

Ironville Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at the Community Centre, Victoria
Street on Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors T Bowler; N. Farthing; E Holgate (Chair); Y Hutsby-Bird; J. Payne and P Rose.

Apologies: Councillor B. Gill

Absent: Councillor D Jeffrey

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
 One member of the public

FC/0124/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Gill (religious festival)

FC/0124/02 Variation of Order of Business

None

FC/0124/03 Exclusion of the press and public

None

FC/0124/04 Declaration of Members Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

FC/0124/05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Chair invited the two candidates to introduce themselves and say why they wished to join the Council, it was **Resolved**: to co-opt Jenna Payne and Nicola Farthing as parish councillors with immediate effect.

FC/0124/06 Public Speaking

Resident

- Newsletter will be issued early March and items for inclusion to be received by 28/2/24.
- The ICP Association met earlier and agreed plans for recruiting trustees and applying for grants once Charity Commission details are updated.

DCC Councillor Rose

Advised the Council:

- He attended the ICP meeting and positive plans are being put in place.
- Devolution has been approved and a combined Mayor and Police Commissioner will be elected next May.

FC/0124/07 Futures Housing

- a) Report from Neighbourhood Officer – none and apologies sent (on leave).
- b) Matters relating to Future's properties – two issues discussed and awaiting action by Futures.

FC/0124/08 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

Agreed: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 November 2023 were a correct record under the provisions for approval and were signed by the Chair.

FC/0124/09 Financial Matters

- a) Payments – the Council reviewed and approved the payments listed in schedule 1.
- b) Income – the Council noted the income received.
- c) Bank Reconciliation – noted and signed by the Chairman.

FC/0124/10 Annual Budget Setting

- a) 2024/25 Outturn - the Council reviewed the forecast outturn for 2023/2024 noting an income deficit of £583 and expenditure underspend of £2,414.
- b) 2024/25 Budget - the Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2024/25 and **Resolved**: to adopt budget:as in table:

Signed:

Dated: 18/3/2024

Budget Stream	Budgeted	£ Increase/Decrease	% Increase/Decrease
Income	36, 064.00	1,970	5.77%
Expenditure	45, 771.00	5,593	14%

- c) Precept 2024/25 – the Council reviewed the options and **Resolved:** to request a precept of £33,283 which equates to a 5% increase resulting in £75.13 per annum (for Band D households).

FC/0124/11 Planning Applications

None

FC/0124/12 Biodiversity

The Council reviewed the options report and **Resolved:** to meet the statutory requirement by developing a diversity policy for Ironville that includes the following actions:

- note what action is already taking place in Ironville to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- continue to support Friends of Cromford Canal
- address biodiversity concerns when commenting on planning applications.
- engage with local voluntary groups (Forge Group; Cromford Canal & Codnor Park Reservoir Group) and encourage them to apply for grants.
- obtain costs of bird and bat boxes and consider engaging with the after school and youth clubs to locate them throughout the village.
- write a wildlife article for newsletter and Council website advising what planting & maintenance could be done in gardens over 6 months.

FC/0124/13 Village Matters

a) Christmas 2023

The Council reviewed the arrangements and **Resolved:** to:

- make a formal complaint to City Illuminations
- seek and meet alternative suppliers for 2024/25.

b) Highways and Footpaths

The Council discussed the issues regarding condition of local roads and footpaths and **Resolved:** to:

- Request a meeting with DCC highways to discuss.
 - possibility of moving the zebra crossings on Cinderbank with a view to improving safety and addressing the ongoing parking problems around the school and nursery.
 - Problems caused by the micro asphalt laid on Market/Queen Street in September 2023
- To collate a list of roads (excluding A or B roads) in poor condition and refer these to DCC for action.

c) Allotments

The Clerk advised that action to create c2 new plots would be undertaken by the warden early Spring.

d) D-Day Event

The Council **Resolved:** to a) set up a working group of Councillors Bowler; Farthing; Payne and Hutsby-Bird to plan how to commemorate b) to allocate a budget of £350 to the group.

FC/0124/14 Correspondence & Consultations

- a) The Council noted the December 2023 and January 2024 Dalc circulars.
- b) General & Resident Correspondence - the Council noted contents.
- c) Report of the Clerk – noted actions, particularly the new opportunity to transfer to Unity Bank and that Councillors Holgate and Rose planned the first drop-in Councillor Surgery to take place early in April (on a Thursday 6-7pm) which will be promoted in the next newsletter.

FC/0124/15 Next Council Meeting

- a) Next agenda items to include –additional grit bin.
- b) The Council **Resolved:** the next meeting to be held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 7pm.
- c) The Council **Resolved:** to agree list of Council meetings for 2024/2025

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The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Schedule 1: Description	Payments Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Environment	Derwent Waste	268.62	53.72	322.34
Christmas	LITE	175.00	35.00	210.00
Expenses	Employee	17.90		17.90
Salary	Employee	453.80		453.80
Supplies	Employee	11.97		11.97
Environment	Kingfisher Direct	155.75	31.15	186.90
Christmas	City Illuminations	5,950.00	1,190.00	7,140.00
Environment	RBL	90.00		90.00
S137	ICP Community Association	500.00		500.00
Salary	John Watson	1,025.40		1,025.40
Environment	Derwent Waste	128.75	25.75	154.50
Salary	Employee	703.85		703.85
Christmas Electricity	Npower	436.60	21.83	458.43
Training	SLCC	30.00	6.00	36.00
Postage	Royal Mail	1.25		1.25
Expenses	Employee	13.50		13.50
Stationary	Amazon EU sari	4.00		4.00
Subscriptions	Adobe	25.00		25.00
Subscriptions	HP I*ink Subscription	13.00		13.00
Salary	Employee	1,515.61		1,515.61
Subscriptions	Scribe	345.60	69.12	414.72
	Total	11,865.60	1,432.57	13,298.17

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October 2023
Description

		Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Expenses	Bacs	Employee		20.21		20.21
Salary	Bacs	Employee		453.80		453.80
Expenses	Bacs	Employee		29.48		29.48
IT	Bacs	Adobe		14.98		14.98
Warden Supplies	Bacs	John Watson		5.94		5.94
Printer Ink	Bacs	Kath Gruber		9.74		9.74
Stationary	Bacs	Kath Gruber		4.00		4.00
PAYE	Direct Debit	HMRC		545.13		545.13
Salary	Bacs	Employee		1,200.85		1,200.85
		Total		2,284.13		2,284.13

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