

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7pm

Present:- Cllrs Amanda Ayre, Jenny Crow, Mark Green, Lynda Hall, Trevor Vanson.
Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. None received

The Chairman welcomed 1 member of the public and invited them to comment on the agenda.

Issues raised: The Water Pump refurbishment is now complete and looks splendid. Cllr and Mr Hall were thanked for all their work. The second, severely damaged, pump was also discussed and it was felt it is not in a suitable position for full refurbishment. Councillors to consider and discuss at the next meeting.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

- a. None declared

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 10/08/16

- a. Read and accepted as correct record and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. The Clerk has contacted The Campaign to Protect Rural England for further information. The benefit of joining would depend on how much councillors wanted to become involved. Agreed to delay at present due to finance constraints.
- b. The Clerk has purchased two sets of litter collecting equipment at a cost of £46.88.
- c. Clerk has written to United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust re Night time A&E closure at Grantham Hospital. Cllr Martin Hill said letters from Parish Councils had been useful.
- d. Cllrs Ayre and Crow are still on schedule to collect a rooted Christmas Tree at the beginning of November.

5. ACCOUNTS

- a. No payments made since last meeting. £0.26 - £0.29 monthly interest on defibrillator account. Balance in account is : £7447.89, £773.30 in main account and £6674.59 in Defibrillator Account.
- b. Grant Thornton have returned audited accounts. No matters reported but advice given as follows:
 - i) As figures for 2015 needed restating following audit last year the word 'restated' should have been inserted beneath the '£' symbol of the 2015 column.
 - ii) Annual Governance Statement should be considered, approved and signed before the Accounting Statements. This needs to be clearly shown in the minute references.
 - iii) The Council holds a very low level of general reserves, approximately 4% of the annual precept for 2015/16. The Council should consider whether it needs to take necessary steps to increase this in future years.
- c. Cheques authorised: £46.88 to Helping Hand, £34.08 J A Crow for Litter Picking jackets and gloves.
- d. Letter of thanks received from St Andrew's PCC for the donation towards the Churchyard mowing.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. None reported

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Planning Application S16/1584 received. Councillors support the tree pollarding work at Bulby Pumping Station.
- b. Sylvia Bland, from SKDC Planning Department, will offer dates to meet with Councillors re general Planning queries. She also has a colleague who advises about neighbourhood Plans. Councillors agreed they could meet during the day time, other than Tuesdays.

8. UPDATES: a. FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH

b. DEER INITIATIVE

- a. Onlincolnshire website warns Community Groups to wait for announcements regarding Phase 3 work before following up letter from BT. Irnham Parish Council have not received a letter. We will wait for advice from Onlincolnshire and this will be examined at our next meeting.
- b. David Hooton, East England Deer Liaison Officer, has no further update for us. Councillors noted the number of deer around is increasing again as winter approaches.

9. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Signs to remind drivers of the 30mph speed limits have been installed in Bulby and Irnham. Councillors are moving these about every 6 weeks to help maintain impact.
- b. Councillors are very pleased with the work carried out in Bulby to repair the footbridge and also the work at the edge of the road between Bulby and Marwood Farm. Similar work is required in Irnham.
- c. Some pot holes have been repaired.
- d. The gully, Hawthorpe side of the bridge, needs clearing out.
- e. Councillor Ayre will also report the concerns raised about the dyke to the left of the road between Hawthorpe and Irnham which is estimated to be about 4 feet deep and only about 6 inches from the edge of the road in places.

10. PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENT

- a. The Parish Christmas Sing-a-Long is confirmed at the Griffin Inn on Friday 16th December. All ingredients for the mince pie competition must be home made. The Parish Council will provide light refreshments at the event. Details to follow in a Parish Council Update.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Reported earlier in Minutes.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Work on the history of Bulby for the 'phone box display is progressing well. Artefacts are still being collected at present and it is still hoped to make some recordings of village life.
- b. Councillors have been asked to investigate the possibility of providing some first aid training for residents. Councillors agreed to follow this up and thought this would be particularly valuable for our rural community. Councillors will explore the possibility of using funding from the Defibrillator Fund.
- c. PC Update to be produced for the end of November.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 9th November, 7pm, Griffin Inn

Meeting ended at 8.05pm.