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Council meeting – 25th March 2026

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

Present: Cllr G Sambrook (GS) (Chair), Cllr P Roundell (PR) , Cllr A Keys (AK) (Vice Chair), and Cllr Mitchell-Cobb (TM-C)

Absent: Cllr Galley (ESCC) and Cllr S Crammond (SC)

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

1. Apologies for absence

To **RECEIVE** any apologies.

- Cllr Crammond tendered his apologies and reasons for absence accepted. Cllr R Galley (ESCC) also tendered his apologies.

2. Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations

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

- Cllr GS declared an interest in planning application WD/2026/0469
- Cllr PR previously declared interests are no longer applicable.

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.

- Nothing to report

4. District and County Councillors' reports

- **District Report received and is appendix to these minutes.** Scrutiny and Performance meeting – D Hinton of SE water coming in to discuss.
- Cllr PR – Cllr CC - a lot of evidence gathering don't have exceptional circumstances that can be challenged in Wealden. Cllr PR – a lot of criticism that WDC are not fighting enough with MHCLG and Steve Reed. Cllr CC feels WDC are fighting.
- Put bid in now for Wealden grant (CLIF). **Clerk to investigate.**

5. Full Council meeting minutes: 21st January 2026

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

- Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

- Castle Water – correct meter has been read photo was taken and no additional bill was necessary.

7. Clerks Report

- EDF – pavilion having new meter installed in April as the old one is now out of date
- Internal year end audit being held on 21st April

8. Correspondence

To note/discuss correspondence received.

- Nothing to note

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

WD/2026/0469/PIP

PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING A MINIMUM OF 7 AND A MAXIMUM OF 9 DWELLINGS LAND AT HOLLY GAP FARM, STATION ROAD, ISFIELD, TN22 5EU Parish: Isfield Grid Reference: 545048 117380

- Chair put to council if they have any views.
- PR what types of houses in 7-9 are being proposed. Plans do not state
- MOP's – unable to build due to covenant on their land. Due to linear development this will affect headlights shining into their home. A cluster development proposal would have been more beneficial.
- Impact on rural landscape as it is being pushed further into the land. Popular walking route but new development will block the site view.
- Worried about another application coming in off the back of this planning approved.
- GS – not voting on this as applicant is known to Cllr GS.
- AK – concern when looked at the plan.
- No vote required as not an actual planning application but IPC will make the following comments;
- **Question linear nature of the development**
- **Amount of screening likely needed to be required on western and northern boundaries**
- **Aware the numbers in proposal have fluctuated substantially and would be extremely concerned if the numbers would creep up again.**

- To **RATIFY** the following applications

None

- To note the following **WDC decisions**

DAVEM, STATION ROAD, ISFIELD, TN22 5XG

Application No. WD/2025/2852/F PROPOSED DORMER EXTENSION

APPROVED

BOATHOUSE FARM, LEWES ROAD, ISFIELD, TN22 5TY

Application No. WD/2025/0287/F & WD/2025/0286/LB CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN TO DWELLING, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BARN, ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN.

REFUSED

10. Wealden District Council - Local Plan Consultation

To discuss IPC's response and to delegate the Clerk to write to WDC confirming previous considerations/comments are carried forward to any current/future Local Plan consultations.

- GS presented to Council IPC's response and the deadline for comments is the 30th March.
- Cllr GS commented regarding the second part of the above agenda item. Cllr GS read out Little Horsted's response from Chris Bendings email address and stated a small difference to the response received to IPC. Cllr GS asked Cllr CC (WDC) to get clarification from Chris Bending and to report back to Cllr GS.
- Cllr GS proposed to sign Fletching's email to WDC re Ashdown Retail Park and Owlsbury, seconded by Cllr TM-C. Agreed – clerk to respond.

11. Expenditure

- To ratify February expenditure as itemised on the schedule – **Duly ratified**
- To approve March expenditure as itemised on the schedule – **Unanimously approved**

12. Bank reconciliation

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

- Unanimously approved

13. Year to Date Accounts

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

- Duly noted

14. Grant Application

To **CONSIDER** grant application for Wealden Citizens Advice for £200.

- Had funding cut from central government – Cllr AK proposed – seconded by Cllr TM-C – approved. **Clerk to action.**

15. Playing Field Hire Fees

To **RESOLVE** to approve hire fee increase for 2026 (10% for Cricket and Stoolball and 5% Football).

- Duly Resolved.

16. Playing Field Outdoor Gym

To **RECEIVE** as above from Cllr Keys

- Clerk to investigate with other local clerks who they have used. In order to apply for a CLIF grant – need 3 different quotes.

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.

- Agreed to remove – WIG have no further details. **Clerk to action.**

18. The Pound

To **DISCUSS** ownership and maintenance

- Speak to highways and ask if they are the owners as on the verge. **Clerk to action.**

19. Update: Recreation Land Registration

To receive the above from the Clerk

- No land registry update

20. Update: EV Charge Points

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

21. Reports from Council representatives

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

Cllr AK – complaint from stoolball club – leakage into the pavilion at each end water egress has occurred. Leaves need clearing from the roof. Plasterer has been approached and viewed and will have further investigation. Leaves will be cleared and put in new ceiling boards and washing the ceiling. Also, needs to establish if any of the roof timbers have rotted. Cant put a cost on it, but believes cost would be in the £00's. If significant roof work then that would be a different contractor. Can there be an approval in principle. Cllr GS advised that once a number has been quoted to circulate for approval. Duly agreed and noted.

Maresfield under 10's training in Easter hols – current team using PF will no longer play next season. Also been approached by AFC Uckfield for junior football to be permanently played at the ground. Offering to do refurbishment and internal painting. Agreed in principle but need further details from them on what league details etc etc.

22. Notification of meeting/Suggested items for next agenda

To **NOTE** any suggested items for the next meeting, plus to discuss if any speakers to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and promotion.

- Nothing to report.

Meeting closed: 20.37

Date of next meeting: 20th May 2026 - Annual Parish Meeting 19:00 followed by Annual Statutory & Full Council – 19:30