

INGLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Parish Meeting

held on:
Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 7.00pm
Village Hall, Ingleton

MINUTES OF MEETING

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| APM/22/1 | Present: Councillors: Cllr Leech (Chairman); Cllr Hunton (Vice-Chair); Cllr Pressley; Cllr Ingleson Website Manager: Mr A Mead Visitors: 4 Clerk: J Mead |
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| APM/22/2 | Apologies for Absence: Apologies from Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Humble and Cllr Vickers were accepted. As noted in the AGM, which took place immediately prior to this meeting, the Chairman took the opportunity to commend the thoughts of everyone at the meeting to Cllr Vickers and both her immediate and extended family following the sad bereavement of Mrs Joyce Chapman, a true and loyal friend to both the Council and the Parish and whose loss will be very much felt in the community. |
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| APM/22/3 | To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021 were approved as an accurate record of proceedings. Proposed: Cllr Leech Seconded: Cllr Hunton |
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| Strategic Business: Issues of strategic importance that require priority attention | |
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| APM22/4 | Chairman of the Parish Council's Report: (full outline available on Parish Website) The Chairman began by again recognising the strength, resilience, and community spirit that the residents of Ingleton and the wider Parish have demonstrated over this last, difficult year with regard to not only the health and financial effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic which continued to touch every part of our community, young and old; but also the terrible conflict around the globe. |
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This year, when setting our Parish Precept, we continued to prioritise the following three strategic areas:

Priority 1: To ensure Council income is adequate to run the Council and to maintain assets, facilities and resources. Whilst ensuring that all community money controlled by the Council is spent wisely, Members authorised not only the general upkeep of assets but also the replacement, old for new, of the playground's adventure trail, made possible through fundraising activities of the Pavilion and Working Group and the Ingleton District Community Association.

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Priority 2: To invest in community assets, facilities and resources. The Parish Council's commitment to invest in new assets, facilities and resources is based on community need and the Chairman wished to reassure Parishioners that the Council will continue to invest, where it is appropriate and sustainable, to support the needs of the Parish and to enhance our community.

Priority 3: To work in partnership with community groups, voluntary organisations and other local authorities, including neighbouring local councils, to benefit the community. The Chairman stated that collaboration builds community, and is especially desirable where it facilitates investment in community assets, facilities and resources. We are proud of our continuing relationship with Ingleton District Community Association (IDCA) and with the volunteer, community 'Speedwatch' team for its members' continued efforts in all weathers to reduce vehicular speeding.

During this part of the meeting Cllr Pressley was encouraged to produce a Chairman's report she had found from Council records 50 years prior to this meeting whereby the incumbent Chairman reported the key problems in the village as parking issues and dog faeces. These still being the two main talking points for Council meetings showed that times do not actually change that much.

The Chairman concluded his report by also thanking frequent contributors to the activities of the Parish Council including former councillor Alf Mead, who continues to maintain and update the Council webpages, all of the Councillors for giving up their time free of charge to support the community, Joyce Mead, the IPC Clerk and to the Parishioners and friends of Ingleton village for their hard work and commitment in making Ingleton such a lovely place to live and play.

Other Reports:

Pavilion and Working Group

Cllr Pressley reported that Cllr Vickers, who has been an excellent Chairperson for the Group, would have given a fuller report regarding the work of the Pavilion and Working Group, in her absence Cllr Pressley gave details of improvements to the field including a small garden area and new equipment purchased through a great deal of fundraising. She thanked Mrs Melanie Ingleson for her support in the activities and described the collaboration to bring about not only the village fayre but also the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Speedwatch Group

Mr David Ormandy reported that the congenial, self-supporting group had, this year, been joined by Messrs Henry Chandler and Alf Mead and that there had only been one occasion where Speedwatch activities had been called off owing to severe rain and that they had found that speeding vehicles contributed to approximately 5% of the through traffic of approximately 100-120 vehicles per hour. This equates to 5, 6 or perhaps 7 cars which primarily drive at between 35-37mph plus 2 or 3 in the past month travelling nearer 45mph.

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The team will, in due course, have access to a police Speedwatch van which should further support the results of the team.

This year's results are a significant reduction in numbers recorded in the previous year and the Chairman thanked again the team for their diligence.

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Ingleton Infants and Junior School

Cllr Pressley gave an impromptu report in lieu of a village school representative being invited to report to future meetings. The Meeting heard that with 54 pupils and 10 staff members at the school which, since 2020, is a part of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust and that the school was getting back to normal following the Covid lockdown. It had enjoyed excellent Easter service in St John's church and also, by way of fundraising for the playground equipment, joined in community activities and had been presented with commemorative Queen's Jubilee drinking mugs. The Chairman hoped that a representative from the school Trust could be found to retain the link with the village school.

Ingleton & District Community Association

Cllr Ingleson last year, because of the health restrictions, the hall was very quiet for the first part of the year but was pleased to say now activities are increasing with a lot of community groups' use on a regular basis, including a new craft group called Common Threads. Unfortunately, private hire of the hall has not wholly recovered to pre COVID levels.

The IDCA applied for two sets of funding and received approximately £5600 which will go towards décor and flooring etc. Further applications for funding will ensue in 2022/23 to allow further improvements including a new boiler. The Committee has also been facilitating the arrangements for the Jubilee weekend and supported the funding of the new playing field equipment.

There has been a re-establishment of Saturday coffee mornings which have successfully netted some £ 60-70 each weekend.

Cllr Ingleson reported that, thanks to the successful fundraising, the accounts were showing a healthy balance, primarily because there was £10,000 of funding in 2020, because of COVID and only half of that was consumed during 2020 to actually keep the hall going. However, escalating energy costs have caused the committee to look to energy saving methods and these will be further discussed over the coming year.

Charges for hire of the facilities have unfortunately had to rise by £2.50 per hour.

The Chairman acknowledged the hall as a great facility which we, as a community, are lucky to have and encouraged everyone to do everything possible to retain its services by supporting it.

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Date and time of next Meeting

7.00 pm 24th May 2023

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