

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – No. 14 of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at the Ingleton Village Hall.

- 14/1 Present:**
Councillors: I Cartwright; P Humble; P Hunton, (Vice-Chair); S Leech (Chair)
J Pressley and M Vickers
Visitors: Five (5)
Clerk: J Mead (clerk.ingletonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

14/2 Apologies for Absence: A Tillbrook

Prior to commencement of the meeting Cllr Leech, as Chair, confirmed that in the interests of accuracy a recording of the Meeting could be made and deleted once the Draft Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record at the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Leech also reiterated that it was in order for the public to record (or video) the meeting.

14/3 Declaration of Interest

Members were asked to consider whether they might have a personal or a pecuniary interest in any matter included on the Agenda for this meeting. If so, it is requested that any such interest be declared now. If subsequently during the consideration of any matter it becomes apparent to any member that he/she does, indeed, have an interest, it should then be declared immediately.

None recorded

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A fifteen minute discussion period for members of the public to raise questions and/or concerns. Following this period members of the public are welcome to remain but cannot speak further on any Agenda item unless at the discretion of the Chair.

14/4 a) Public Participation: Comments on agenda items

No comments raised

14/5 b) Public Participation: Any other business.

The Chairman addressed both the Members and the visitors in saying that this year would show a requirement for tables in the pavilion and we would need some form of funding for this purchase. A brief discussion ensued and it was left open for a future decision to be made.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS:

14/6 IPC Budget and Precept 2019/20

Following consultation at the previous Parish Meeting in November 2018, it was agreed that the precept divided by the Taxbase would give a Band D charge of £35.63** and the precept for 2019/20 would be £6890.63. This would, following previous more modest precept requests, bring the Parish Council's required funding back to the required level needed to maintain the duties of the Parish in future months.

Motion to Approve: Cllr Steve Leech

Seconded: Cllr Judith Pressley.

Member vote: Unanimous to accept

Chairman's Signature:

*** Following this meeting, but before the typing of the Minutes, it was realised that the correct Band D charge would, in fact, be £37.11. DCC also contacted IPC subsequent to the meeting to state that they would be including £12 in remnant payment from the grant awarded to IPC for this financial year. This too will be reported at the next formal meeting of the Council but for immediate accuracy is included within these notes.*

14/7 Update of mobile Post Office and its attendance in Ingleton

The meeting read the response from the Post Office representative which reported regret at the unavoidable non attendance of the mobile Post Office in past months. Consideration was given at what further action should be taken by the Council but, following consultation with the members of the public in attendance, it was decided that as the Post Office was now attending there was no need to pursue a demand for further action. The Council agreed to defer to public opinion but would be willing to act further if requested in the future.

14/8 The Siting and Fixture of WW1 Memorial Plaque within the Parish

Following communication from the Durham Diocese that they regretfully could not give permission for the WW1 plaque to be placed on the outer wall of St John's Church, the Clerk was asked to write to the Diocese and also St John's Parochial Council, requesting that the plaque be sited within the memorial garden inside the church yard walls. The Clerk is to procure the appropriate fixture for the plaque from suppliers.

14/9 Large Tree Situated on Village Green

Following discussion about a letter received from a local parishioner, the Clerk was asked to respond, reporting the fact that, in compliance with the DCC tree survey carried out last year, where due consideration was given to the impact on the surrounding areas, the survey showed that the tree is safe. However, the Parish Council does have planning permission for it to be pruned at the cost of the County Council and the Clerk is to request this work be carried out by the County Council arborist team. Members are also constrained by the fact that the tree is within a conservation area and so it is not up to the Parish Council to remove without due official permission.

14/10 Lack of Tables at the Village Hall

The Chairman reported that there were insufficient tables available to service the community, especially during larger community events. He proposed that the IPC support community events and social activities, in line with the powers conferred on it, to purchase required furniture to meet community needs. It was proposed that £1200 be made available for this purpose.

Motion to Approve: Cllr Steve Leech **Seconded:** Cllr Ian Cartwright.
Member vote: Unanimous to accept

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

14/11 Minutes of the last meeting:

The Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Ordinary Meetings held on 28 November 2018 were agreed as being true and accurate records.

Chairman's Signature:

Motion to Approve: Cllr Steve Leech

Seconded: Cllr Judith Pressley.

