

MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 7pm

Present:- Cllrs Amanda Ayre, Jenny Crow, Lynda Hall, Trevor Vanson.

Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. None

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

- a. Cllr Vanson declared an interest in item 7 and offered to withdraw from the meeting at that point.

The Chairman welcomed Claire Day, from Irnham, to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 16/08/17

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Letter received from Cllr Mark Green tendering his resignation from the PC due to time constraints. Statutory Vacancy Notice posted on boards and PC may now co-opt someone onto the Council. Letter of thanks sent to Mark Green. Mrs Claire Day has offered to consider the position of Councillor.
- b. Clerk requested items for the next Parish Update, to be distributed towards the end of November.
- c. Councillors congratulated Rowan Day on the successful climb of Ben Nevis for charity (CRASH Construction and Property Industry's Charity, supporting homeless and hospice charities in the UK) and agreed to add a contribution of £25 to the Charity.

5. ACCOUNTS

- a. Bank reconciliation for 30/09/2017 completed. Balances are: Current Account £1356.57, Defibrillator Fund £6287.86. The only change in the accounts, since the previous meeting, has been notification of two amounts of interest on the Defibrillator Account, £0.26 for August and £0.28 for September.
- b. Audit Papers have been returned to the Clerk from Grant Thornton with no issues raised. The papers are available on the web site.
- c. Clerk has applied for Transparency Code Funding through LALC for computer equipment to assist the Council in meeting obligations for sharing information as laid down in the Transparency Code. A grant of £600 has been applied for and Councillors approved the application. Councillors will consider the appropriate timing of any purchases if the grant is awarded.
- d. LALC Subscription increase to be considered at LALC AGM. Any proposed increase will not adversely affect Irnham PC as there are less than 250 people on the electoral register.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. SKDC The Big Clean has been very well received in Irnham and Bulby. The main issues reported were weeds on pavements and dirty road signs. The team and their equipment, weed ripper and pressure washer, did a very good job of improving both aspects. Several emails of thanks have been received by the Clerk. Local people have also been thanked for their efforts to clear litter. SKDC intend to follow up the work and Irnham PC will be keen to build on this initiative. Cllr Vanson offered to do some weed killing in the Parish next year.
- b. SKDC Housing Strategy 2017 - 2021 (draft) had been circulated to Councillors.

- c. SKDC Parish Update – SKDC Councillor with responsibilities for ‘Engaging with Parish & Town Communities’ is Nick Neilson.
- d. Bourne Household Waste Recycling Centre – Information to be displayed on Notice Boards.
- e. LCC Fairer Funding letter distributed. Councillors agreed to write in support and display the request on the Irnham website.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman, Cllr Vanson, withdrew at this point, and Cllr Ayre chaired this item.

- a. Planning Application S17/1326 Work to trees at Hall Farm, Irnham has been approved.
- b. Re-routing of footpath in Bulby comes into force on 24/10/17. A further notice has to be displayed from 13/10/17 – 24/11/17.
- c. Planning Application S17/1827 for Erection of detached open fronted garage at Southview Cottage, Hawthorpe, discussed. Councillors raised no objections and noted the construction was to be in stone with pantile roof to match existing buildings.
- d. Councillors attended Corby Glen open meeting about a Neighbourhood Plan for Corby Glen. Councillors found this useful but are still of the opinion that there is not the capacity or need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Irnham Parish.

The Chairman was invited back to continue the meeting.

8. UPDATES:

- a. **FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH** The Clerk has received the following timescales for the Parish update to fibre broadband: Irnham Jan – Mar 2019, Bulby and Hawthorpe Jun - Sep 2019. The Clerk is also in dialogue with Onlincolnshire to install trial equipment using 4G for a broadband connection as an interim arrangement.
- b. **DEER INITIATIVE** David Hooton, from the Deer Initiative, continues to work with local landowners to manage the over population of deer in the area and look for ways forward. Cllr Hall informed the meeting that the BBC had reported that four men had been charged recently with hunting deer with dogs following an incident of poaching at Irnham.

9. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Cllr Ayre is disappointed and frustrated that no further work has been carried out in the Parish despite all the reporting of problems.
- b. Cllrs have now received details from Lincolnshire Highways regarding proposed local meetings and will attend on Thursday 2nd November. The Web Portal for reporting problems still gives no useful update information and will be discussed at the meeting.
- c. Blocked drain problem in Bulby has been reported and work should be completed imminently.

10. BULBY:

- a. **SEAT FOR BULBY** Cllrs have received approval for this project. Cllrs have selected a bench at a cost of £214 and have allocated £350 to the project to include installation.
- b. **TELEPHONE KIOSK** Cllr Ayre will continue to develop this project. It was noted that the light is not working and Cllr Ayre will source a replacement. It was also agreed that 3 panes of glass should be replaced.

11. CHRISTMAS EVENT

- a. 3rd Annual Sing Along will take place at the Griffin Inn on Friday 22nd December at 7pm. The PC will arrange for complimentary nibbles to be available on the bar. Cllrs will organise a raffle. Event to be advertised on boards and website.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None not already discussed.

13. IRNHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MATTERS FOR THE PARISH

- a. Cllr Ayre awaiting further update regarding the proposed new toilet block.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Cllrs are delighted that Claire Day is happy to be co-opted to the Council.
- b. Clerk will start to use email to communicate with residents in the Parish if they wish. Information to be distributed via the Parish Update in November.
- c. Cllr Hall raised the question of Notice Board space in Irnham. Cllrs want to encourage people to place notices on the Notice Board. Cllr Hall has a key to the Board.
- d. Cllrs Vanson, Ayre and Crow to attend LALC AGM on Tuesday 17/10/17.

15. MEETING DATES

- a. Date of next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 29th November, 7pm, Griffin Inn.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm.