

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Ibberton Parish Council on 17th January 2024

A meeting of Ibberton Parish Council was held in the village hall on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Clive Carsley (CC), Rob Simpson (RS), Andy Old (AO), Gina Chamberlain (GC) and Michael Fraser (MF);
Parish Clerk: S Hopkins (SH)
Public: Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB)

462. To note any apologies for absence: None

463. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th December 2023: The minutes of the Meeting were approved.

464. Matters arising/action points from previous minutes: The parish council notice board has been inspected and deemed safe at the moment. It was agreed that further support work should be undertaken later in the year.

465. Finance matters:

i) payments for approval: The following payments were approved:

Approved Payment method	Payee	Purpose	Amount
Direct Debit	Chess website	Dark web monitor Dec - Jan	£23.98
DD	ICO	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
BACS	I,B &W village hall	Hire	£6.00

ii) to agree and approve 2024-25 budget and precept: A draft budget and Precept had been prepared and circulated by SH. It was agreed to add an additional £200 to the budget and the precept to allow for the installation of 3 grit bins in the parish before next winter. A budget and precept of £1200 was approved. For a Band D property, the annual Precept will rise from £17.45 to £20.58, a rise of about 6 pence a week.

466. Highways and rights-of-way – to consider any issues: There was a discussion about the large pot hole on the road between Belchalwell and Okeford Fitzpaine, and concern was raised at the lack of warning signs. SH to email the Dorset Highways Officer. SH also to post another note in the village newsletter urging everyone in the parish to log potholes and other road issues on the Dorset self service website.

The parish council would like to extend a special thank you to Richard Courage for the new gate and stile in the field next to the Ibberton Hill picnic area.

A concern was raised about the safety of some of the trees overhanging Back Hollow. It was agreed that this should be added as an agenda item for the next parish council meeting.

467. Report from Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone: PB confirmed that Dorset Council (this excludes the police commissioner and the local parish) will raise their part of the council tax by just below 5% for the 2024-25 tax year.

PB is about to organise a meeting between the local parishes and the neighbourhood police inspector, following a briefing session with David Sidwick (Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset). The parish council agreed that they would like a closer connection with the police, and also to offer any help to local residents who might need to contact the police. SH to post a note in the village newsletter.

468. Correspondence:

i) Letter from Bruno Peek regarding D-DAY80, received 5th January 2024 – A letter updating the Parish Council on the upcoming D-DAY80 celebrations. It was agreed that this should be added as an agenda item for the next parish council meeting.

ii) Email from IBV Village Hall, received 16th January 2024 – An email updating the Ibberton Parish Council on the availability of the new King's image, and a request for the council to apply for the photo on behalf of the village hall. It was agreed that the council will apply for the image, and it will be mounted by and hung in the village hall. SH to apply for the image when available.

469. Future meetings: Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm

461. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.