



The former Cllr Humble applied to the Council again to be reinstated as parish Councillor and the Chairman advised, given the circumstances of his having to apply, and there being no other applicant either at the election or at this meeting, the Council was happy to vote on his return to position as Parish Councillor.

Nominated by: Cllr S Leech    Seconded by: Cllr Pressley    Vote: unanimous.

The Chairman reported that this left one vacancy to be filled and asked the Clerk to advertise the position in the Parish Pump, on the Parish website and on the village WhatsApp.

**8. Register of Interests**

All registers of Interests have been completed and are ready to be sent to the Electoral Officer at Durham County Council

**9. To Review Standing Orders**

The Council accepted the Standing Orders, as reviewed at their meeting in March, 2021, as being correct.

**10. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (2019)**

The Meeting accepted the Minutes of the previous AGM in 2019 (there having not been an AGM in 2020 owing to the Coronavirus epidemic).

Nominated by: Cllr Leech                      Seconded by: Cllr Vickers

**11. Ingleton Parish Council Finances**

11.1 The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the External Audit and agreed that the Certificate of Exemption from Audit be placed on the Parish Council website. Councillors also agreed that members of the public would be able to view the accounts and audit papers between 20 June and 21 July 2021.

11.2 The Council approved the audited end of year accounts.

11.3 Mrs Anne Collins was reappointed internal auditor

11.4 Members agreed to accept the already recently reviewed Financial Regulations.

11.5 The Asset Register was accepted, with its inclusion of one bench kindly donated by a member of the public.

11.6 Members accepted the Risk Register as previously reviewed on 21 January 2021, was accepted as being correct and applicable.

**12. Pavilion and Field Working Group (PFWG)**

The meeting heard that, with the help of the community, £8000 had been donated towards the cost of purchasing the adventure trail play equipment and Cllr Vickers asked if a further £3000 could be borrowed from Parish Funds in order to give the PFWG the option of the highest quote if regarded better value for money. Three quotes were available for selection and the Clerk was asked to schedule an Extraordinary meeting for the following Thursday, 19 May, with this one item on the agenda, for the preferred option to be voted in and construction to be carried out as soon as possible. Fundraising is still carrying on with the inclusion of young entrepreneurs group from the junior school and supported by Cllr Vicker's hairdressing salon.

Cllr Pressley reported that the Council had received 19 donations in total towards the purchase of flowering trees for Jubilee Field and that guards for the tree trunks as well as the legs of the bench were recommended to be installed. The trees had been chosen so that they would flower in different times of the year.

The VAT claimed back from the purchase of the flail mower to be returned to the playground account.

The Council agreed that the playground area be power cleaned and the contractor previously employed two years previously be retained to do the same work. Cllr Pressley removed herself from this decision making item as she had a financial interest on actions taken, given her husband is a contractor for the same company.

Clerk to send letter to Dog Warden of Durham County Council to ask for action to be taken with regard to dog owners exercising their dogs in Jubilee Field and actually encouraging their pet to go into the children's play area.

Clerk to ask grass-cutting contractors to not strim around the playground equipment or the new trees and bench areas. The alternative of weed-killing to be carried out around the base of any playground equipment will prevent damage by strimmers. Consideration was also given to the use of protective metal covers for the playground units.

**13. Clerk's Report on actions taken regarding recent matters arising from previous meetings**

The Clerk reported that Northumbrian Water had repaired, within 5 days of the request, the road leading from Gainford Road entry to Jubilee Field.

The election had taken place and as nobody had contested the places the cost was not expected to be high, but as yet, no invoice had been received from DCC.

Clerk to work further on the inclusion of house names on a village plan of the village with a view to placing it on the website.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of concern from a resident regarding the possible future intentions on the development for a dog walking field, as reported in the County Council's Planning Applications. The Members agreed that, although they could not pass comment on what could happen in future developments, they would monitor the reports from Durham County Council to ensure a Parish Council response if any future proposals were deemed to be not in the interest of the Parish. Further discussion did ensue regarding the planning application for the dog walking field and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of concern for the positioning of the entrance/exit as it was proposed for a part of the road where speeding traffic was a regular occurrence and indeed, accidents and very near misses had occurred in the past.

VAT was to be claimed back to the sum of £786.93 and the Clerk is to return to the Playing Field account the sums reclaimed in the purchase of the bench and the flail mower.

**14. Grass cutting on Public Footpaths**

Cllr Pressley reported that, with the grass now growing, some footpaths will need attention by cutting back for ease of egress. Clerk to discuss with the grass-cutting contractors the additional work of cutting footpath. Clerk also to bring to next meeting previous detailed maps delineating areas where grass cutting should be carried out. This is to establish whether Parish and County Councils are cutting all the required areas in the village at this time.

Cllr Pressley also reported that on Footpath 7, running along the border walls to the south of houses on the Garth, has grass-cuttings falling into the path, causing obstruction.

**15. CDALC Larger and Smaller Council Forum Meetings**

Members agreed that no representation would be offered to either of these meetings.

**16. Members Questions**

The Chairman raised the loss of former Cllr Mead's expertise as administrator for the new website, thanked Mr Mead for his work in creating the new website for the Parish council and asked him if he would be willing to continue to give technical support for the Council, with remuneration. Mr Mead accepted.

Mr Ormandy thanked the Members of the Parish Council for all the work they have done for the Parish in the past year in which the village had become a much more vibrant place.

The meeting ended at 2035hrs.

**17. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Future scheduled Council meetings:

DATE	DAY	VENUE
28 July 2021	Wednesday	TBA
22 September 2021	Wednesday	TBA
24 November 2021	Wednesday	TBA
26 January 2022	Wednesday	TBA
March 2022	Wednesday	TBA

