



ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Council meeting – 31st July 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting of Isfield Parish Council as above, held at Isfield Village Hall, TN22 5XG at 19:00.

Present: Cllrs Sambrook (Chair), Cramond, Mitchell-Cobb.

Absent: Cllrs Keys, Roundell.

In attendance: L Dunkley, Clerk; Cllr Coleman (WDC); 2 members of the public.

2024/22 Apologies for absence.

RECEIVED from Cllrs Keys, Roundell.

2024/23 Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations. None.

2024/24 Public Participation.

R Levett commented that hedges along roads are overgrown restricting pedestrian and vehicular access in various locations, including outside the village hall.

2024/25 District and County Councillors' reports

Cllr Coleman (WDC) gave an update which included: NPPF changes are forthcoming and a consultation will be launched and run for 8 weeks – this will impact the Wealden Local Plan and housing requirement numbers. The consultation responses to the Local Plan are all in and officers are currently drafting a summary report. Attendance at the Gatwick hearing regarding the second runway in which it was claimed (by the airport) that a doubling of passenger numbers will not add to pollution or pressures on sewerage infrastructure. A number of other updates on environmental management and enforcement matters. Attendance at a Greenways stakeholder meeting which looks at scoping Lewes-Uckfield railway line as an active travel route for cycling.

2024/26 Council meeting minutes: 13th May 2024

RESOLVED that the [minutes](#) of the meeting of the Council as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read and approved. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. No matters arising **NOTED**. Clerk to publish.

2024/27 Grant Request: Wealden Citizens Advice

RECEIVED as above for £100 ([1](#), [2](#)) and to **RESOLVED** to award £100. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

2024/28 Schedule of payments

RESOLVED to approve as above. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. Clerk to action.

Payee	Description	Gross Amount
Isfield Village Hall	Room hire – May & July	£80.00
Clean Corner	Pavilion Cleaning x2 months	£240.00
Barcombe Landscapes	Playing field mowing	£216.00
James Fellows	Plumbing and heating works at Pavilion	£321.34
Mike Barter Systems	Electrical works at Pavilion inc. defib socket	£4,386.36

Playsafety Ltd	Annual playground inspection	£117.60
Holly Tebbutt	Grant: local plan consultation awareness campaign	£500.00
Barcombe Landscapes	Playing field mowing	£523.20
Isfield Village Fete	Printing newsletter	£122.38
Citizens Advice Wealden	Grant	£100.00
Staffing	June & July	£1889.37

2024/29 Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2024/25

RECEIVED quotes ([1](#), [2](#)) and **RESOLVED** to appoint Mulberry and Co subject to two satisfactory references being received. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/29 Planning application: WD/2024/1165/LDE

CONSIDERED the [Certificate of Lawful Development for Existing Use](#) per above and the [request for any observations](#) as to whether the Council can assist with any evidence, local knowledge and/or witnesses who may have personal knowledge of the history of the application site and its uses. **RESOLVED** not to comment. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

2024/30 Planning applications:

[WD/2024/0742/FR: The Council has already responded to this consultation]

WD/2024/1253/F: “[Demolish the existing garage with roof space and build an annexe with a workshop and usable roof space](#)” at 1 Ivy Cottages, Station Road, Isfield, TN22 5XA. **RESOLVED** not to comment. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to respond.**

2024/31 Funding for Village Hall

CONSIDERED a [request](#) for funding towards [accessibility improvements](#) as above. There was a general feeling that the Council should not pursue a Public Works Loan in order to fund a grant to the Village Hall, but that the principle of the project is supported. Further it was felt that the Council should reconvene to talk about the matter specifically when it has a full attendance from Cllrs. **Clerk to monitor.**

2024/32 Asset of Community Value

CONSIDERED completing an [application](#) to register the Laughing Fish as an [asset of community value](#) and **RESOLVED** to complete the application. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/33 Plaque for the Jim the Fish memorial

CONSIDERED [as above](#) and **RESOLVED** to agree to the plaque – information is yet forthcoming on cost. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to pursue.**

2024/34 Campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal

CONSIDERED a [request](#) to support as above and **RESOLVED** to not support the campaign. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/35 Annual Play equipment inspection report

RECEIVED [as above](#). **CONSIDERED** the content and **RESOLVED** to request a service of the bearings in the carousel from the installer/manufacture. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/36 Update: EV Charge Points

RECEIVED [as above](#) from Cllr Cramond. There has been a proposal on where the four bays would be sited. It was noted that there does need to be some negotiation on times/restrictions, as if the bays are exclusively for EV charging then this

will restrict numbers of available parking spaces by an unacceptable amount at busy times, such as when events take place. **Cllr Cramond to pursue.**

2024/37 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for next agenda

NOTED any suggested items for the next meeting: Grant awarding policy; EV Charge points.

2024/38 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED verbal reports from Councillors – Recreation Ground: work on the pathway is set to commence on September, and grass cutting issues have largely been resolved; there is a flooding issue present which the Council will need to address at a future point.

2024/39 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. None.

Meeting closed at 20:05.