Member vote: Unanimous to accept

14/12

IPC Finances

- a) To report both actual and projected balances of IPC accounts.
- b) Electronic Banking. – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council now had electronic banking and so fewer cheques would be required, payments would be made speedier and the bank statements would be far more accessible and available on a daily basis.
- c) Invoices for payment – No invoices were produced for payment.

14/13

Pavilion and Field Working Group (PFWG)

- a) Cllr Cartwright reported that he had a power generator but required a water butt in order for cleaning of playground equipment to be carried out. Cllr Pressley offered to liaise with him for the supply of a suitable water butt. Volunteers will be requested to form a cleaning party in the springtime.
- b) Cllr Pressley reported Jubilee Field’s south border fence was in a very poor state and that although it had been patched up over some years it really needed totally replacing. She also reported that after making enquiries from those who may need access to the field, that the agricultural gateway could be removed and a ‘kissing gate’ be installed without causing any problems to access. This would be cheaper than a new vehicle gate and provide more protection from any unwanted access to the field by livestock or unauthorised vehicles.

The Chairman and Members raised no objection to this but the Chairman did state the cost, which could be a four figure amount, had not been a factor within the precept and so the cost would need to be matched by other means, ie donation or other means. It was proposed that the IPC seek donations from local community organisations to support this work, once a full costing was known.

- c) Cllr Pressley asked that she and her family be given permission to place a memorial bench, at their own cost, within the field boundary in honour of her late father, Mr Ralph Hodgson, Members were most happy to agree to this request. The Clerk, if required, to liaise with Cllr Pressley on this matter.
- d) Cllr Vickers requested the Council’s permission to order the planned gym equipment for the field. An annual increase on costs from the supplier would have to be accommodated and Members agreed that she go ahead and order the equipment. In order to keep costs as low as possible it was agreed also for the Parish Council to provide a skip and not accept that cost within the suppliers’ billing totals.

14/14

Cricket Club Working Group \9CCWG)

- a) Cllr Humble reported that the new mower, owned by the cricket club, was on site and its blades required attention. He also reported that the team captain and manager had requested keys to the pavilion but Members were of the opinion that they should produce a copy of their insurance policy and cover details before any free access could be agreed.

An inventory of the contents of the pavilion and photographs be taken before an official handover could take place.

- b) More investigation would be required in order to make booking access and/or hire of the pavilion online.

Chairman’s Signature:

- c) The question of sponsorship was raised, but it was agreed that this would be the responsibility of the team itself.

14/15

Personnel Committee

- a) Clerk to take part in further training for Parish Clerk certification. A payment of £350 to be made available to NSCC for this to be carried out.

Motion proposed to approve training made by: Cllr Judith Pressley

Seconded by: Cllr Ian Cartwright

Council vote: Unanimous

- b) A letter had been received from the Government's Workplace Pensions Scheme asking for any employees who come under the required statutes be informed. The Parish Council's only employee, Mrs J Mead, informed the Meeting that she had received the letter but was opting out of the scheme. The Chairman acknowledged her decision and asked for all signed correspondence to be filed in the council records.

LOCAL MAINTENANCE / VILLAGE ISSUES

14/16

Planting of trees and shrubs on north boundary of Jubilee Field

A response from the Senior Planning Officer confirmed to the Parish Council all rights of access to Jubilee Field, and so work will be moving forward on infilling areas of the border shrubbery.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CHAIR OR CLERK / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/17

Cllr Cartwright reported that he had, as requested by the Council, hung the notice to try to prevent dog fouling in the village. He also reported his shock at the amount of dog fouling in public places, some just inches away from dog refuse bins and public benches. He was sorry to report that people, both on foot and from a car, had given verbal abuse at what he was doing when he was only responding to what had been asked of him in the interests of getting rid of a serious health hazard in the village. Members of the Council condemned the response of those who had made these verbal attacks and agreed that no one Member of the Council, but all, would be willing to go out to do the same work. Members agreed that in order for there to be means available for the removal of waste, a supply of dog 'poo' bags will be made available at key points around the village. Clerk to arrange the purchase of further cans of environmentally friendly paint sprayer cans and dog refuse bags.

The Chairman of the Parish Council asked that it be minuted that the Ingleton Parish Council and Ingleton & District Parish Council's joint Christmas Dinner had been a great success and it was agreed that a summer event on similar lines should be organised. It was noted that the event was privately funded by the attendees and accrued no cost to the public purse.

The Meeting closed at 8.14 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Chairman's Signature: