

# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 7pm

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

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- a. Mark Green

There were no members of the public present.

## **2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

- a. None declared

## **3. MINUTES OF MEETING 29/06/16**

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

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Councillors agreed the Clerk should contact The Campaign to Protect Rural England for further information but in principle thought it might be useful to join the group, initially for a year.
- b. Costs of litter collecting equipment are approximately: Litterpickers £9.95, Bag Hoops £7.50, High Vis Vests £2.50, Gloves £2.00. It was agreed the Clerk should purchase two sets of equipment.
- c. Cllrs Ayre and Crow have visited what was previously Peter Harrison's Christmas Tree site in Bourne and are hoping to collect a suitable tree, at the beginning of November, to be planted at the Griffin.
- d. Councillor Hall reported that whilst clearing the area around the Water Pump a brick base has been discovered. David Hall is preparing a wooden frame to hold back the soil from around the pump. Councillors agreed it would be nice to see this eventually made into a water feature. Bulbs will be planted in the area. David and Lynda were thanked for their work on this project.

## **5. ACCOUNTS**

- a. No transactions since last meeting.
- b. Cheque authorised to T Vanson for £55.39 + £48.00 = £103.39 (Authorised but unpresented cheque and Bake-Off prizes)
- c. Councillors agreed to make a contribution of £350 towards the maintenance of St Andrew's, Irnham, Churchyard.

## **6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a. Policing: Who's in charge? Poster received to display
- b. Councillors were concerned to hear about the proposed night time closure of Grantham Accident and Emergency Service and asked the Clerk to write to the United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust to express our concern.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. Planning Application S16/1733 received. Councillors support the tree pollarding work.
- b. SKDC have confirmed that Planning permission is not required for the proposed use of our telephone boxes in Irnham and Bulby.

## **8. UPDATES: a. FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH**

### **b. DEER INITIATIVE**

- a. Stephen Brookes confirms that BT are preparing the Phase 3 Scheme with a budget of £10m. Onlincolnshire should receive the proposals in the first week of October. Councillors are recommending we wait to hear if the Parish is included in these plans before researching alternative solutions. Correspondence has been received by the Chairman highlighting the urgent need for a solution to this problem
- b. David Hooton is still working in the area but has no further update for us.

## **9. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH**

- a. The surface dressing on Underwood Road and Elsthorpe Road, Bulby has now been completed with very little disruption to residents.
- b. The Road Safety Signs have now been received and will be displayed in Bulby and Irnham. Councillors will try to work with another Parish to borrow an Interactive sign.
- c. Cllr Ayre contacted Highways about the foot bridge near the ford in Bulby and received a favourable reply to a request to have the bridge repaired and this whole area improved. Councillors were very pleased to see that work has commenced today. Cllr Green had asked the Clerk to request that the ditch underneath the bridge be cleaned out. Councillors also favour making this area, in Bulby, more attractive for villagers and visitors to enjoy.

## **10. PARISH EVENTS**

- a. Chris Overend, Landlord at the Griffin, has offered to host a Christmas Sing-a-Long again and Martin Fuggle has agreed to play for us. The date of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December has been confirmed. Chris has suggested a mince pie competition which Councillors would like to support. The Parish Council will provide light refreshments at the event. Details to follow in a Parish Council Update.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter sent to Mr Howat thanking him for his work on the Bulby 'phone box.
- b. Request to update SKDC with names of Councillors

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Work continues to develop the Bulby 'Phone Box. Information is being collated and it is hoped to record memories of the hamlet from local residents. It may be necessary to apply for a grant to provide suitable equipment to play back recordings.

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Griffin Inn

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.