

IRCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at the Village Hall, School Road at 7.15p.m.

Members Present:
A Hurley – In the Chair

		Councillors			
P Armstrong	A Howden	M May	S East	P Smith	G Brotherston
		I Macdonald		B Leeson	

The meeting started at 7.15pm. There were 2 members of the public present

The Chair introduced the new Clerk Stef Williams and councillor introductions were made.

Apologies - J Dunkley & K Watts accepted

Apologies received – Cllr JP Carr & D Schroll

24/40 Notification of Any Interests

None declared

24/41 Public Questions, Police Report and NNC Update

Public – No questions raised

Police – Report sent to councillors

NNC Update – Leaders report sent to councillors.

24/42 Minutes

RESOLVED - The minutes from 28th August 2024 meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

24/43 Financial Matters

- a) Payments – RESOLVED: That the payments for £5800.44 for September 2024 were approved. Directs Debit payments pending Yu Energy, HMRC & Hugo Fox

<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
Niall Moreton	BACS0901	275.00	OSA06	Paint rec metal fence
PDBF Glebe	BACS0902	342.00	OSA06	Allotment Rent
M Geyton	BACS0904	50.00	LGP53s4	Bus shelter clean
N Daft	BACS0905	1,322.18	LGA72s111/2	Salary & Exps
Stephanie Williams	BACS0906	741.36	LGA72s111/2	Salary & Expenses
RBL Poppy	BACS0907	40.00	LGA137s137	RBL Poppy
Mowerman	BACS0903	3,029.90	OSA06S14LitterL	Grass
Total Payments		5,800.44		

- b) The Current financial statement after the payments, but not including the DD's, being £243,450.51
c) RESOLVED that Cllrs P Armstrong & J Carr to authorise the bacs payments for September 2024.
d) Discussion took place regarding applying for a multipay card from Unity Trust bank which could be used in order to purchase items from companies requiring payment up front.
e) The quarterly budget was noted.

24/44 Recreation Grounds

- Discussion took place regarding the ground and the key holders of the gate. It was suggested purchasing a restricted lock which had proved to be quite expensive. Other suggestions being a chain and combination lock or a key safe. RESOLVED to purchase a chain and combination lock. *Action Contracts*
- RESOLVED to accept the quotation for the tree survey to be carried out in October. *Action Contracts*
- Discussion took place regarding a tribute to the late Cllr Maguire. Wording had been received from the Sports Association and several suggestions for a trophy cup were sent to councillors. RESOLVED to purchase the silver cup. *Action Clerk*
- It was stated that the annual play inspection by Wicksteed had been delayed and would be carried out asap. The cradle swing had been ordered however it would need to be fitted.
- Discussion took place regarding the anti social behaviour on the recreation ground and how it could be prevented. One suggestion was to look into obtaining a bye law. *Action Clerk*

24/45 Highways

- a) Discussion took place regarding the damage to the bus shelter in Wollaston Road. It was RESOLVED to replace the Perspex panel with hardboard. *Action Contracts*
- b) Discussion took place regarding a memorial seat donated by the residents for the late Cllr Maguire. The family had been contacted and were happy for a seat to be purchased. Once the seat was ordered the pc would need to decide on its location *Action Clerk*
- c) Discussion took place regarding the VAS signs and the problems being received with one of the units. It was agreed, that if required an engineer be asked to visit site to try and resolve the issues *Action Clerk*

24/46 Cemetery/War Memorial

- The memorial testing had been booked for 10th October once the cutting season has finished. *Action Cem Off*
- Discussion took place regarding access from private property onto the cemetery. It was noted that as the resident owned the brick building attached to his property this access would be monitored *Action Clerk/Cem*
- An update re the Remembrance Day Service was given to councillors. It was noted that signs would need to be purchased notifying the event. Once wording and dimensions were received the Clerk was given delegated powers to order them to a value of £60 *Action Clerk*
- It was agreed that the WI could decorate the war memorials for the Remembrance Day services. *Action Clerk*

24/47 Planning

NW/24/00431/FUL Proposal: Double dropped kerb for vehicular access to property and creation of hardstanding to front of property. Location: 31 London Road Little Irchester- No comments

NW/24/00331/FUL Proposal Partial change of use Class 3 to dog grooming salon – updated plans 10 School Hill Irchester – no comments

Cllr A Hurley declared a personal interest in the following planning application

Cllr East left the meeting

NW/24/00470/FUL – Conversion of stable, addition of first floor & single storey extension – 15 Thrift Street, Irchester – Objections were raised regarding the private road access and no vehicle turning and that the building structure goes against Policy 3 – Landscape Character, Policy 8 – Place Shaping Principles and Policy 9 - Sustainable Buildings of the Joint Core Strategy

Cllr East Returned to the meeting

24/48 Correspondence

None received

24/49 Exclusive to Public and Press

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting for the item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

24/50 Austin Close

No further information has been received even though a progress report has been requested.

24/51 Sports Association Lease

A meeting had taken place with the Chair of the SA and it was agreed that the Council would provide a new lease and take direction for the Councils solicitor.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chair

These minutes are draft until agreed at the next full council meeting