



ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Council meeting – 18th September 2024

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

Present: Cllrs Keys (Vice Chair – chairing the meeting), Cramond, Mitchell-Cobb, Roundell.

Absent: Cllrs Sambrook.

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

2024/40 Apologies for absence.

RECEIVED from Cllr Sambrook.

2024/41 Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations. None.

2024/42 Public Participation. None.

2024/43 District and County Councillors' reports

Cllr Galley (ESCC) gave an update which included: an issue with speed of traffic on Station Road – a request for speed camera from resident. Cllr Keys noted that no one previously had come forward to help with a Speedwatch scheme. Cllr Galley to forward correspondence to the Clerk. ESCC are in a “difficult financial position” and will explore ways to make efficiencies with the delivery of services and release money from assets.

Cllr Coleman (WDC) gave an update which included: that significant time is being spent on the NPPF consultation and the implications of future implementation – the deadline for which is 24th September. The current annual housing target for Wealden is set at 1,186, and a potential new target will be 1,397. WDC has received £3.5m in grant funding for a community sports hub near Hailsham, with the project aiming to be completed in January 2026. A local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation is live – **Clerk to circulate**. There was a discussion on highways-related objections to planning application WD/2024/0742/FR which will be decided at the WDC planning committee meeting in October.

2024/44 Council meeting minutes: 31st July 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. Majority in favour. No matters arising **NOTED**. **Clerk to publish**.

2024/45 Schedule of payments

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

Payee	Description	Gross Amount
M Fellows	Locks	£65.62
Clean Corner	Pavilion cleaning	£120.00
Clean Corner	Pavilion cleaning	£144.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium (annual)	£1,852.13
Payroll – August & September		£1,910.75

2024/46 Funding for Village Hall

CONSIDERED a [request](#) for funding towards [accessibility improvements](#) as above. The Council felt that it would be prepared to award a maximum amount of £30,000 towards the project, subject to all match funding being secured and in place. **RESOLVED** to award a maximum amount of £30,000 towards the project, subject to all match funding being secured and in place. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to inform Village Hall.**

2024/47 Grant awarding policy

CONSIDERED a draft [policy](#) and [application form](#) and **RESOLVE** to adopt. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/48 Gov.uk domain for website and emails

RESOLVED to [spend](#) on converting the website to the formal .gov.uk domain and to create formal email accounts for Councillors and staff. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/49 Land registry entry for recreation ground

Only evidence of ownership is conveyance from 1945 and this may pose issues in particular for the installation of EV charge points. **CONSIDERED** quotations for enacting the above and to **RESOLVED** to instruct Dawson-Hart solicitors to act. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

2024/50 Update: EV Charge Points

RECEIVED as above from Cllr Cramond (see 2024/49). There was a concern about maintenance of the surface of the car park near any new EV charge points, and who should accept responsibility for increased wear. **Cllr Cramond to liaise with WDC for advice.**

2024/51 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for next agenda

NOTED any suggested items for the next meeting: Staffing update; EV Charge Points update.

2024/52 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED verbal reports from Councillors –

Recreation Ground: Cllr Keys commented that there is good progress on the new footpath installation – the spoil has been stored at a part of the recreation ground that is not used and will be extracted in summer 2025.

2024/53 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential/special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press/public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during discussion on the following items: Staffing.

Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

2024/54 Clerk circumstances

RECEIVED notification of a pending staffing issue for the Council. **RESOLVED** to pursue recruitment and to work with the outgoing clerk on a suitable handover period. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 20:00.