

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

Held in The Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7pm

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

Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

**Also in attendance:-** Two members of the public

## AGM

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Cllr Mark Green

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- a. Cllr Ayre proposed Cllr Vanson, seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Vanson accepted position as Chairman

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

- a. Cllr Vanson proposed Cllr Ayre, seconded by Cllr Crow. Cllr Ayre accepted position as Vice Chairman

### 4. ELECTION OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER AND INTERNAL AUDITOR

- a. Cllr Vanson proposed Cllr Crow, seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Crow accepted position as Responsible Finance Officer.
- b. Martin Fuggle was appointed as the Internal Auditor. He was thanked for his work in 2016/17.

### OFFICERS FOR 2017/2018

**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 Vanson proposed Cllr Ayre, seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Ayre accepted position as Representative on Parochial Church Council.

### 6. INSPECTION OF DEFIBRILLATOR FUND STATEMENT

- a. The Clerk read the Statement which reminds parishioners the Defibrillator Fund is restricted in use to maintaining the Defibrillators. During the year First Aid Training was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, attended by 17 members of the Parish and was most successful. The course was very thorough and parishioners are keen to exchange contact details to facilitate assistance in the case of an emergency. Certificates of participation received. Fridge Magnets reminding residents of the code for the cabinets to be distributed to all households.

The fund had a balance of £6286.25 as at 31/03/17. New pads will need to be ordered in October as they are due to be replaced in November.

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Cllr Mark Green

## 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 29 June 2016.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Cllrs expressed frustration at the time it takes to move matters forward, particularly in relation to matters relating to Highways, Faster Internet Provision and the Deer Problem in the Parish.

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE LAST YEAR

- a. Thanks were expressed to all in the Parish who help maintain and improve the environment; litter collections, restoring the water pump, 'phone box maintenance, grass cutting is all very much appreciated.
- b. Christmas Event was another great success and will be repeated annually. The Parish Council are not planning a separate summer event.
- c. The Parish Council have considered the option to create a Neighbourhood Plan but at present can not undertake the workload.

## 5. FINANCE REPORT INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2016/17

- a. Precept was increased this year to £1400 to enable a small contingency to build up for any future election expenditure.
- b. Balance carried forward at April 2016 was £44.71. Balance carried forward at April 2017 is £643.38
- c. Major expenses: Contribution to Irnham Churchyard Maintenance £350.00, Insurance £233.41, Litter Picking Equipment £168.36, LCC Speed Watch Scheme £40.
- d. The Defibrillator Fund has a balance of £6286.25.
- 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 Monday 5th June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- h. Cllrs approved the cheque for Insurance for 2017/18 of £248.68.

## 6. REPORT FROM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

- a. Cllr Ayre reported that plans for the toilet block at the Church have been approved in principle with the building rotated so that the archway faces Corby Road. Ptolemy Dean will now proceed to stage 2, drawing up detailed plans and obtaining costings. There is a lot more work/surveys to do before building can commence and it is anticipated completion will take a further two years.
- b. The whole Benefice is holding a Hog Roast at Birkholme Manor on 18<sup>th</sup> June. All are welcome.
- c. Cllr Ayre requested the Parish Council consider a contribution towards Churchyard Mowing. The Chairman asked that this be an item for the next Parish Council meeting.

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

- a. Cllrs assured the Public that they are working hard to improve the situation regarding potholes in the Parish. The new system for reporting faults online is still not working.
- b. Cllrs are reporting fly tipping to SKDC and litter is being collected.
- c. Cllrs agreed that notices advertising local events can be placed in the Parish Notice Board. Cllr Hall has a key for the Irnham Board.
- d. The Chairman asked whether the situation regarding dog waste had improved and most people felt there are still some irresponsible people who leave waste to be removed by others.
- e. Most concern was expressed about the poor broadband speed in the Parish. Irnham properties are in phase 3, due to start in Autumn 2017 with a completion date of Autumn 2019. There are still no plans for Bulby and Hawthorpe. Cllr Crow has registered for the BT Community Fibre Partnership and it was agreed we should work with residents to develop this.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-** Wednesday 21st June, 7pm, Griffin Inn. The AGM in 2018 will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm.