



## INCE Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at Ince Village Hall

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

**Members of the public** Pam Williams – Elton PC Councillor

#### 150.25 **Apologies for Absence**

Chris Jackson; Councillor Heatley; Councillor Parker; Drew Bellis

#### 151.25 **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

#### 152.25 **Public Speaking Time**

**Transport Survey** – Pam Williams, an Elton Parish Councillor, informed the meeting that she has been actively pursuing improvement in current public transport serving Elton. She is in contact with Steve Rotherham, Mayor of Liverpool and David Jones the Merseyrail Development Manager and also with Sarah Pochin MP.

There will be a new railway station built in Daresbury within 3 years to be served by Merseyrail trains which will be battery operated trains and will run through Ince railway station. Ince is currently served by Northern Rail. Pam had enquired about disability access to the station which will be assessed. Pam also advised that currently anyone requiring disability access to a train can ring their local line who are then obliged to provide a taxi to take them to the nearest station with disability access.

Pam has also been investigating bus provision which in Elton currently don't run after 6pm or at weekends or bank holidays. Pam was advised that there are no buses through Ince and this has been pursued by the parish council but without success. Pam stated that young people who obtain employment in the Chester / Ellesmere Port areas are currently unable to get transport home if their working hours are beyond 6pm.

Pam has drawn up a questionnaire including a QR code direct to the on-line survey to obtain views on current public transport and has distributed to residents via Elton Community Centre and shops, on Facebook and Elton PC website and also to EET who will distribute to 800 employees and to Encirc who will distribute to 1000 employees. Pam asked for it to be distributed to Ince residents in order to support their transport needs too. Thanks to Pam for all the information, Pam left the meeting. **Action: questionnaire to be copied and distributed to Ince residents**

**Tractors through the village** – CJ advised by email that she had spoken again to Abigail Stankovic who was still concerned about the speed of the vehicles. CJ had agreed to have a further conversation with Dave Willis

#### **Raised via Facebook**

- **Faulty electric speed sign** – response given that this is CwaC's responsibility and

has been raised with them but is not able to be repaired

- **Issues with Stanlow** – response given requesting residents who have concerns over noise / smells to report it every time through the Environmental Agency in order that it is logged data
- **Damage to fruit trees and antisocial behaviour** – very disappointed at damage done. TL suggested that any replacement saplings should be caged to prevent damage. TL suggested contacting Howard Pimborough to obtain cost and availability of cages. Agreed to contact Mary Lavery and ask if there any replacement trees available. **Action: PB email Mary Lavery and Howard Pimborough**

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

TL – speeding E bikes.

154.25 **Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Agreed and signed

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

- **Ward walk** – date arranged for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm **Action: PB to email Sarah Dobbins, Craig Green and Councillor Heatley to confirm**
- **CWaC Fees & Charges increase for Festive lights** – CJ will apply for a licence for the village Christmas tree - ongoing
- **Local Survey on flood resilience** – AE will complete the survey – AE has completed and submitted a response
- **Local Plan Consultation – Briefing to be sent to DB to put out on Facebook page** – ongoing. AE had looked at the Consultation paperwork which is extensive.
- **Essar - PB to forward information to DB to post on Facebook** - done
- **Essar - PB to email Michelle Lewis to request funding for the swing** – done but no response. PB to send a further email

157.25 **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** - CJ advised that Stuart Bateman had agreed to push forward the request for the dropped kerbs
- **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**

**Highways Community Work - CJ identify work required and email information to Graham** – CJ advised that Stuart Bateman and Graham Heatley both had copies of the list of jobs and that they were suitable to be undertaken by the Community Work team

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

- **Protos CBF – Councillors to discuss bid application at next PC meeting** – the

mulch for the playground area needs funding but it was agreed to defer to next meeting dependent on outcomes of other grant enquiries

- **Pride in the Village date** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30
- **Evero Energy offer of financial support** – PB had received an email offering financial support for any projects / maintenance / community events / fundraising. It was agreed to ask if they would support the playground repairs and maintenance needed **Action: PB to email a request**

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

No meetings held

LK will attend the next Encirc meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September

LK will attend the next Localities meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

