

MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7pm

Present:- Cllrs Amanda Ayre, Jenny Crow, Mark Green, Trevor Vanson.

Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Lynda Hall

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

- a. The Chairman opened the meeting and paid tribute to Sir Simon Benton Jones, who had sadly died at the end of December. Sir Simon had served on the Parish Council for forty years before relinquishing the Chairmanship in 2015. On behalf of the Parish, the Chairman had written to Lady (Margaret) Benton Jones expressing our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Sir Simon gave generously in so many ways for the benefit of the parish. He was determined to maintain the parish as a small traditional area of England that we can be proud of and through his endeavours he has enriched the quality of our lives. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 1pm in St Andrew's Church, Irnham.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

- a. None declared

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

No Issues raised.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING 09/11/16

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Concern expressed about the continued night time closure of A & E at Grantham Hospital. Councillors felt the pending New Village, on the outskirts of Grantham, could put even more strain on infrastructure unless this is planned and implemented fully.

6. ACCOUNTS

- a. Unallocated PC funds as at 18/01/17 £691.34, Defibrillator Fund £6625.42
- b. Cheques authorised: Deposit for hire of Church Street Rooms £50.00
Presents and Prizes at Christmas £43.56
- c. Precept Forms had been sent to wrong email address and hence not received by the Clerk. Forms to be completed by 20th January. Clerk to forward to SKDC requesting Precept of £1400 as agreed at previous meeting.
- d. Expenses at Christmas Event: Food £75, Prizes for Mince Pie Competition £21.99. First prize of a Meal for 2 at the Griffin Inn was generously donated by the Griffin Inn.
- e. Income from Christmas Event Raffle: £132.00. Prizes were all donated by Councillors and thanks to the generosity of people attending the event the expenses are covered by this income.
- f. Christmas Gifts: £21.57. Three bottles of wine were purchased as thank – you gifts for people who have supported the Parish Council during the year.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. Latest Register of Electors received which shows 167 on the Electoral Roll for the Parish.
- b. Letter received from LCC Highways explaining Grass Cutting falls into two categories. Safety Cutting: a 1 metre wide verge cut adjacent to carriageways and visibility areas such as junctions and bends. This will remain at two cuts per year.

Amenity Cutting: Grass cutting in areas of amenity value. Clerk has contacted LCC for a schedule of grass cutting in the Parish.

- c. Letter received from LCC Highways South Business Support Team regarding self-help in severe weather. Councillor Ayre agreed to be the 'Snow Warden' for the Parish. Request to be made for a further grit bin in Bulby outside The Grange.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Planning Application S16/2327 Work to Lime Tree at Eastfield House, Bulby, approved on 9th December.
- b. Planning Application S16/2638 Erection of Cow Shed at Bulby Hall received 7th December 2016. Councillors had no objections to the proposals.
- c. Planning Application S16/2768 Work to Lime Tree at Linden House, Bulby, received on 30th December. Councillors had no objections to the proposals but asked that the two Lime Trees in Bulby should be managed in the same way. They also asked that Planners advise on future plantings in the area.
- d. Tom Bagge from St Andrew's PCC invited Councillors to look at the proposed plans for a building to house toilet facilities at the Church. Councillors met Tom at the Church and viewed the plans in November. Great care is being taken to develop a building which will fit in with the surrounding architecture and also provide a much needed facility. Councillors were impressed with the plans which will be a significant cost to implement. Cllr Ayre informed the meeting that further progress will be made at a meeting with the architect and Church Planning Authority at the end of January.
- e. Sylvia Bland from SKDC Planning Department will meet Councillors on Friday 20th January to look at Material Planning Considerations.

9. UPDATES:

- a. **FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH** Stephen Brookes, Onlincolnshire Broadband Manager has advised that all post codes within Irnham except NG33 4JQ are planned to be upgraded in the phase 3 roll out from BT for faster broadband. PE10 0RU with 27 properties (Bulby) and PE10 0RY with 10 properties (Hawthorpe) are not included. Mr Brookes is again going to consider what options these 40 properties within the Parish have. He did say that new technologies mean that in some situations it is cheaper for BT to run fibre to individual premises rather than install a new cabinet.
- b. **DEER INITIATIVE** David Hooton from the Deer Initiative is holding meetings in the area which one of the Councillors could attend if appropriate. Clerk to contact David Hooton. The grass verges between Bulby and Elsthorpe have again been destroyed by the hundreds of deer that are coming out onto the road and finding less places to enter the fields as more protective fencing is erected. Heading towards Elsthorpe from Bulby it is very slippery to pull off onto the verge to allow vehicles to pass.

10. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Councillor Ayre noted work reported previously had not been actioned and has again contacted Highways to raise the following issues: Swinstead Road, Irnham has numerous pot holes and surface has worn away, particularly on entering the village. Also, blocked drains on this road.
- b. Hawthorpe bend between Bulby junction and Hawthorpe again causing concern. In recent icy weather a fuel tanker and car have gone off the road there.
- c. A three vehicle accident also occurred on the bend in Hawthorpe in icy conditions. The Police attended. (Clerk's Note: Another accident occurred a few days after the meeting in icy conditions at the triangular junction where the road from Bulby meets the Hawthorpe/Kirkby Underwood Road.)
- d. There is still concern about the speed of vehicles through Irnham. No noticeable improvement when 30 MPH yellow signs erected. Councillors will seek guidance from PCSOs on what can be done and try to borrow an interactive sign informing drivers of the speed they are travelling at.

11. PARISH EVENTS

- a. Christmas Sing-along and mince pie competition went very well. Councillors would like to make this an annual event. Thanks to the Griffin Inn for hosting the event and organising the Mince Pie Competition. Thanks to Martin Fuggle and Stephen Buckman for providing the accompaniment to the singing. Councillors will also look to provide a plaque by the Christmas Tree which was planted in memory of Peter Harrison from Bulby.
- b. First Aid Training. Date: Saturday 4th February. Venue: Church Street Rooms Corby Glen. Hall booked, Trainer booked. 10 people have requested places so far. Chairman requested certificates of attendance to be issued by the trainer. Clerk to organise tea, coffee biscuits etc.
- c. Councillors agreed it would be nice to hold another Parish Event during the year and will discuss possible options with Chris Overend at The Griffin Inn.

12. DEFIBRILLATORS

- a. 100 heart shaped fridge magnets would cost £48. Councillors agreed this would be a good purchase and will work out appropriate wording.
- b. The Clerk has researched an appropriate Key Safe to hold the key for the defibrillator. Councillors agreed this would be desirable and Clerk to contact owners of properties where Defibrillators are sited to seek approval.

13. SEAT FOR BULBY

- a. Councillors agreed seat needs to be low maintenance and are researching appropriate products.
- b. Councillors Ayre and Crow will look into what is required to clear the site by the new foot bridge to take the seat.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of condolence sent to Lady (Margaret) Benton Jones.
- b. Irnham Website contact form used to express concern about state of Swinstead Road.
- c. Request from LALC for contact details for Chairman.
- d. Notice regarding Best kept Village Competition received. Councillors agreed this is not something we are ready to enter.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The PC are extremely grateful to residents who are collecting litter when out walking in the Parish. SKDC will provide orange sacks which can be left with black bins for collection. Clerk to distribute. Councillors also agreed to purchase four further sets of litter picking equipment.
- b. Chairman offered to make some bird boxes. Residents could be asked to sponsor a bird box.
- c. Irnham PCC Matters: A summer fete at Birkholme is being considered for the whole Benefice.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm, Griffin Inn.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm.