

ISLIP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th September 2024, at 7.30 pm held at Islip Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Dennis Price (Chairman), Sophie Miller, Anneka Streule Nicola Richardson and Rebecca Welsford (Co-opted).

OTHER COUNCILLORS: District Councillor: Gemma Coton

OFFICERS PRESENT: Clerk to the Council: Emma Kearney

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Public: 1

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors: Nathan Wiles.
County Councillor: Calum Miller.

041/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None

042/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept as a true record the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024.

This was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Miller.

043/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

044/24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM

An update was received from the councillors present.

045/24 CO OPTION

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to co-opt Rebecca Welsford to the parish council.

This was proposed by Cllr Streule and seconded by Cllr Miller.

Cllr Welsford signed the acceptance of office form and completed the register of members interest form.

The parish council extends a warm welcome to Cllr Welsford as its newest member.

046/24 PLANNING

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to respond to the government consultation on National Planning Policy Framework changes affecting Green Belt and **OBJECT** to

1. The New Standard Method For Calculating Housing Need.
2. Classification of 'Grey Belt'.
3. The Inclusion of "Commercial And Other Developments" in land released from the Green Belt.
4. The Role of Local Nature Recovery Strategies

This was proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Price.

047/24 FOOTBALL ON THE PLAYING FIELD

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to grant Dr. South's school request to use the playing field for football, with two pitches to be marked out for this purpose.

This was proposed by Cllr Streule and seconded by Cllr Miller

It was **NOTED** that due to their popularity, the existing goals would remain in their current location. It was further **NOTED** that the school would provide their insurance details and a risk assessment before commencing.

048/24 WINTER PREPAREDNESS 2024/25

The council considered the winter salt supply needs. It was **NOTED** that there was adequate salt provision in the village.

049/24 TO NOTE ITEMS APPROVED VIA EMAIL

It was **NOTED** that due to the timing of meetings, the council was required to agree on certain matters via email, specifically:

1. B4027 WHEATLEY ROAD (ISLIP) PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURE

It was **NOTED** that a consultation on traffic calming measures for B4027 Wheatley Road concluded on 9th August. Councillors liaised via email and **RESOLVED** by majority vote to object to the proposed single hump due to:

1. Insufficient traffic calming effect for the road's layout and conditions
 - Safety concerns, including:
 - i. Limited visibility due to a bend and adjacent woodland.
 - ii. Vulnerability of pedestrians on the Oxfordshire Way.
 - iii. High traffic volume (approximately 28,000 vehicles per week).
 - Speedwatch data indicating frequent speeding above the 20mph limit.
2. Previous success of two sets of cushion humps during traffic light trials.

This was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Richardson.

Cllr Price represented Islip Parish Council at the County Council's public decisions meeting, presenting these objections. Despite this representation, the single hump proposal was approved.

At the September parish council meeting, the outcome was discussed and it was **AGREED** to send a letter to Cherwell District Council's land drainage representative, highlighting:

- i. Potential increased risk of accidents due to sudden braking
- ii. Concerns about exacerbating flooding on Collice Street
- iii. Request for investigation before road works commence.

Due to urgency, Cllr Miller would draft the letter and circulate to the council for approval. The letter reiterated the parish council's preference for cushion humps as a safer and less flood-prone alternative.

2. REQUEST TO USE THE SWAN INN CAR PARK

The council has **RESOLVED** by majority vote to grant the request to use one (top corner) of the car park, approximately 8m x 5m to place the unwanted stone/rubble. To be cordoned off by metal barriers and the contractors sign board, the pile to be disposed of every few days by a dumper grab truck for the duration of the works, approximately 10 weeks.

This was proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Richardson.

3. SSE'S REQUEST FOR TREE/HEDGE CUTTING NEAR POWER LINES IN MILLENNIUM WOODS.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission to Scottish & Southern Electric (SSE) to proceed with routine tree and hedge cutting works around the overhead power lines in the Millennium Woods. The works aim to maintain minimum safety clearances.

This was proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Price.

050/24 KINGS HEAD LANE CLOSURE

It was **NOTED** that the council discussed the Kings Head Lane closure, including increased traffic impact, wall repair timeline, flood risk management, and updates from local authorities. It was further **NOTED** that the recent flooding incident has been raised with Oxfordshire County Council Highways authority and has been flagged as a potential for a diversion.

051/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Income

12/7/2024	EWR Co Ltd	Contract Fee	£1150.00
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