

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Ibberton Parish Council on 4th September 2023

A meeting of Ibberton Parish Council was held in the village hall on Monday 4th September at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Clive Carsley (CC), Rob Simpson (RS), Andy Old (AO), and Michael Fraser (MF);
Parish Clerk: S Hopkins (SH)
Public: 1; and Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB), and former clerk Malcom Wilson

435. To note any apologies for absence: None

436. To note any declarations of interest: None declared

437. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 23rd May 2023: The minutes of the Meeting were approved.

438. Matters arising/action points from previous minutes: None

439. To confirm the appointment of Sofie Hopkins as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer: The appointment was confirmed

440. To approve financial training and attendance at the Dorset SLCC Clerk's Conference for the Parish clerk: The training and attendance was approved

441. To consider possible candidates for co-option to the parish council: Following the lack of applicants to the posted vacancy, a discussion was held on potentially interested parties. It was agreed that the councillors should speak to any such possible candidates, and invite them to the next Council Meeting for voting by the council. It was noted that a more balanced gender equality of the council is desired.

442. Finance matters:

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

Cheque	Payee	Purpose	Amount
190	I,B &W village hall	Hire	£9.00
191	M Wilson	Remuneration	£40

ii) to agree signatories for new bank mandate: New signatories agreed as SH and CC. AO is already a signatory. It was agreed that three signatories should be sufficient. SH to check what, if anything, needs to be approved for payments to be made via BACS rather than with cheque.

443. Planning – to consider any applications received: P/TRC/2023/04629 Tree works application from Ibberton Hill House - Application noted, no comments from the council.

444. Highways and rights-of-way – to consider any issues: Gratitude was extended to AO and his father for clearing up around the village noticeboard. There is a dead tree in the hedge behind it which overhangs the area. MF to email land owners to notify them, and request for it to be removed.

It was noted by PB that Ibberton has the worst roads in North Dorset; in particular the road surface of Back Hollow and the potholes on the lane leading to Leigh from the village hall were discussed. SH to post a notice in the village news letter to urge the community to log any incidents/accidents with the Parish Clerk. SH also to invite the Dorset Highways Officer for a meeting with the councillors and PB during working hours to discuss the situation. PB also urged everyone to report potholes and other road damage to Dorset Council via the Dorset For You web site.

445. Report from Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone: Due to holiday times, there were no issues concerning Ibberton except for the Highways issues of point 444. PB will include SH on any future communication regarding Highways. It was also noted that PB is working on promoting tourism in the North Dorset area, and a new database is being set up of places to visit.

446. Correspondence: None

447. Future meetings: Monday 4th December at 7.30pm.

448. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

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