**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**on Wednesday, 12 July 2023, at 7.30pm at The Orangery, Ingestre**

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr M Sindrey (Chairman), Dr Tric Parrott, Mrs Jane Tinniswood and Mr Keith Palmer representing Tixall. Mrs Sue Haenelt and Mr D Lees representing Ingestre.

**59/23 Apologies:** No apologies were received.

**60/23 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

2 members of the Public attended:

**a.** Helen Royall – Project Manager, Shugborough attended and provided a brief update regarding the latest proposals for Shugborough currently being consulted on. The Cllrs raised the following questions:

**1.** Will existing entrance still be accessible by pedestrians and cyclists?

Yes, and in addition new paths will also be opened up. No intentions to restrict access however, will close Essex Gate, due to anti-social behaviour.

**2.** When will works commence?

Start is anticipated in Spring 2024.

**3.** Will the deer in the park be affected?

No, the deer in the park are actively managed by Cannock Chase.

**4.** Is any work due to be carried out on the Lodges?

No. these will close during the proposed works, but will re-open as holiday lodges, once the works are complete.

**5.** Will you increase disabled access to the Mansion House?

Yes, we are planning to increase transport availability for visitors.

Chairman thanked Helen for her attendance and update.

Judy Eccleshall, Ingestre resident also attended.

Chairman closed the Public session at 7.45pm.

**61/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**a.** Previously declared interest in HS2, by all Cllrs, was noted.

**b.** Cllr Dr Parrott declared an interest in Minute Ref 68/23a below.

No other declarations of interest were declared.

**62/23 MINUTES APPROVED**

**a.** Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10 May 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**b.** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**63/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Chairman proposed to move this item forward, all Cllrs approved.

**a.** Cllr Mrs Haenelt proposed eligible resident Judy Eccleshall be co-opted onto the Council representing Ingestre. All Cllrs confirmed their agreement and Judy was formally welcomed onto the Parish Council. Clerk will arrange the completion of the Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Interest forms. Judy agreed to create a dedicated Parish Council email address.

**Action – Clerk and Judy Eccleshall**

**At 7.50pm 2 further members of the public joined the meeting.**

**64/23 MATTERS TO BE UPDATED from previous meeting**

**a. 45/23 Rights of Way** – Cllr Lees provided the following update to the Council: meeting has not yet taken place with Cllr Francis; latest email response from SCC’s Legal representative Hannah Titchener, dated 9.6.2023, has been provided to Ingestre golf club, Sandwell MBC and Ingestre resident. Only response to this email, to date, has been from Ingestre resident. Cllr Lees advised that, it was his view that the Parish Council cannot take any further action until the Order has been made by SCC, at which point an Appeal can be lodged and therefore, requested Ingestre resident provide his own comments to the Parish Council for consideration.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting and re-opened the Public Session at 7.55pm.

Resident advised he was unhappy with response received from Hannah Titchener and believes that the detailed information that he provided to SCC, along with that of the Parish Council, was not considered by the CROW Panel. Resident wishes to proceed with meeting with Cllr Francis and would also like SCC’s Senior Solicitor to attend, as he believes the process being followed by SCC is flawed and sees no reason why it should continue to be followed. Cllr Sindrey advised that there is nothing else the Parish Council can do at this stage, which the resident accepted, however, it was resolved that Cllr Lees will continue to pursue the meeting with Cllr Francis. Resident advised he will be writing to Cllr Francis, which he hopes will encourage him to attend a meeting.

**Action – Cllr Lees and resident.**

**b.** Resident raised matter of maintenance of verges along Ingestre Park Road, he enquired who owns the land on which the new part of the golf club is situated and who is responsible for the maintenance of the strip of land between the new golf club fence line and the road?

This was discussed and the Chairman advised that the land on the southside was owned by Peter Southall, who does not live in the Parish, however, it is not clear if this land has been conveyed to the golf club. On the northside, this land was owned by Andrew Collier and temporarily purchased by HS2, however, it is also unclear if this has been conveyed to the golf club. It was noted that responsibility for maintenance and ownership remains unclear and the Parish Council is in discussion with SCC to see if this can be resolved. No further actions were agreed at this stage. Matter is ongoing.

