenance contract been awarded to Cheshire Wildlife Trust. There are repairs needed

Protos Community Benefit Fund – AE attended the meeting at the end of September. Two applications were received, one passed and one refused. There is sufficient funding left to award to 3 projects @ £2,500 each up to the end of March 2026

182.25 **Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence**
 - Letter received from Dan Price, Police Commissioner – noted
 - Email received from Planning Obligations Support Officer re: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment. PB had taken a phone call to explain that the payment will be a levy on planning linked to Ince Manor. The funding is expected to be about £5,000 and is required to be used on community facilities ie. Village Hall, children's playground etc. It was agreed to split the funding between the Village Hall – to install the double glazing and the children's playground repairs
 - Members Briefing 2942 – Dept for Transport – Bus Franchising Pilot which will take place from October 2025 to 31 March 2025 – circulated and noted

183.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

CJ advised that the Crowd Funding Project is due to be assessed by CWAC on 20th October. They will look at the size and costs of the project, how many backers there are and what fundraising Ince PC have done. If they decide to give a grant, the full target amount needs to be raised by 4th November or CWAC can take back the grant. To date Ince PC has raised £139 from the Treasure Hunt and tombola. Individual donations have been posted on the site. John Willis has offered a donation. CJ has requested a list of all the waste contractors who use their site and she will write to them asking if they will donate. AE will submit the project work form once he has included the map reference showing where the work will take place

184.25 **Ince Wildlife Sanctuary Land**

- **TL to arrange onsite meeting to order fencing** – meeting has happened and revised quote received. Order will be placed once S106 funding has been received from CWAC. Expected 6 weeks from order placement
- **PB to submit S106 funding request** - done
- **Working party date** -to be arranged in the new year

185.25 **Planning Applications**

Applications received by Cheshire West & Chester Council since the last Parish Council meeting.

Planning Application reference: 24/01685/106

Proposal: S106A Application associated with the Protos ERF Unilateral Undertaking (ref. 18/01543/S73), signed on 24 April 2019, to remove Clause 5 associated to the delivery of the rail facility.

Location: Plot 8, Protos ERF Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire

Noted

Planning Application reference: 24/01322/S73

Proposal: Removal of condition 17 (requirement to implement the first phase rail infrastructure prior to the occupation of plots within Protos Phase 2) of 14/02277/S73 (Variation of conditions 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 41 and 46 on planning permission APP/Z0645/A/07/205909 - Section 73 application for proposed development of Resource Recovery Park to include layout

Location: Ince Resource Recovery Park Marsh Lane Ince

Noted

Site Address: Area 13 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port

Proposal: Application to vary Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (HGV movements) of planning permission 20/04396/FUL (Resource recovery facility (Plastics Recycling Facility)).

Reference Number: 25/02727/S73

Ward: Gowy Rural

Parish: Ince

Concern was expressed about the proposed increase in HGV numbers for this planning application. Concern was also expressed that due to the removal of the requirement to build the Railhead facility, there will be further requests to increase the number of HGV vehicle movements It was agreed that the local roads were not designed for the volume and weight of vehicles. **Action: Agreed to lodge a formal objection – PB to submit**

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

- **Pool Lane Roundabout – TL & DB** will be strimming and clearing on 15th October followed by wildflower seed planting

187.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **Repairs to swing – PB** has sent emails requesting funding support, no response. **Action: PB to follow up**
- **Goal posts – TL** obtained quote from Groundworks and Leisure Services - £1526 plus VAT. Need to seek funding
- **Oak tree planting – date** to be arranged at the next meeting
- **Monkey Puzzle Tree – currently** in a garden on Marsh Lane was gifted to Ince PC, but still to be removed. AE advised that the new owner has stated that he wishes it to stay on his property
- **Wildflower patch on the parish field – this** will be extended and seed planted in the spring. It was agreed to purchase wild seed for the Pool Lane roundabout and the parish field

188.25 **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Coins** – LK has the coins and will make the plaque ready to be installed in the telephone box.

189.25 **Finance**

- **Summary accounts to date**
Accounts agreed and signed

- **Invoices Due**

| Date | Type | Payee | £ |
|---------|------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 30.9.25 | EP | Countrywide Grounds maintenance | 298.90 |

- **Income Received / Due**

- **CIL Grant** – see above minute 182.25.
- **Christmas tree** – it was agreed to ask Councillor Heatley for financial support to purchase the village Christmas tree at an expected cost of £350. **Action:PB to email Councillor Heatley and request the funding**

190.25 **Village Hall**

- **Summary Accounts to date** – accounts agreed and signed
- **CIL grant** – see above minute 182.25; funding will be used towards the installation of double glazing.

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

No items raised

192.25 **Items for the next agenda**

No items raised

193.25 **Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the Village Hall

Signed _____ **Date** _____