

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGM AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in St Andrew's Church, Irnham on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7pm

Present:- Cllrs Jenny Crow, Mark Green, Lynda Hall, Trevor Vanson.

Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

Also in attendance:- Cllr Martin Hill

AGM

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Cllr Amanda Ayre

Both meetings were preceded by a presentation on the Plans for the Extension of Superfast Broadband across the County, by Stephen Brookes, Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager.

Stephen gave an overview of the Lincolnshire Broadband project to date:

- In 2013 156,000 premises required upgrading to faster broadband
- Phase 1 has just been completed bringing faster broadband to more than 90% of premises but not to our Parish.
- Phase 2 brings most of Edenham and Scottlethorpe faster broadband but Irnham and Hawthorpe are too far from the Corby Glen Exchange (already connected to faster broadband) and Bulby too far from Edenham to benefit. The possibility of re-routing from different exchanges to the Parish eg Kirkby Underwood (already connected to faster broadband) was discussed but thought unlikely to be acceptable to BT.
- Plans for a Phase 3 are now underway but details will not be available until September 2016 with a completion date of December 2017. We will not know if the Parish is to be included until details are released in September.
- Alternative solutions were discussed by Stephen and parishioners as the support from the Parish indicates a solution to the slow speeds, currently experienced, is urgently required. Alternatives discussed were: Wireless technology, VDSL, Satellite Scheme. These would involve contractors other than BT and so outside the scope of Phase 3. JHCS based at Newark are working in the area.
- The PC will discuss an Action Plan at their next meeting in June.

Stephen was thanked for bringing the Parish up-to-date and has agreed to keep us informed of any relevant developments.

8.15pm Members of the public were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting or leave as they wished.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- a. The three officers Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk/RFO had all indicated they would stand for election for the new year. Cllr Hall proposed they be accepted and Cllr Green seconded.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

- a. See item 2

4. ELECTION OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

- a. See item 2
- b. Martin Fuggle was appointed as the Internal Auditor. He was thanked for his work in 2015/16.

OFFICERS FOR 2016/2017

Chairman: Cllr Trevor Vanson

Vice Chairman: Cllr Amanda Ayre

Clerk/RFO: Cllr Jenny Crow

Internal Auditor: Martin Fuggle

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

- a. Cllr Amanda Ayre had agreed to continue this role

6. INSPECTION OF DEFIBRILLATOR FUND STATEMENT

- a. The Chairman read the Statement which reminds parishioners the Defibrillator Fund is restricted in use to maintaining the Defibrillators. In the event of other life saving equipment becoming available this can also be considered as a relevant purchase from the fund. The fund had a balance of £6672.73 as at 31/03/16.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Cllr Amanda Ayre

2. APPROVAL OF LAST YEAR'S MINUTES

- a. In previous years the Minutes of the AGM had been approved at the next PC Meeting. The Minutes were approved last year on 17 June 2015.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE LAST YEAR (The full report is available on the PC section of the Irnham website)

- a. New Council have familiarised themselves with statutory duties and tried to ensure compliance with good practice.
- b. Councillors recognise that parishioners do not expect wasteful funding and with limited resources are grateful for the voluntary work undertaken.
- c. Irnham telephone kiosk now in use as a book swap.
- d. Successful Christmas Event held at the Griffin Inn.
- e. Christmas tree placed outside the Griffin Inn with a determination to develop this in the future.
- f. Party planned at The Griffin Inn for 12th June 2016 to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.
- g. Highways issues continue to be reported and followed up. The PC has joined the Speed watch Initiative.
- h. Deer Initiative contacted to advise the PC about Deer Management in the Parish.
- i. Onlincolnshire project contacted about broadband speeds in the Parish and hence the very well attended meeting before the AGM.

5. FINANCE REPORT INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/16

- a. Income has remained the same for the last 4 years, £1000
- b. Balance carried forward at April 2015 was £620. Balance carried forward at April 2016 is £44.71
- c. Major expenses: Election recharge £564.93, Contribution to Irnham Churchyard Maintenance £400.00, Insurance £288.39, Christmas Singalong Event £127.00
- d. In addition the PC now has a Savings Account for the Defibrillator Fund. This has a balance of £6672.73
- e. The accounts have been audited by Martin Fuggle and will now be sent to Grant Thornton for external audit.
- f. Councillors had been circulated with copies of the accounts. They were formally approved as a true record of our income and expenditure and signed by the Chairman.
- g. Documents are formally available for inspection for a set period of time and this will be Friday 3rd June to Thursday 14th July.
- h. Cllrs approved the cheque for Insurance for 2016/17 of £233.41.

6. REPORT FROM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

- a. Cllr Ayre had sent her apologies but Cllr Crow reported that the PCC were happy to work with the PC for the benefit of the community and the PC was grateful for the accommodation provided for the meeting tonight.

7. PUBLIC FORUM ON WORK OF PARISH COUNCIL AND FUTURE PRIORITIES

- a. Issues raised related to highways work in Bulby: Running water Marwood side of the ford to be investigated, Ash Tree damaging brickwork of bridge over ford to be investigated.
- b. Cllr Hill commented that budget cuts are impacting on priorities. In relation to roads, techniques for dealing with pot holes are improving but concern was still expressed about the poor work on the Coby Road out of Irnham. It was also agreed that some of the grips are in the wrong place. It is difficult to see where exactly these should go in dry weather.
- c. Speeding vehicles, particularly quarry lorries of concern. Possibility of weight restrictions to be investigated.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 29th June, 7pm, Griffin Inn

Meeting ended at 9.00pm.