Chairman thanked resident for his attendance and closed the Public session at 8.15pm

**b. 51/23a Planning Application 23/37151/HOU** – see Minute Ref 68/23a below

**c. 51/23b Proposed Tixall Solar Farm** – comments approved at May Parish Council meeting were submitted to Project Management Consultants, no response received.

**d. 54/23b Parish Cllr email addresses** – Clerk thanked all Cllrs for their prompt response in creating dedicated Parish Council email addresses.

**65/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**a.** Cllr Francis did not attend.

**66/23 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**a.** Cllr Mrs Beatty did not attend, Cllr Karine Aspin attended in her place. Cllr Ms Aspin provided information the following:

* Rural Grants available to local business and Parish Council. Clerk informed Council that any grant application would need 20% match funding, which it was resolved made any application to this fund unaffordable.
* Consultation on DRAFT sex establishment policy. Clerk reminded Cllrs that this had previously been shared with them, included in the Parish Newsheet and added to the Parish website.
* Appeal for SERCO Application has been completed, not upheld and no further action will be taken by SBC, due to receipt of legal advice that any further action is very likely to fail and will be very costly. SBC will now focus on ensuring residents and community are kept safe

**67/23 PLANNING MATTERS**

To note decisions made between meetings in respect of the following Planning Applications:

**a. 223/37431/LBC – Ingestre Orangery and Gardens, Ingestre Road, Ingestre.** Proposed Conservation repair and maintenance for the Bothie, Apple Store at Ingestre Orangery. Repairs to roof walls where necessary and the doors, windows. Cast iron gutter will be required to the North elevation and the Lead valley will be repaired where necessary in Lead Code. conservation works will include: removal of all vegetation, repair roof using like for like timber and Staffordshire blue tiles to match. Existing tiles, found on site, will be used, will repoint and replace missing bricks with like for like using NHL, will replace corrugated sheeting to openings with timber doors and windows joinery to match.

No comments or objections received; SBC Planning Authority were advised on 7.6.2023.

**b. 23/37502/LBC – New Stables, Ingestre Road, Ingestre.** Proposed openings to access the rear of the property and land. No comments or objections received: SBC Planning Authority were advised on 28.6.2023.

**New Planning Applications received:**

**c. 23/37598/FUL – New Stables, Ingestre Road, Ingestre.** Proposed machine shed and workshop for the storage of garden and maintenance machinery and repairs. Application was reviewed by Cllr Mrs Haenelt and it was resolved this would be discussed with Applicant and comments provided to Clerk by no later than 14 July, for submission to SBC Planning authority. Cllr Lees advised he had no comments or objections.

**Action – Clerk and Cllr Mrs Haenelt**

**d. 23/37621/FUL – Installation of a 49.5MW Solar Energy Scheme on Land North of Lower Hanyards Farm, Hanyards Lane, Tixall.** Application will consist of non-reflective photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and associated infrastructure including sub-station, containers for transformers & inverters, CCTV, access tracks, landscape & ecological enhancements and means of access**.**

After discussion, it was resolved to convene an extra ordinary meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, 19 July 2023. Notices to be displayed in Parish Notice Boards and added to Parish website.

**Action – Clerk and Cllrs Sindrey and Lees**

**e. 23/37385/FUL – at Land adjacent Park Farm, Trent Walk, Tixall.** Proposed development of construction of one bat barn, earthworks for creation of one bund and the formation of a new internal vehicle access. Application was considered and no comments or objections were made. Clerk to advise SBC Planning Authority accordingly.

**Action – Clerk**

**f. 23/37674/LDC – Ingestre Manor Lodge, Ingestre Park Road, Ingestre.** Lawful Development Certificate Existing – residential dwelling occupied by a family not connected with agriculture or forestry. Application was discussed and Cllrs raised their concerns and queried how the building has been allowed to be occupied as a residential dwelling for so long, with no connection to agricultural or forestry. Cllrs see this as a removal of agricultural status and a method of obtaining planning permission via an easier route. It was resolved to submit comments based on challenging the application, Clerk to prepare comments for submission for Cllrs approval. Cllrs felt that should this application be approved, then it may lead to further similar applications in the future.

**Action - Clerk**

**68/23 CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk provided an update on the following matters:

**a. Planning Application 23/37151/HOU – Woodland Grange, Holdiford Rd, Tixall.** Matter is still being investigated by the SBC Environmental Health team and it is understood that parties involved are trying to address the issue privately by engaging solicitors in an effort to repair and replace the septic tank and associated system.

**b. Maintenance of grass verge along Ingestre Park Rd.** Matter has been raised with SCC, who have advised that whilst HS2 retain temporary ownership they are responsible for maintenance, however, once HS2 are no longer in possession of the land then ownership reverts to previous owners, along with maintenance responsibilities. It was noted that this could cause future difficulties and it was resolved to raise matter with Victoria Roberts – Snr Community Engagement Manager at a future meeting – see Minute Ref 72/23a below.

**c. Bank signatories for Cllrs –** matter is ongoing.

**d.** **AGAR 2022/23** – all documentation was sent to external auditors, Mazars, on 17.5.2023. Period of Public Rights finishes on 21.7.2023.

**e. Electoral Review by Boundary Commission.** Recommendation is that Parishes within the Milwich Ward to become part of the Constituency of Stone and Great Wyrley. This was noted.

**69/23 FINANCE**

**a.** The following payments were noted:

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| **Paid to:** | **Details:** | **Net Amount** | **VAT** | **Total Paid** |
| HP Instant Ink | Monthly printing contract: 16.4.23 – 15.5.23 and 16.5.23 – 15.6.23. Direct Debit payments | £3.74 £3.74 | £0.75 £0.75 | £4.49 £4.49 |
| The Range | Stationery | £4.82 | £0.96 | £5.78 |

**b.** Accounts outlined below were approved for payment:

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| **Paid to:** | **Details:** | **Net Amount** | **VAT** | **Total Paid** |
| Clerks’ salary & expenses | Period covered: 1 May – 30 June 2023 | £460.97 | Nil | £460.97 |
| HMRC | PAYE for the period 6.5.23 – 5.7.23 | £112.00 | Nil | £112.00 |
| SVS Garden Services | Grass cutting at Ingestre Community Garden: 10,16 & 25.5.23, 6 & 29.6.23 | £150.00 | Nil | £150.00 |

**70/23 VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE**

**a.** Matter ongoing and it was resolved to bring this to the September meeting for updating.

**Action – Clerk and Cllr Palmer**

**71/23 MEETING WITH SCC ON 31.3.2023**

**a.** Clerk advised Council that SCC had responded in respect of the meeting and the Government decision to pause construction works on Phase 2a for approx. 2 years, which means no further updates will be provided by SCC on the highway improvement schemes discussed on 31.3.2023 to the Parish Council. However, it has been confirmed that SCC will do so at the appropriate time in the future.

**72/23 STANDING ITEMS**

**a.** It was resolved to invite Victoria Roberts – HS2 Snr Community Engagement Manager to meet with Cllrs in September. Following items to be discussed: School House at Ingestre remains empty; ownership of verges along Ingestre Park Rd – who owns now and who will own in the future; footpath along Ingestre Park Rd – will this happen and when (Assurance given); CPO’s and when will payments be made; Lion Lodges – empty, why not being let? What is their short term and long-term future? Clerk to arrange invitation and to share items for discussion in advance.

**Action - Clerk**

**73/23 VILLAGE MATTERS**

**a. Tixall** – shrub and tree growth on/around bridge over River Trent, Holdiford Road was discussed and it was resolved that as this is affecting road visibility and is dangerous for pedestrians, to report matter to SCC Highways.

**Action - Clerk**

**b. Hoo Mill crossroads** – it was noted that visibility is being affected by growth in field at Hoo Mill and it was agreed that when owners are present, Cllrs will check if grass can be cut – Cllr Lees is willing to cut the grass once he has permission from owners to do so.

**Action - Cllrs**

**74/23 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Climate Change consultation.** This was noted, no response to be submitted.

**b. D Day 80 – 6 June 2024.** This was noted; however, preference was for a celebration of the 100th anniversary and not the 80th.

**c. Supporting the delivery of Health and Wellbeing initiatives – from SCC.** This was noted.

**75/23 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**a.** No items raised.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm