

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 March 2021 at 7 p.m. via video link

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Council's on-line 'virtual' meeting and explained that visitors could record, either by video or audio means, but not by live feed, and that the details would be audio-recorded by the Council, but only until the Council approved the typed minutes; after which time the recording would be deleted.

1. Requested to Attend:

Councillors: Cllr Leech (Chairman); Cllr Hunton (Vice-Chair); Cllr Pressley; Cllr Vickers;
Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Humble and Cllr Mead.

Visitors: 2

Clerk: J Mead

2. Apologies for Absence None required

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at the beginning of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Clerk's report on actions taken since previous meeting

Future Sale and Possible Development of Land on Front Street, Ingleton

The Council noted receipt of correspondence from a Parish resident concerned about the possible development within parish boundaries. It was agreed that, following the sale of the land, should any future planning applications cause concerns for the village, then the letter would be reviewed.

At this time Mr David Ormandy indicated an intent to apply for agricultural access to his field at the north end of the village.

Dog Fouling – The Council agreed to leave dog fouling off the agenda until such time as there is something further to discuss but did also appreciate and note the concern shown by a fellow resident who was marking the faeces' locations as a warning with pink bags. Clerk to purchase a supply of pink spray paint and one spray can to be offered to the resident for use as an alternative to the bags.

Hedges on Public Footpath – The Parish Council noted the reduction in size of hedges previously reported as substantially overhanging a public footpath. Further reduction to be carried out later in the hedge-cutting season. Members asked that their thanks be noted for the work carried out.

Road Repairs in and around Ingleton – Durham County Council have confirmed that there are no major roadworks scheduled for Ingleton or district in the near future but an officer offered to check within the week the plans for minor roadworks.

State of Sewage Pipework under village properties – Having already been asked about the condition and capacity of the sewers under Ingleton, Northumbrian Water responded that there are no sewage pipes requiring repair in the village. Clerk to request again the capacity of the sewers in the event of further possible development in the Parish.

Cancellation of Village Fayre 2021 – The Council noted with regret the cancellation of the Village Fayre owing to Covid safety precautions but very much looked forward to the planned picnics in the playing field.

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5. **Public Participation**
- a) **Comment on the agenda items**
No comments were raised
 - b) **Any other Business**
None to report.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS

6. **TRAFFIC SPEED MONITORING IN VILLAGE**

Results from Police speed monitoring in January and February were given to Members and Mr Ormandy reported that when the Speedwatch Team were legally allowed to monitor traffic they had found the width of pavement and parked cars actually hindered their monitoring on the east side of the village. The Chairman voiced the appreciation both that the Speedwatch team are volunteers and for the work they carry out. The Clerk is to request information from Barnard Castle Officer, PCSO Richardson, as to when our own Speedwatch traffic monitoring may resume.

7. **ELECTIONS 2021**

The Clerk made a presentation showing the details and timetable of the coming election. Cllr Pressley kindly offered to deliver all nomination papers to Durham County Council. Cllr Mead reported that, as he was now no longer a resident of Ingleton and no longer on the Electoral Roll, he could not make an application.

Given the lack of response to the public invitation to the current meeting, concern was raised at the possibility of no further candidates putting their name forward, thus initiating a co-option situation. Cllr Pressley reminded Members that in the event of an uncontested election, there would be a much reduced cost to the Parish Council. Owing to legal requirements, the date of the next meeting after the election is to be Wednesday 12 May, 2021. The Clerk is to electronically distribute to Members the most recent copy of the electoral roll.

8. **VILLAGE BENCH**

Following the generous donation of the cost of a new bench for the benefit of the village, Cllr Vickers reported that the bench was in production and would be a lovely addition to the field. Clerk was asked to write to the person donating the bench to offer the Council's appreciation. It was also decided to plant a blossom tree and possibly daffodils near to the bench which will be sited in the south west corner of the field. Cllr Pressley to bring costs to the next meeting.

9. **CONDITION OF VILLAGE SEWERS**

Already discussed in Clerk's Report, Item 4

10. **MAP OF HOUSE NAMES**

The Clerk submitted a plan supplied by Durham County Council which shows the name of the houses in the village. This to be added to the website which will be online within the next 10 working days.

11. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING DOCUMENT**

To be discussed at a later date when more information is available.

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12. CONSULTATION TO EXTEND THE AGE RANGE OF INGLETON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 4-11 TO 3-11 YEARS OLD

The Parish Council approved a letter being sent to the Head Teacher of Ingleton School concerning their intention to change the school entry age. It was agreed that it would benefit the community and bring more children to the school which, at the moment, has dwindling numbers of attendees.

Motion: To send a letter of support towards the consultation being carried out to extend the age range of Ingleton C of E Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 years of age.

Proposed by: Cllr Leech.

Agreed by 6 votes with one abstention owing to a declaration of interest.

13. ADOPTION OF POLICIES FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

After highlighting required amendments, the following policies were approved by the Council: Publication Scheme; Retention of Information; Pre-Planning Policy.

The Co-option of Members Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting following procedural clarification from the County Durham Association of Local Councils. The Access to Documents policy is also to be added to the agenda for 12 May 2021.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Members of the Council voted unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Meeting dated Wednesday 27 January 2021 as being a true and accurate record.

15. IPC FINANCES

The Members of the Council voted unanimously to accept the Clerk's submission of the Ingleton Parish Statement of Accounts, dated from 1 April 2020 to 24 March 2021, as being a true and accurate record of financial transactions to date.

16. PAVILION AND FIELD WORKING GROUP (PFWG)

a. Location of Planting of New Trees in Playfield

Cllr Vickers reported that trees should infill both the hedgerow to the west of the field and the gap in the hedge to the north side of the field. A temporary wooden fence is also to be sited in this gap to protect young trees from possible damage. Wild flowers to be planted under the hedgerow, with attention being given to a report of nettles already being on site which may pose a problem.

b. Fundraising – Cllr Vickers reported that the I&DCA had generously offered a donation of £4000 towards the required £8000 needed for a new Adventure Trail. Fundraising options were discussed and, as well as approaching others funding groups for donations, Cllr Vickers is to approach the church to ask for a contribution from the bequest held in its care for such a community project. Cllr Pressley is to approach TAP (Teesdale Action Partnership) to ask for financial support towards playground equipment funding and Cllr Vickers reported that her business, Winroth's Hairdressing, had agreed to fund the proposed entrepreneurial project to encourage the school children to raise funds towards their own playground equipment whilst also learning how to start up small businesses.

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- c. Hucks Nest Inspection – Councillors noted that there may be future costs with regard to the maintenance of the Hucks Nest playground equipment, including wooden parts of the structure. It was, however, already acknowledged that by already having had the structure inspected by a specialist in such equipment, it offered confidence in the positive response in its condition.
- d. Playground ‘Clean Up’ – Cllr Pressley reported that the playground is in need of a cleaning and, in view of the likely increase in use following the easing of Covid lockdown, suggested employing the same contractor as last time to clean the equipment with a high pressure water hose. The Councillor will report the proposed costs once they have been received.
- e. The Clerk is to write to the grass-cutting contractors to request they use suitable weed killer near to the children’s playground equipment in order to remove the risk of unnecessary damage by strimming equipment.

LOCAL MAINTENANCE / VILLAGE ISSUES

17 Any Other Business

A request has been received from a resident to build a porch to the front of his property. As this would be on village green land owned by the Parish Council, and given the Council’s legal responsibility to protect village greens, the Clerk was asked to approach both the Planning Department at Durham County Council and CDALC for their advice. This matter to be placed on the agenda for 12 May, 2021.

Members took the opportunity at this time to thank Cllr Mead for his valued work for the Parish Council and hoped that he would be able to apply again to the Council if he were to return to live within the Parish. Cllr Mead thanked the Chairman and Councillors for their support and echoed the hope that he could, in the future, apply again as Councillor.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 7.00 pm
(Re-scheduled in accordance with electoral requirements)**

As for all Parish Councils, we are awaiting advice from central government regarding how we proceed with future meetings. Once we know how the next meeting will take place, either on the internet via Zoom, or as a meeting in the Sports Pavilion, Jubilee Field, Ingleton, we will advertise details via our village notice board, the Parish Pump and Ingleton Parish Council website. Thank you for your forbearance.

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