160.25 **Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence** PB highlighted two Members Briefings which had been circulated with the weekly CHALC information
- **Emergency Alert testing on mobile phones** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Suggested putting on the Ince PC Facebook page
- **Cheshire and Warrington devolution update** – government confirmation that the statutory test has been passed. Councils will vote on whether to progress with a devolution agreement for the area

161.25 **Neighbourhood Plan**

In her absence CJ had forwarded an update

- Require written quote for the cost of traffic lights so that it can be included in the project cost
- Form S171 needs to be completed asap to forward to Stuart Bateman in order for him to approve the project
- Deadline for completion is 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Steering group are organising a car treasure hunt for 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025. There will also be a tombola and a raffle
- Next Steering Group meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

162.25 **Ince Wildlife Sanctuary Land**

- **PL & PB to provide financial information at the next meeting** – PL & PB provided the following information

Detail	Total Expected Costs	Inc rcvd	Inc due	Inc shortfall	Exp to date
Project total planned expenditure	33636				
MCBF		15000			
CWAC			9616		
Income still required				9020	
Solicitor / surveys / land clearance					6275

PB advised that she needed to request the S106 earmarked funding from CWaC for the bow top fencing. TL to contact Groundworks and Leisure Services to arrange a onsite appointment to agree fencing position and requirements and place the order. **Action: PB to submit S106 application. TL to arrange on site appointment**

- **Working party date** – to be arranged at the next meeting

163.25 **Planning Applications**

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

164.25 **Planning Notifications**

Planning Application Reference: **24/00777/FUL**

**Location:** Protos Resource Recovery Park Marsh Lane Ince

**Proposal:** Construction of a new Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline and Above Ground Installation (AGI) to serve Protos Resource Recovery Park and ancillary development  
The above planning application was withdrawn on **5 August 2025**.

Noted

**Site Address:** Land At Cross Lane Frodsham

**Proposal:** Construction of a new Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline and Above Ground Installation (AGI) and ancillary equipment to serve the Viridor Energy from Waste (Efw) Facility Carbon Capture Plant

**Reference Number:** 25/02108/FUL

**Ward:** Frodsham

**Parish:** Ince

Noted

**Cubico – Frodsham Solar**

Correspondence had been received advising **Notification of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008**

Noted

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

- **Pool Lane Roundabout – strimming / clearing / replanting wildflower seeds.** It was agreed that TL will liaise with DB to arrange a date to trim and clear the roundabout and advise PC members available to help. Wild flower seeds will be planted following the clearance **Action: TL & DB arrange working date and advise PC members**

166.25 **Play Area and Parish Field**

- **Repairs to swing and rubber mulch** – see above minutes. PB will email Michelle at Essar to request funding support. PB to email Evero to request funding support
- **Goal posts – TL to obtain quote for their removal, powder coating and reinstallation** TL had been advised this would not be cost effective. It was agreed to obtain a quote for replacement goalposts from Groundwork and Leisure Services. **Action: TL to obtain quote for new goal posts**
- **Oak tree planting** – agree date next meeting
- **Wildflower patch** – this had been successful. It was agreed to extend the length of the area. AE will arrange further clearance in the spring ready for seed planting

167.25 **Update on Telephone Box / Defibrillator**

- **Coins** – LK had done a test resin display block which had been successful. LK will now create the final block to display the coins.

168.25

**Finance**

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

PB advised that the new pay rates for the clerk from April 2025 had been received and applied to this 3 month claim including back pay

Date	Payment	Payee	£
1.9.25	EP	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	298.90
1.9.25	EP	Mrs P Bellis	281.22
1.9.25	DD	ICO licence	52.00

- **Income Received** – none received

169.25

**Village Hall**

- **Summary Accounts to date** – agreed and signed
- PB advised that the annual fire equipment check had been carried out and the new licence issued
- **Cheshire Community Action** – PB to complete membership form and make payment - done

170.25

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

Speeding E bikes – TL reported that most days at approx 5:45pm an Ebike coming from Elton was being ridden at excessively high speeds through the village. Agreed that PB should email PCSO Neil Flanagan and advise of the situation. **Action: PB to email PCSO**

171.25

**Items for the next agenda**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_