

IGHTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full council meeting held on the 11th March 2024 at Calverhall Village Hall

Present: Councillors M Astley (Chair), H Hitchman, Cllr D Price
Unitary Councillor: Cllr. P Wynn
Clerk: James Howard
Meeting Started 19:30

1 Chairman's Welcome, Announcements and Public Session

The Chair welcomed all in attendance. No members of the public attended.

2 Present, apologies or absent

Cllrs Rich, Procter, Roberts and Heywood-Lonsdale sent their apologies.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests or requests for Dispensations

None declared.

4 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024

The minutes were approved and the following updates discussed.

It was decided that Corra Place issues were not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

5 Reports: Unitary Councillor, Councillors & Clerk

Cllr Wynn explained that the County Council needed to make savings of £65M for next year. Two of the four recycling centres will close though not decided which yet. Green bins will be charged at 50p per week. On planning issues, he stated that the application to widen a gateway will be called in. The boundaries will change with Ightfield and Calverhall moving from Prees ward to Whitchurch Rural ward in 13 months time. This will not affect the Parish Council. He also stated that he himself will be changing wards.

The Clerk presented two items of mail received. Neither required attention.

6 Parish Matters - An opportunity for Councillors to report urgent items requiring attention.

a) Playground reports – Ightfield and Calverhall.

Calverhall - The Council will budget for a new gate in 2025/26. No other issues reported.

Ightfield – The playground is reported as having no problems. The quote for clearing up the parking area was accepted.

b) Bookshelf in the Ightfield Telephone box.

A notice will be issued winding down the presence of this bookshelf and suggesting Calverhall as an alternative.

7 Highway/Environmental Health

Matters to report and update on items previously reported (to include drainage issues if any).

A pothole opposite Pool House on Bletchley Road and an ongoing issue on Burleydam Road just outside Ightfield require repairs. Clerk to report.

8. Planning (to include all received since the last meeting)

Applications:

Reference: 24/00215/FUL (validated: 19/01/2024)

Address: Cloverley Lodge, Calverhall, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4PH

Proposal: Works to take down a damaged gate pier and rebuild it (including repairs) 0.75m wider

Applicant: Mrs Nichola Peers (Whitegates Farm, Moreton Wood, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4PH)

Cllr Wynn is dealing with this issue.

9 Finance

a) Balance reconciliation & cash book for information

The councillors had all received an up to date copy of the years accounts. It was stated that bank statements should also be produced for future meetings.

b) Payment/Invoices – *to include payment of invoices received post agenda*

No new invoices had been received. Payment to the Village Hall was pre-approved pending an Invoice. A VAT claim was requested and Clerk to complete.

C Agree distribution of grants for the new financial year.

The following grants were approved and are to be paid in this financial year.

Calverhall in Bloom £300

Village Hall £500

Maurice Chandler £100

Shropshire Wheelers £250

Regular payments to be dealt with by email between meetings.

d) To agree on an auditor for the forthcoming year end internal audit.

The suggested auditor may not be available. Clerk to seek an alternative and seek approval from the Chair.

Finances reported.

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	VAT
No new invoices.			

Account	Money in	Reason	Current balance
Savings			£1524.04
Current			£5913.21

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- 10 Items for Next Agenda** – to enable Councillors to bring forward items for the May agenda.
None as yet. Upcoming items to be reported when known.

- 11 Date of next meeting**

Monday 13th May 2024