

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion, Jubilee Field.

Present:

Councillors: S Leech (Chair); I Cartwright J Pressley and M Vickers
Visitors: Six visitors
Clerk: J Mead

Apologies for Absence: Councillors: P Hunton and P Humble

These absences were accepted by Chair and Members.

Prior to commencement of the meeting Cllr Leech, as Chairman, confirmed that in the interests of accuracy a recording of the Meeting would be made by the Clerk and, once the Draft Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record at the next Parish Council Meeting, subsequently deleted.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made to the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

4 Clerk's report on actions taken since previous meeting

A future resident of Ingleton wrote to the IPC to enquire whether there were any planning applications for land on the southern building line adjacent or near to the rear of St John's church. The Clerk reported back that there were no planning applications at this time though there had been plans but these had now lapsed.

The IPC wrote to a landowner to inform him that the Council would be removing some young hedging plants from the border to the south of his property as soon as practicably possible. These plants are to be relocated in a more suitable area.

5 **Public Participation: Comments on agenda items**

No issues were raised at this time

Public Participation: Any other business.

No issues were raised at this time

STRATEGIC BUSINESS:

6 **Parish Council Vacancy**

The Chairman reported that, following the resignation of Councillor Tilbrook, the Returning Officer at DCC had received insufficient requests for an election and so the Council was now in the position of canvassing for volunteers to be co-opted as Parish Councillor. The vacancy is to be promoted to residents in an attempt to find a volunteer to fill the post.

7 **King James' Cricket Club – report on First Season in Ingleton**

At the invitation of IPC Nicola and Dennis Gorten of King James Cricket Team attended the meeting to allow Members and the team itself to discuss the success of their inaugural cricket season in Ingleton. Dennis reported the team's pleasure in playing in the village but also their commitment to the community which he hoped the resident's welcomed. After a report on the pitch conditions and treatments he stated the team had purchased a motorised roller for which they would also be purchasing a tarpaulin cover.

Also discussed were plans for a fun day start to the next season and arrangements and advertising campaigns not only for social events but for new players to the team because there was a real need to see young people rise through the ranks of team cricket.

Chairman's Signature

The Chairman replied that he believed their presence and use of the cricket pavilion was fantastic and congratulated them on their most successful inaugural season and agreed that encouraging young people to play cricket was an excellent plan.

The intention to canvas businesses to sponsor a cricket ball for £5 per game is to be promoted in an effort to fund the cricket's future seasons.

8 Rights of Way / Public Footpaths/ Repair of Stiles

The Clerk having walked and noted the present state of each footpath in the village, Members formulated a plan of action for bringing, and keeping, each one to good order. Clerk to contact all relevant landowners, District Council and grass cutting contractors for possible grant funding, permissions to work and costs for future care.

9 Road Sweeper / Weeding of kerbs and verges

Cllr Pressley reported that she had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because of concerns at the amount of straw and weeds existing in and around the gutter and kerbsides. Also at the meeting photographs were shown which added to their concerns because of the amount of flooding caused by extreme rainfall and the probable blocking of the drains by the straw.

In preparation for the discussions the Clerk reported she had discussed the matter with Durham County Council on the previous Monday and sent on line reports about both the weeds and the straw.

Members of the Council and a visitor to the meeting were able to report that in the previous 24 hours the County Council had been to the village and cleaned the gulley near to Manor Road and swept the kerbsides. Weeds were seen to be remaining and the Clerk was asked to report these to DCC but other than this, no further action was required.

10 Damage by Dog to Trees in Jubilee Field

Great concern was voiced by Members at the damage reported, and seen, to trees in Jubilee Field. Perpetrated by one dog, substantial amounts of bark have been stripped and it is believed that some of the trees may not survive, even with treatments already given. It was agreed that if any further damage is found to be done, legal advice will be sought and video evidence already seen by the Police, would be submitted with a view to legal action being taken against the dog's owners. The Chairman asked for vigilance in order for any further damage to be reported to the rightful authorities.

11 Northern Saints' Trails Update

Cllr Pressley reported that the Reverent Harrop of Gainford Church is most keen for both parishes to work together on this event, possibly having something special to start the walk, which will take place 5-7 April 2020. Cllr Pressley is consulting with Ingleton Parochial Church Council and further information will be made available in future months regarding the plans for a Youth Festival and the possible use of Jubilee Field for part of the celebration. The Chairman suggested that as the walk would begin in Gainford that it would be a fitting end to the walk to host a 'tea and cake' event. The I&DCA to be consulted with the view to being a joint host.

12 Siting of WW1 Memorial Plaque

In order for the plaque to be sited in its appointed place the council is to ask for it to be affixed to the memorial stone as soon as possible.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

13 Minutes of the last meeting:

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Meeting dated 24 July 2019 were a true and accurate record of matters discussed.

Chairman's Signature

14 IPC Finances

- a) The Clerk / Financial Officer reported that there had been required to transfer funding to pay for costs incurred by the playground work and also to avoid a debit balance in the current account. This would be redressed in part by the next claim of VAT. During discussions with St James' Cricket Team concerning the increase in electricity and water consumption costs, it was agreed that the Clerk would calculate how much of an increase on an annual basis there had been over the previous three years and the difference would be shared 50-50 between the Cricket Team and the Parish Council. Clerk to liaise with Cricket Team when amount is calculated.
Both actual and projected balances of IPC accounts were accepted by Members.
- b) Invoices for payment:
HE Woolley – Fire and Safety Inspection £31.80
Cllr Pressley – Treatment for damaged trees and protection materials £29.21
- c) Half year expenses – The clerk brought a 6 month statement of expenses paid and explained that funds were transferred to the current account in order to both cover costs from the purchase of playground materials and also to prevent the current account from being overdrawn.
The Chairman stated that this record demonstrated the true remit of the Parish Council with regard to finances, in that the precept was being used for the running costs of the Parish whilst the VAT engendered, as well as grants received, were funding the projects for present and future residents' benefit.

15 Pavilion and Field Working Group (PFWG)

Cllr Vickers reported to the meeting the success of the second rounders and cricket match. There was a splendid buffet to enjoy, the weather was kind indeed and the support from the community in its attendance excellent. Members and visitors alike agreed with the sentiment that it had indeed been a very good afternoon.

LOCAL MAINTENANCE / VILLAGE ISSUES

16 Mirror at Springwell / Main Road Junction for Road Safety Issues

In response to a request from all residents in Springwell for road safety measures to be installed at the junction of Main Road and Springwell, the Clerk received responses from the Highways Department of Durham County Council and the Police Authorities. The suggestion by residents of a road mirror to see traffic coming from the right of the road's exit was no longer a legal option. Clerk to request further options which may be available.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CHAIR OR CLERK / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 17 A letter has been received from Mrs Bowles of St John's Church PCC to ask that the IPC website be edited to remove the mention of a village chapel in Ingleton. The Clerk reported access had not, at the time of the meeting, been made but it would be carried out as soon as possible. Further discussion ensued on the matter of the website with the view to the designing of a new one, given that the original design and control company had disbanded. Clerk to consult with Cllr Hunton.

The Council was asked for an update on the speed advice signs mentioned in previous meetings and Cllr Cartwright reported that the project was moving forward and approval was only required from one more group of people before work could begin.

Meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the I&DCA Village Hall, Ingleton

Chairman's Signature