

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 July 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Ingleton

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Council's 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 and Cllr Humble.

Visitors: 5

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

Dog Fouling – It was agreed that, though there was some signs of improvement in the reduction of dog fouling in the village, the Parish Council's response to the County Council's Dog Warden's offer of placing signs and posters around the village is to be that a request also be made for some actual presence in the village of the dog warden staff.

Work by Grass Cutting Contractors on Public Footpaths – the Clerk reported that the grass cutting contractors had carried out some additional work around the village to include the cutting of grass on the public pathway to the west of the village.

Additions to Website – Clerk to add places of local interest onto the parish website

Village Plan showing house names – Mr Mead offered copies of his plan of properties in the village to the members and visitors which he proposed to place on the website.

5. Public Participation

a) Comment on the agenda items

No comments were raised

b) Any other Business

A visitor, asked whether the Parish Council had access to a group of parish councils in the Durham County Council areas that they could perhaps gain information from, regarding the use of fixed speed indicator matrixes. The Clerk is to contact the County Durham Association of Local Councils, as well as neighbouring villages and the local MP for her support and to get information from others on availability, viability and cost.

Another visitor offered his thanks for the Council contacting the Police Authority to thank the Speedwatch team for their regular and continued attention in the village to monitor and deter speeding traffic travelling through.

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STRATEGIC BUSINESS

6. POLICY FOR CO-OPTION

After modifying the policy the Parish Council voted to adopt the Policy for Co-option.
Proposed by: Cllr Leech Seconded by: Cllr Hunton Vote: Unanimous.

7. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

After the Parish Council members heard submissions from the two candidates for the position of Parish Councillor, Members of the public and both candidates left the hall premises whilst deliberations took place. Upon their return the Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had contacted the County Council to ask for guidance on how to increase the number of councillors who could represent the Parish but their response had been that the process would be probably to deny the motion, that it would take an extraordinarily long time to progress and that there were a lot of Parish Councils making such requests but none of them to increase, but to reduce the numbers of Councillors.

The outcome of the vote was that Mr Graham Ingleson was voted onto the Parish Council and Mr Alf Mead retains his position as website consultee and manager. The Chairman explained to all that by the vote going in this way the Council, and the Community, benefit by retaining the valued contribution of both candidates, not just one.

8. NEW BROADBAND OFFER ANALYSIS

Mr Mead submitted a report on a presentation he, along with Cllrs Leech and Hunton attended, via Zoom, with the broadband supplier representative from Factco. The company, like many other infrastructure providers throughout the UK, are incentivised to provide gigabyte broadband to rural areas. Members discussed the many aspects of the proposal before deciding that they would provide the report as a public document, both for the website, the village notice board and the Parish Pump, but make it known that, having confirmed to themselves that the company has the authority and purview to offer the service, the remit of the Parish Council is to review and inform the residents but not to promote the services of the company.

9. DESIGNATION OF BENCH AND TREES IN JUBILEE FIELD

The Chairman explained to the meeting that, after a donation of a bench had been made to the Parish for the playing field, the Councillors decided to raise money to plant trees in the same area. Unfortunately the word 'memorial' was introduced into the description of the area which engendered the wish for personalised memorial plaques to be placed against trees and it is only now that the Council has realised it is unable to allow this precedent to be set. It was agreed that the Council would allow amenities such as benches and picnic tables to be marked with tributes as these would benefit the community where others have the use of them too, but that items such as trees cannot be marked as a tribute to one person when it is, in fact, a part of the field for everyone to appreciate.

For this reason the family who have already placed a plaque on site will be offered a refund of the donation towards the cost of the tree and the offer of having the plaque placed, instead, on one of the picnic tables in the field, where everyone can enjoy and use the amenity.

The Council members also agreed to draw up a policy whereby the Council would consider plaques for amenities in the Parish but not on natural items such as trees that are fixed and placed for the benefit of all. The Policy is to be formatted and brought to the next meeting.

MIDDLETON BAND / INGLETON SHOW

Middleton Band has contacted the Council expressing a wish to be considered when we select the music to be played at our next Village Fayre. Clerk to write to the Bandmaster to confirm

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that, although there is no plan to have a fayre in 2021, we would be very pleased to welcome them to the fayre in 2022. The Clerk would also forward the letter and response to the IDCA.

10. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee to celebrate 70 years of service is to take place from Thursday, 2nd June to Sunday, 5th June 2022 in order to give communities and businesses around the UK to come together and celebrate her historic past. Members agreed that they would welcome a timely meeting with the IDCA in order to fully support the IDCA in their organisation of the event.

11. ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND MEETINGS POLICY

The Access to Documents and Meetings Policy was approved by Members

Proposed by: Cllr Leech Seconded by: Cllr Humble Vote: Unanimous.

12. DESIGNATED AREAS OF GRASS CUTTING IN VILLAGE

Members and visitors were shown copies of the plan of village greens and grassed areas in the village where some are cut by the Parish Council and some are cut by the County Council. Also marked on the plan are public footpaths where some are kept in excellent condition by the landowners and one or two which are not. The Clerk is to find, and write to, the relevant landowners to find out how many wish to continue to cut the paths and, those who don't, ask for permission for grass-cutting contractors access to so do. The Clerk is also to write to a landowner where the footpath is very overgrown.

13. DAMAGE TO AREA OF VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman raised the matter of the central green with the Millennium stone and the World War One plaque which did, until recently have only a single line track access to properties on Church View but which has, in part, been increasingly eroded into a two lane track by parked cars on the village green. There is an added problem where a water leak is carving a track down the left hand side of the village green.

Because it is the Council's duty to protect all village assets including village greens, Members of the Council intend to call upon the residents of Church View to explain their intention to return the green area to its former position. The Chairman acknowledged that whilst cars have been permitted to park on the track, there is no right of parking, simply a right of access - but he also explained that the Council has always considered parking to be something that is perfectly reasonable when it keeps the cars off of the main road, adding it would be a bigger inconvenience than having the cars parked up on the track. The Clerk is to inform Northumbrian Water Board of the water leak in order to get it repaired.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Presley suggested that now the Parish Council meetings are bi-monthly, and only the AGM and APM takes place in May of each year, the gap between Ordinary Meetings in March and July gives a weakness to following up on work and decisions made. It was agreed that the Clerk would incorporate an Ordinary meeting at the end of the AGM and APM each year in order to bridge this gap.

Proposal: that the Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Meeting dated Wednesday 24 March, 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Leech Seconded by: Cllr Humble Vote: Unanimous

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The Members of the Council next viewed, the Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting dated, 2021 whereby Members had one agenda item: to select the supplier of new playground equipment.

Cllr Vickers reported that the cost of the equipment was £8628 and the Pavilion and Field Working Group had raised £8625 to fund the project though there was still some money to be added from the school's Entrepreneurial project. The meeting agreed that this was a phenomenal achievement by all involved and much appreciated. As the cost of removing the old playground equipment would be £780 it was agreed that the Councillors would facilitate this themselves in order to save the cost.

Proposal: that the Minutes of the Ingleton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting dated Thursday 20 May, 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Leech Seconded by: Cllr Humble Vote: Unanimous

15. IPC FINANCES

The meeting heard that the overall balance across the bank accounts is £14,142.36. Known expenditure currently stands at £7289.83 giving a potential £6850 in reserve funds.

16. PAVILION AND FIELD WORKING GROUP (PFWG)

Cllr Vickers raised a question of allowing puppy training classes in the village field. The Chairman stated that as the Parish Council had deferred responsibility to the Field Working Group to decide on what were permitted uses, therefore if this type of event fell under that category, then the Council would have no objection.

The Chairman reported that the car park adjacent to the pavilion was in an overgrown state. The Clerk is to ask the grasscutting contractor to lay some weedkiller on the area.

Cllr Vickers raised the point that if anyone wanted to use the playground on spec for an unofficial event such as a picnic, they could contact the parish council where we could arrange for the toilet facilities to be opened up.

LOCAL MAINTENANCE / VILLAGE ISSUES

18 Any Other Business

A resident contacted the Clerk just before the meeting to offer her concern that a letter sent by the Parish Council had not been offered before the Planning Committee of Durham County Council. The Clerk is to contact the Planning Department to ask why this was not included in their deliberations.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

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