

**East Ilsley Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council**

held on

**Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7.30pm, in the Hall of The Ilsleys Primary School**

**Members Present:** Cllrs. Mike Pembroke (Chair), Cllr Mark Browne (Vice Chair),

 Cllr Ima Von Wenden, Cllr Dominic Robertson, Cllr Rhiannon Blow,

 Cllr Carolyne Culver (WBC)

**In Attendance:** Six members of the public.

**Meeting Start Time:** 7.30pm

**Meeting End time:**  9.00pm

Councillors noted and formally accepted the resignation that was submitted to the clerk, of Stephen Meadows . The Chair thanked Stephen Meadows for his time and work on the Parish Council. Cllr Rhiannon Blow was welcomed to her first meeting.

**2.** Cllr Rhiannon Blow disclosed a personal interest in the discussion of cameras on Parish Council land.

 **3 a** Comments and questions from members of the public

One member of the public updated the Parish Council about the installation of a memorial bench at the pond.

 There was a discussion about Christmas and Halloween decorations at the pond. The Parish Council are happy for this to go ahead again this year.

One member of the public spoke about feedback she has had from a vet regarding fencing used on common land and the dangers it poses to horses.

**b.** There were no disclosures of personal interest from members of the public.

**4.** The minutes from 22nd July 2025 were approved by Cllr Mark Brown as true and accurate .

**5**. Cllr Carolyne Culver gave an update .

-The planned road closure on Cow lane for BT works has been postponed.

-3 weekly bin collections start 22nd Sept. The decision to move to three weekly collection schedule is intended to achieve potential savings of £150, 000 for WBC in collections and incineration costs . Despite having a good recycling rate, the area also has a high black bin rate and in the bins there are a lot of food and textiles. Textiles can be taken away with recycling if left in clear bags on top of the recycling bins. Recycling bins can now include tubs such as ice cream and margarine tubs.

-Community bid deadline is 13th October.

-Carolyne spoke about social houses in the area that are in disrepair and being sold, and the impact that this has.

-The merger plan will be submitted to central government in November.

**6.**

***- Code of conduct***

Cllr Rhiannon Blow signed the code conduct . Councillors were reminded of the importance of reading the Code of Conduct regularly and to adhere to it in practise . The Parish Council were reminded that, although posts on social media may be made in a personal capacity , they are always perceived as representing the council and should exercise caution in their content .

***-Dog bins***

The Parish councils contractor for waste disposal has advised that two of the dog waste bins need to change to weekly collection from fortnightly. This is at an extra cost per year of £176.80 plus VAT pa. Cllrs agreed that if the quote is correct then to change to weekly collections. A member of the public asked the Parish council to consider installing an extra bin on the Millenium green. It was discussed and the Parish council do not own any of the bins currently there but they do arrange the emptying of the waste and will consider changing this to weekly rather than fortnightly.

***-Insurance renewal***

Cllrs looked at the cost of insurance renewal and the quote from their current insurance company. The clerk to check pricing options to obtain the best value.

***-Fencing in the Common.***

New paddock fencing was recently erected on the common land. As this paddock is used for horses there are concerns about the type of fencing used. Councillors agreed for clerk to look at costs for new fencing and bring to future meeting,

***-Meeting dates***

Councillors are happy with meetings to continue on Tuesdays every two months in 2026 .

***-Cameras on Parish Council land***

It was agreed that a villager could use a trail camera on Parish Council land to protect private property. Signs will be paid for and put in place by the camera owner to inform members of the public that a camera is in use.

***-Playground maintenance and repairs***

Cllr Ima Von Weldon spoke about repairs that need to be done on the playground including some of the fencing. Clerk to follow up on quotes. There was a discussion about recent malicious damage to trees in the playground. This has been reported to the police.

***-Asset register update***

Mike spoke about checking the assets in the village and the register is being updated.

***-Speeding in the Village***

Cllr Dom Robertson spoke about his efforts to reduce speeding in the village and gave an update on correspondence he has had with Olivia Baileys team. A 30 MPH limit has been agreed to extend up to Sunrise Hill. It was mentioned that other areas have speeding deterrents and clerk to find out if the Parish council can pay for and install similar devices.

Cllr Rhiannon Blow said she has spoken to concerned villagers about speeding on the High Street , and was informed of a recent crash that happened there due to speeding.

***-Signs at the pond and allotment car park***

It was agreed that 2 metal signs can be purchased for the pond. It was decided that a sign was not needed at the allotment car park.

***-Hedges***

Overgrown hedges around the village will be discussed with the Working Party . Councillors discussed the possibility of buying a ride on mower so that the grounds maintenance could be done by councillors and volunteers. This could save money in the long term but costs need to be checked and compared.

***-Working Party Volunteers***

Insurance will cover voluntary workers to do jobs around the village. Cllr Mark Brown suggested that the Working Party could help elderly or vulnerable people who are unable to cut their own hedges away from footpaths.

**7.** There were no planning updates

**8.** Matters for future consideration – none

**9.** Clerks report

Current account £7016

Savings account £10335.35

CIL - £2007.29

-Clerk discussed a query that was made regarding the allotment water and who pays the bill. Clerk confirmed that all taps on the allotments are connected to the Parish Council water meter.

**10.** Further comments from members of the public

A member of the public asked the Chair and Vice chair to reply to an email that has been sent .

The Chair thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 9pm