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Council meeting – 26th November 2025

Minutes of the Council meeting of Isfield Parish Council as above, held at Isfield Village Hall, TN22 5XG at 19:30.

Present: Cllr P Roundell (PR) , Cllr A Keys (AK) (Vice Chair), Cllr S Crammond (SC) and Cllr Mitchell-Cobb (TM-C)

Absent: Cllr G Sambrook (GS) (Chair),

In attendance: A Emery Clerk and RFO; Cllr Galley (ESCC), Cllr Coleman (WDC) and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

To **RECEIVE** any apologies.

- Cllr G Sambrook. Tendered his apologies and reason for absence accepted. Cllr AK chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations

To **RECEIVE** any declarations of interest. To **RESOLVE** to grant dispensations where appropriate.

- None

3. Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Any member of the public, who so wishes, may speak at this point of the meeting on items within the remit of the Council. No previous notice need be given. The Council are happy to receive comments but responses will be made outside meetings should they be necessary. Time limit to speak with the discretion of the Chair.

- MOP's were in attendance to discuss against WD/2025/2350/F & WD/2025/2349/LB. Chair agreed they could comment at that point.

4. District and County Councillors' reports

County Report

- Consultation is out on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and have until Jan 11th to respond – If IPC have particular views then to comment by the deadline. Cllr PR recommended IPC to not respond – unanimously agreed.
- County Council finances – struggle to set budget waiting on the Government which could be close to the deadline. EHCP requests increase by 63% in 3 years which is a national problem.

District Report

Battery storage at Little Horsted – went to consultation on 3rd November. Community upset about it. US/EU owned private equity. Planning application will be submitted and if it doesn't get through then an appeal is expected.

- Owlsbury – planning – two sessions out three happened by WDC. Biggest planning app WDC has had.
- Crowborough Camp taken a lot of time and resources. Home Office decision. WDC have sought legal advice. Home Office have not made a decision yet. WDC have come under a lot of undue scrutiny.
- Grant Funding – An enquiry via the hall for disable loos and kitchen extension and some tech support.
- Local Plan coming round again Reg 18 reviews due to GT site, flood changes, flood zoning.

Cllr RG (ESCC) – commented on Crowborough Camp disagreeing with Cllr Colemans comments.

Cllr PR – District and County have made a statement on the Crowborough Camp and leave it as that.

5. Full Council meeting minutes: 24th September 2025

To **RESOLVE** that the minutes of the meeting as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read and approved.

- Unanimously agreed

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

7. Clerks Report

- Report distributed to members prior to the meeting and duly noted.

8. Correspondence

To note/discuss correspondence received.

- Clerk wished it noted that the public liability claim that had been made against the Council insurance was rejected by Zurich. Duly noted.

9. Planning Applications to discuss and also any further applications that arise after publication of the agenda.

WD/2025/2364/FA

LAND TO THE WEST OF CULPEPER CLOSE, STATION ROAD, ISFIELD TN22 5FA
VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF WD/2024/0487/FA (VARIATION OF CONDITION 13 OF WD/2023/1594/F (ERECTION OF TWO DETACHED DWELLINGS, WITH ACCESS, GARAGES AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING) TO FACILITATE REPLACEMENT OF APPROVED PLANS WITH REVISED PLANS) TO ENABLE RELOCATION OF GARAGES AND VISITORS SPACE TOGETHER WITH UPDATED LANDSCAPING.

Decision: No comment

- **WD/2025/2350/F & WD/2025/2349/LB – deadline 24th November (extension given to 27th November)**
MAPLE BARN, BEECHES FARM ROAD, BUCKHAM HILL, ISFIELD, TN22 5QD USE OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND SERVICE PREMISES TO FORM A VETERINARY CENTRE (REMAINING IN CLASS E/COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND SERVICES) TO INCLUDE FOR EXTERNAL POSITIONING OF AIR CONDITIONING EXTERNAL UNITS AND PROPOSED OPENING HOURS FOR A PREMISES WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF LISTED BUILDING.

Cllr TM-C – would hours be open later further down the line – applicants advised they would not.
Propose a condition to not open overnight.

Cllr PR reported – East Sussex Highways objected on visibility due to speed limit of 60mph – applicants unaware of objection and will address.

Decision: Support but IPC would wish to propose the following condition. Should the opening hours of the business change IPC to be consulted.

- **To RATIFY the following applications**

WD/2025/2242/F – deadline 29th October

SOUTHVIEW, NEW HOUSE FARM, BUCKHAM HILL, ISFIELD, TN22 5XU PROPOSED PORCH CANOPY ROOF TO SIDE ELEVATION. IN-FILL SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR AND SIDE ELEVATIONS AND OTHER ALTERATIONS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT CLADDING BOARD TO PART OF EXISTING REAR ELEVATION

Decision: No Comment

- **Duly ratified**
- **To note the following WDC decisions**

WD/2025/1696/F

COMPOSTING SITE, ISFIELD ROAD, ISFIELD, TN22 5JJ

CHANGE OF USE OF ONE BAY OF A RANGE OF COMPOST MATERIAL STORES TO REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF MACHINERY USED ON SITE.

APPROVED

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APPROVED

- **Duly noted.**

10. Expenditure

- To ratify October expenditure as itemised on the schedule – **duly ratified**
- To approve November expenditure as itemised on the schedule – **unanimously approved**
- To agree a donation to The Brain Tumour Charity in honour of Keith Stevens (NALC Chair). – **Unanimously agreed £100.00 – Clerk to action.**

11. Budget

To **DISCUSS & CONSIDER** budget recommendation for 2026/27. To **RESOLVE** a course of action.

- **DISCUSSED** and **RESOLVED** to set expenditure at £29,790 and the precept demand at £29,780. Unanimously approved

12. Bank reconciliation

To **RESOLVE** to approve the bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statements for IPC.

- Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.

13. Year to Date Accounts

To **NOTE** the actual v budget expenditure to date

- Duly noted.

14. Interim Internal Audit Report

To **NOTE** report provided by Mulberry & Co.

- Clerk advised the report had just been received and will be presented in January. Duly noted.

15. ESCC Urban Grass Cutting 2026/27

To **CONSIDER** and **RESOLVE** four additional urban grass cutting by ESCC at a cost of £1097.10 (inc VAT).

- Unanimously approved.

16. IT Policy/Assertion 10

To **ADOPT** and to note Assertion 10 and action accordingly.

- Unanimously approved. Clerk advised that all members must be using the .gov.uk email address by the end of March 2026 as it will be a requirement of the external audit and if they needed help setting up the Clerk can put them in contact with the web administrator. Duly noted.

17. Symbol of Remembrance

To **CONSIDER** erection of suggested location (next to Parish sign) by The Women in Isfield Group – subject to further information being received.

- No further information received

18. 2026 Meeting Dates

To **NOTE** the 2026 meeting dates as distributed.

- Duly noted

19. Update: Recreation Land Registration

To receive the above from the Clerk

- Clerk advised that if we can provide evidence that the EV company could not proceed due to the land not being registered this may speed up the registration. Cllr SC to provide evidence and forward to the Clerk.
Cllr SC to action.

20. Update: EV Charge Points

To **RECEIVE** as above from Cllr Cramond.

- As per 19 above.

21. Highways Issues

To **DISCUSS** potholes on Buckham Hill

- Cllr TM-C advised has now been patched but still dissatisfied that there isn't a permanent solution. Cllr RG (ESCC) will report to Highways. **Cllr RG (ESCC) to action.**

22. Reports from Council representatives

To **NOTE** verbal reports from Councillors – e.g. Recreation Ground, Village Hall.

- Cllr AK – chased Robin for ball park figure for maintenance shed at the playing field which hasn't been received. Still sitting on quote for tree clearance. Site visit with members to still happen.
- Clerk has purchased two No Dog signs which will be put up at Recreation Ground.

23. Notification of meeting/Suggested items for next agenda

To **NOTE** any suggested items for the next meeting.

- Cllr TM-C asked about the maintenance of The Pound – Cllr SC asked Isfield Place if it was on their land and no response, Clerk advised that it wasn't on the asset list of the Council. Clerk to investigate on land ownership. Cllr CC (WDC) advised she would also. Clerk to ask Barcombe for costs to trim and maintain the area. **Clerk to action.**

Meeting closed: 20.22

Date of next meeting: 21st January 2026 – 19:30 Village Hall