

# MINUTES OF THE IRNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Griffin Inn, Irnham on Wednesday 07 February 2018 at 7pm

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

Parish Council Clerk: Jenny Crow

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. Cllr Claire Day informed the Chairman that, due to work commitments, she would be resigning from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her for her support.

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

Issues raised: The poor state of roads in the Parish, the speeding vehicles through Irnham, potential safety issues with the proposal to enhance the Speed Watch Scheme by training residents to use radar guns to check the speed of motorists. The large amount of money in the Defibrillator Fund was also mentioned and the Chairman explained that this money can only be use for life saving equipment in the Parish.

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

- a. None declared

## 3. MINUTES OF MEETING 29/11/17

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

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. None

## 5. ACCOUNTS

- a. Balances are: Current Account £1236.77, Transparency Code Fund £600.00, Defibrillator Fund £5750.09. The only change in the accounts, since the previous meeting, has been notification of two amounts of interest on the Defibrillator Account, £0.27 for November and £0.28 for December.
- b. Councillors approved the Bank Reconciliation for 31 December 2017.
- c. Transparency Code Funding of £600 to be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. Clerk has been notified, by external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP, about the arrangements for the audit this year. Councillors confirmed they will be submitting a Certificate of Exemption and do not require a Limited Assurance Review.
- e. A balance of £38 from the Christmas Raffle will be paid into the PC Account.

## 6. COUNTY COUNCIL /DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. Letter received and circulated from Cllr Martin Hill regarding fairer Funding Campaign.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Planning Application S17/1827 for Erection of detached open fronted garage at Southview Cottage, Hawthorpe, has been approved.
- b. Planning Application S17/2173 for toilet block at St Andrew's Church pending decision.
- c. Planning Application S17/2187 for an extension to Linden House, Bulby received and circulated to Cllrs. No objections raised. This is still pending decision.
- d. Planning Application S17/ 0069 Conversion and alterations to barns at Southwood Farm, Swinstead Road, Irnham received and discussed. Cllrs fully support this application and look forward to the development. Cllr Nick Robins to be copied into the response to SKDC.

## 8. UPDATES:

- a. **FASTER BROADBAND FOR THE PARISH** The Clerk has been informed that it is hoped to connect the new Cabinet in Irnham in the next three months. BT are still looking at possible options to bring fibre to Bulby and Hawthorpe. 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** Councillors are aware that some deer management is being carried out in the Parish but vast numbers of deer are still being seen.

## 9. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

- a. Cllr Ayre has again reported the very large potholes in the Parish and towards Elsthorpe. She has been informed that work has been contracted on Swinstead Road and Corby Road, Irnham. Concern was expressed for cyclists who regularly use these narrow roads. Water filled potholes are extremely dangerous and the Chairman has offered to take photographic evidence once the depth of the potholes can be seen.
- b. The blocked drain in Bulby has been jetted and is presently clear. Notification received from LCC to say the job has been completed.
- c. Damaged road sign, from a tree branch, on the Hawthorpe Road/Bulby Road Junction has been reported to LCC Highways.
- d. Clerk to contact Highways about overhanging branches through Bulby.
- e. Clerk to contact Highways about the ditch near the Sewage works as this needs clearing of debris.

## 10. BULBY:

- a. **SEAT FOR BULBY** Due to the inclement weather this project has been postponed until March.
- b. **TELEPHONE KIOSK** Cllr Ayre is working on this and it was also suggested that it may be possible to include a small book swap as well.

## 11. PARISH EVENTS

- a. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sing Along was a great success. Thanks to Martin Fuggle and Revd Stephen Buckman for accompanying the singing. Thanks to Mark Hodson(Bulby) and Chris(Griffin) for providing lots of food and thanks also for everyone's generous support of the raffle, donating prizes and/or buying tickets.
- b. Cllrs will consider a possible summer event at the next meeting.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Clerk contacted Messrs Doran regarding the accident to a cyclist in Irnham but they were unable to provide any further contact details.
- b. Clerk received email correspondence from Messrs Doran via Irnham website about three issues: Flooding on the road near the sewage works in Irnham, the size and cost of the Christmas tree at the Griffin, the proposed seat in Bulby. Councillors discussed the issues raised and the Chairman will respond in writing.

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

- a. Cllr Ayre reported that SKDC are awaiting reports from their Arboriculturalist re the Planning Permission for the Toilet Block.

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Clerk informed the PC that Helen Brewster from Irnham had won the Lifetime Achievement in Care Award in the National Care Awards 2017. A letter of congratulations has been sent.
- b. Cllrs discussed Notice Boards in Irnham and concluded that the present cabinet is adequate.

- c. Clerk has secured £390 per year additional funding to follow up The Big Clean initiative. Thanks were again recorded to all those who collect litter in the Parish, particularly Tom Bagge who is in the lead for the number of Orange Sacks filled. Councillors noted but found unexplainable the amount of wine bottles left at the side of our roads! Anyone who can help with litter collection is invited to contact the Clerk for a supply of orange sacks so that these can be put out with the black bin rather than filling up your own black bin.
- d. Clerk is still sourcing a suitable plaque, in memory of Peter Harrison, to be placed by the Christmas Tree at the Griffin.
- e. Cllrs noted there is to be a quiz night at the Griffin in aid of MACMILLAN Cancer Support on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Details will be published on Notice Boards.
- f. Clerk to contact SKDC Electoral Services to advertise the vacancy for a Councillor in Irnham.

## **15. MEETING DATES**

- a. Date of next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21 March, 7pm, Griffin Inn.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm.