

# MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 7pm  
Present:- Cllrs Amanda Ayre, Jenny Crow, Claire Day, Lynda Hall, Trevor Vanson.  
Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. None

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Claire Day to the meeting as a new co-opted member.

The Chairman welcomed Mr T Bagge, Churchwarden, to the meeting who had offered to answer any questions Councillors may have about the planning application for a toilet block at the Church. Councillors agreed to take this item first.

Mr Bagge explained there had not been any changes since Councillors attended a site meeting earlier in the year and confirmed the orientation placed the archway towards the road with the blank wall facing the hall. Archaeological surveys, tree surveys had been carried out and no major issues noted to date. Councillors were pleased to hear that, with the addition of a toilet block, the Church will be available for many more community functions. Mr Bagge clarified aspects of the plans for Councillors and with no further questions Mr Bagge was thanked for his attendance.

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

- a. None declared

## 3. MINUTES OF MEETING 11/10/17

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

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. None

## 5. ACCOUNTS

- a. Balances are: Current Account £1264.73, Transparency Code Fund £600.00, Defibrillator Fund £6288.10. The only change in the accounts, since the previous meeting, has been notification of one amount of interest on the Defibrillator Account, £0.24 for October and receipt of the Transparency Code Funding of £600.00.
- b. Transparency Code Funding of £600 received and banked. Councillors agreed the Clerk should obtain quotes for a lap top computer and printer.
- c. LALC invoice of £30 for attendance at LALC AGM approved for payment.
- d. Reimbursement to Cllr Ayre approved of £36.84 for replacement bulbs and glass for telephone box in Bulby.
- e. Payment of Physio Control Invoice of £538.56 for replacement pads approved for payment.
- f. Reimbursement to Cllr Crow of £25 for CRASH Donation approved for payment.
- g. Reimbursement to Cllr Crow of £27.96 for Christmas gifts approved for payment.
- h. Cllrs discussed the precept for 2018/19. It was agreed to raise this to £1500 (£1400 2017/18) to build up a small contingency to allow the Parish Council to carry out minor work to maintain and improve the local environment. The Parish Council are keen to build on the work done by the 'Big Clean'.
- i. Clerk has been notified that external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed for Lincolnshire for 2017/18.

## 6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. Clerk has sent a letter to Nick Boles MP regarding Fairer Funding. In his reply, Nick Boles affirms he is working with other MPs to put pressure on government ministers to change the funding formula so Lincolnshire receives what it needs to deliver decent services.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Re-routing of footpath in Bulby came into force on 24/10/17. A further notice has been displayed from 13/10/17 – 24/11/17 and returned to SKDC.
- b. Planning Application S17/2030 for tree work at 10 Irnham Park has been approved.
- c. Planning Application S17/2031 for tree work at 9 Irnham Park has been approved.
- d. Planning Application S17/2173 for toilet block at St Andrew's Church discussed. Councillors had no objections and support the proposed development.

## 8. UPDATES:

- a. **FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH** The Clerk is still in dialogue with Onlincolnshire to install trial equipment using 4G for a broadband connection as an interim arrangement.
- b. **DEER INITIATIVE** David Hooton, continues to work with local landowners to manage the over population of deer in the area and look for ways forward. Animal welfare issues are a concern as is the damage and potential safety issues on the road. Councillors will monitor the roadside verges which in previous winters have become too muddy to pull onto due to the number of deer trampling over them.

## 9. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Cllrs Ayre and Crow attended the first Parish Liaison meeting with LCC Highways. This was useful and procedures were clarified. It was accepted that the web portal is not very useful at present and should be improved in the new year. Rowan Smith, Local Highways Manager for N & S Kesteven informed the meeting that there was not sufficient staff time for Parish Walkabouts but that a meeting could be requested, for a specific issue, via Council Members. Cllr Ayre raised the issue of deep potholes at the side of the roads and was informed that LCC policy is to fill these with stone.
- b. Cllr Hill visited Bulby to see first hand the blocked drain, as a result of a request for a meeting and reported this has now been passed to SKDC as foul water has been detected.
- c. Drainage Gullies are cleaned once per year.
- d. Grass Cutting 18/19 – It is anticipated that this will be two cuts in 2018/19.
- e. Cllr Ayre obtained replacement lights and glass for the 'phone box in Bulby. Cllr and Mr Crow obtained suitable tools to access the power supply and light cover as these are tamper proof and installed the lights.

## 10. BULBY:

- a. **SEAT FOR BULBY** This should be available from the manufacturers mid December. Cllr Vanson has offered to collect the seat. Cllrs hope to erect the seat with the help of volunteers.
- b. **TELEPHONE KIOSK** Glass has been obtained to replace Perspex but will take some time to install.

## 11. CHRISTMAS EVENT

- a. Sing Along has been advertised and will take place at the Griffin Inn on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. Martin Fuggle and Revd Stephen Buckman will accompany the singing. Complimentary food will be placed on the bar. Cllrs will organise a raffle and donate the prizes.
- b. Cllr Vanson will decorate the tree at the Griffin. Cllr agreed the wording for the plaque for the tree as 'Planted by the Parish Council in memory of Peter Harrison from Bulby in 2016'

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Clerk received email correspondence from Messrs Doran via Irnham website about the very poor state of Swinstead Road and lack of any work being carried out. The Clerk confirmed this has been reported to LCC and followed up on numerous occasions. The Clerk also answered queries about time scale for development of Bulby 'phone box and payment to St Andrew's PCC for Churchyard Mowing. The Clerk was asked to contact Messrs Doran regarding an accident to a cyclist they raised in the correspondence.

## **13. IRNHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MATTERS FOR THE PARISH**

- a. Cllr Ayre reported the recent meeting of the PCC had been postponed until January.

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Replacement Defibrillator pads have been received and installed in all three machines. Next replacement due in April 2020.
- b. Clerk informed the PC that Helen Brewster from Irnham has been named as a finalist for the Lifetime Achievement in Care Award in the National Care Awards 2017.
- c. Clerk informed the PC of the proposal to enhance the Speed Watch Scheme by giving local residents training and radar guns to check speed of motorists. Drivers caught speeding will be sent a warning letter.
- d. Notice Boards in Irnham to be discussed at the next meeting.
- e. Clerk has prepared the November 2017 Update which will be distributed to all residents in the Parish in the next few days.

## **15. MEETING DATES**

- a. Date of next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, Griffin Inn.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm.