

MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at 7pm

Present:- Cllrs Amanda Ayre, Jenny Crow, Kevin Doran, Lawrence Doran, Trevor Vanson.
Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. All present

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

- a. None declared

The Chairman welcomed 2 members of the public and invited them to comment on the agenda.

Issues raised:

- a. The Parish Council were thanked for their work, particularly the way residents are kept informed of developments.
- b. It was felt that the legal costs noted in the Minutes for producing a letter were extremely high.
- c. Development of Bulby telephone box. It was agreed to call a meeting of Bulby Residents to progress this matter. Cllrs Ayre and Crow to distribute flyer.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. No further information from SKDC Operations Team regarding Waste Bins for the Parish.
- b. Date of AGM agreed as 18th May 2016
- c. Considerable discussion took place regarding the Parish E-Mail Database. Two Councillors felt this should be implemented immediately as a method of communicating with residents and had already obtained e-mail addresses for the village in which they live. Other Councillors feel this needs further thought and due consideration given to the voluntary work of the new Clerk who is trying to ensure that all statutory duties are carried out properly and legislation complied with. Residents are encouraged to use the Parish Website and more information will be made available there. This item will be revisited after the AGM and Audit.

5. ACCOUNTS

- a. Unallocated funds as at 18/11/15 £811.08
- b. SKDC recharge for Election Expenses £564.93
Income from Raffle at Christmas Event £110.00
Unallocated funds as at 13/01/16 £356.15
- c. Cheques to be authorised and signed:
Griffin Inn £237.00 – Authorised and signed
J Crow £28.17 – Authorised and signed
Balance will now be £90.98
- d. Outstanding VAT Claim £40.97 and £60.12 for Defibrillator Account
- e. It was agreed not to take an annual training package with LALC at a cost of £50. Any training can be paid for at the time of booking.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan circulated since the last meeting. No issues raised for the Parish.
- b. Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently undertaking an electoral review of Lincolnshire County Council. No issues for the Parish but we would be known as Upper Glens rather than Folkingham Rural.
- c. Community Right to Bid. Letter received from SKDC confirming that the Griffin Inn can not be registered as an Asset of Community Value as to meet the criteria the property can not be a residence.
- d. Clerk has received a hard copy of the Register of Electors which came into force on 01/12/15.
- e. Network South Travel and Transport Briefing to be forwarded to all Councillors

7. PRECEPT

- a. Agreed this needs to rise to £1400 to meet the costs of Elections as charged by SKDC.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR ACCOUNT AND AGREEMENT LETTER FOR AGM

- a. Statement prepared by Clerk formalising the responsibility of the Parish Council for the Defibrillators and the associated funds agreed. Adoption of this statement was proposed by Cllr L Doran and seconded by Cllr K Doran. All Councillors signed the document which will be read at each AGM of the Parish Council together with an update on the fund.
- b. Fund as at 31/12/15 £5901.65 plus VAT Claims of £708 (received) and £60.12 (applied for)
- c. Paperwork in hand for the opening of the Business Extra Account with the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society

9. INTERNET ACCESS IN THE PARISH

- a. One Irnham resident has upgraded to BT Infinity 1 but is not getting the speeds promised. Recorded speeds are 12Mbs which is faster than the 6Mbs on the older system. The nearest house in Irnham to the Corby Glen cabinet is approximately 3.38km which is too far. Recommended distance is no greater than 2km and preferably 1.2km. The resident also pointed out that you must also have a 'good line' to the house otherwise that will lower the speeds.
- b. It was noted that BT Openreach have been working in Kirkby Underwood and we should investigate alternative ways of improving speeds within the Parish.
- c. Those present at the meeting have noticed a drop in speeds more recently.

10. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Request for Grit Boxes to be filled sent to Highways
- b. State of Swinstead Road, Irnham being monitored for future works in 2016. Some pot holes have been filled in.
- c. Highways to be approached to review work carried out on the ditch opposite Watergate House and to advise on any further work required on the pipe by the Sewage Works which is silted up.
- d. Letter received from a concerned resident regarding the state of the road out of Bulby towards Elsthorpe. The verges are a complete mess caused in large part by the vast number of deer. It is now highly dangerous along this stretch of road if two vehicles attempt to pass. Councillors concur with this view. Clerk to write to Highways and contact SKDC regarding the number of deer in the area.
- e. No update from Staying Alive.

11. PARISH EVENTS

- a. Christmas Singalong enjoyed by everyone who attended. Griffin Inn and Parish Council keen to make this an annual event.
- b. Christmas Tree/Outside decoration to be reviewed later in the year.

- c. Arrangements for the Parish Celebration to mark the 90th Birthday of HM The Queen discussed. Councillors keen to keep costs to a minimum and will be researched for the next meeting:
 - Possible accommodation – Cllr Vanson
 - Toilets – Cllr Ayre
 - PA System/Music – Cllrs Doran
 - Insurance – Cllr Crow

- d. Possible Marquee costs were discussed. A marquee 6m by 15m should accommodate 100 people and would cost in the region of £5000. It was agreed that we should give this further thought, particularly in relation to storage and the work involved in erecting and dismantling.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Note of thanks from residents for work of Parish Council

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Councillors were saddened to hear of the death of Gladys Hare. A note of condolence will be sent to David.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 17th February, 7pm, Griffin Inn

Meeting ended at 9.05pm.