

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 November 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 Pressley; Cllr Vickers; Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Humble and Cllr Ingleson.

Website Manager: A Mead

Visitors: 3

Clerk: J Mead

2. Apologies for Absence Cllr Hunton (Vice-Chair)

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

All items raised in the list in the agenda regarding actions taken by the Clerk were noted by Members.

Letters having been sent to IDCA concerning both the request from Middleton Band to play at the village fayre 2022 and an offer from the Parish Council to liaise with the IDCA in the arrangements for the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 – Cllr Ingleson is to enquire whether representation would be required at a scheduled meeting of the IDCA in December for discussions on the two events.

5. Public Participation

a) Comment on the agenda items

No comments were raised

b) Any other Business

No items were raised

STRATEGIC BUSINESS

6. CRICKET TEAM UPDATE

Mrs Nicola Meek, Secretary of King James' Cricket team was welcomed to the meeting where she gave an update on team matters including a change of captaincy, a reduction in the number of divisions in the cricket team league table and that King James' team finished the season at the bottom of league two. There were some new players who joined the team and there is going to be a recruitment drive to get more players next season from, hopefully, Ingleton village as well as elsewhere. There is also a real effort planned to encourage visitors to the cricket matches because, last year, the restrictions set because of the Covid pandemic meant that few visitors came to the games played. Mr K Gammack has agreed to help maintain the wicket area again, the cricket square has already been reseeded and key people

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will be coming to the pavilion to prepare the building for the coming, hopefully, more successful season. No administration paperwork to fill in at this time; the next signing of licenses would be in 2023, with the current licence expiring before the 2024 season; the Chairman thanked Mrs Meek for attending. Mrs Meek left the meeting at 7.20pm

7. SPEED MONITORING THROUGH VILLAGE

A working group is to be formed with members from the parish council and speedwatch team to further investigate the viability and purchase of Speed Monitoring equipment in the village. Councillors are hopeful that with appeals to County Councillors and focus groups as sources of possible funding, along with match funding from perhaps the IDCA and village church funds, the equipment could be a useful deterrent for speeding through the village. Item to be placed on next Meeting's agenda for progress report.

8. FOOTPATHS IN VILLAGE

Cllr Vickers highlighted two footpaths on the outskirts of the village, one on the Staindrop exit and one on the Darlington exit, which were in need of widening as the grass growing on the kerbside was making the paths very much narrower. Clerk to send report to DCC Highways with a request for remedial work to be carried out.

9. VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSET

Members discussed the possibility of registering a valuable community asset with Durham County Council however, to give time for relevant parties to make enquiries regarding this matter, the Parish Council agreed that the subject be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. NORTH BOUNDARY HEDGE IN JUBILEE FIELD

The Chairman reported that the gap in the hedge on the north boundary of Jubilee Field had been filled by having a fence erected.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July 2021 were proposed for acceptance as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Leech Vote: Unanimous

12. IPC FINANCES

The meeting heard that the overall balance across the bank accounts is £12,044.13 with a potential end of year cash surplus of £7,207.35.

Cllr Vickers gave £88 cash to the Clerk for deposit into the Playground account, being donations towards the playground equipment.

The Statement of Accounts were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Leech.

Vote: Unanimously agreed

13. PAVILION AND FIELD WORKING GROUP (PFWG)

Cllr Vickers reported that the Puppy Training classes had been a success with around 12 puppies attending so there is a great expectation of a host of well behaved dogs in the village in the future.

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The suppliers of the new adventure trail play equipment had offered to erect the equipment 17 December but it was decided that this would be less than ideal given it won't be used over the winter months and the ground would be churned up so a later date of 7 March 2022 was suggested and is to be confirmed. With donations of £4000 from the IDCA, £3000 from the funds held by the church for the benefit of the community and other monies there is sufficient to not only purchase and install the equipment but also to maintain it in situ. .

Cllr Pressley raised the matter of the condition of the trees near to the playground equipment and that they need to be inspected and made safe after some damage had been caused by perhaps children trying to climb them. Clerk reported that she had already sent a message to the local arborist to ask for a quote for the work to be done when he was carrying out the work on a tree in the field for which he was already commissioned to cut back.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk is to write again to the Planning Officer at DCC to report a near accident occurring between a contract lorry and a speeding motorcycle at the new entrance of Brook House Farm in order to further impress upon the Planning and Highway officers the very real danger of an accident at this point in the road.

LOCAL MAINTENANCE / VILLAGE ISSUES

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Cartwright asked for new defibrillator signs to be purchased as the ones in situ are not in a good condition. Also need a new sign with the relevant contact phone numbers for people to call if a situation arises where access through the field is required.

Cllr Ingleson discussed with the meeting the intention to renew the Village Hall sign sited at the corner point of the wall for the church and the public footpath leading from the main road down to the Village Hall.

The Chairman notified the meeting that he would be circulating the figures needed for the precept for 2022. The calculation will maintain the priorities that we have been using over the past few years with the aim to only increase the precept by the rate of inflation so that the Council continues to have a level playing field and not increase people's community charges.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

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