

INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Adrian Dawson

Clerk: Mr J Milward

Jusanna, the Street, Ingham

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingham Parish Council held on 28th March 2017 in St Bartholomew's Church, Ingham

Present: Clr A Dawson (Chair), Clr E Dawson, Clr L Anslow, Clr L Tibbert, Clr P Scase, Clr J Beedie, John Milward (Clerk), Clr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC), Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger (SCC), Mayor of St Edmundsbury Clr Julie Wakelam and 2 member of the public.

The chairman welcomed the Mayor of St Edmundsbury to the council meeting

Co-option on to council to fill a vacancy

The vacant post on the council had been advertised in accordance with local government regulations and one application received to fill this post.

It was proposed by Clr A Dawson and seconded by Clr Anslow that the applicant, Monica Kovacic-Graham be co-opted on to the council. Passed unanimously.

Public Question Time The subject of flooding along The Street was raised by a resident of Burford who complained that, in heavy rain, his garden was flooded to a depth of up to 2-3 inches. He had referred the problem to Highways who had said that as it is only his property that is involved there was unlikely to be further action taken. It was established that a drain outside his property had been filled in because it was always being broken. Clr Hopfensperger agreed to take up the issue with Highways together with other outstanding drainage issues.

Borough and County Councillors' Reports

Borough Councillor: Clr Susan Glossop reported on the following points:

- a. Breakdown of this coming year's community charge was outlined.
- b. There is now a Farmer's Market on the 2nd Sunday of each month in The Traverse with the regular market traders offering a market on Cornhill.
- c. Brown Bin service annual fee now due and those who opted in are being sent reminders. Completion can be done on line.
- d. Public Space Protection Order being introduced in Bury St Edmunds to cover the problem of beggars and people sleeping rough. Numbers begging and sleeping rough have risen considerably over the last 12 months.
- e. Agreed with the Police that control of street parking in Bury St Edmunds will be taken over by the Borough Council who, at the moment, only control official car parks. This has to go to the Secretary of State for approval and in any event will take some time to introduce since road markings and signs will all have to be checked.

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- f. An update was given on the Town Centre Master Plan. Councillors were encouraged to participate in the consultation.
- g. Cllr Glossop had been in contact with Mathew Hancock with regard to the poor mobile phone reception in this area. Anyone wishing to add comments re this issue is encouraged to contact the MP's secretary.
- h. Clerk confirmed that application for the Solar Farm had been approved. No start date had been given but monitoring would be carried out since application for a grant from the firm could be made once they had started work on the project.
- i. Playmeadow. Although on the council agenda at item 6 it was agreed to discuss at this point so that input could be made from Borough and County representatives. An update on Playmeadow issues was given by the chairman. No further progress with the current landowner was to hand but one option being considered was to approach Mr Turner to see whether or not he would be able to offer a piece of land. This would pose additional problems which would need to be taken into account.

County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger reported on the following:

- a. Budget had been approved by full council. The permitted adult social care precept of 3% had been introduced.
- b. West Suffolk Operational Hub. Site for this has now been decided as Hollow Road Farm but several issues have still to be resolved, mostly relating to traffic. Any comments made during the consultation period must relate to material planning points. Hoped that application will go to Development and Control at the beginning of June but this might be somewhat unrealistic. In any event final decision will have to go to Secretary of State since it is outside of the local plan.
- c. An update was given on the Westley Bridge works. Various measures had been introduced to ease traffic flows and seemed to be working. Confirmation had been received that the project would definitely be complete within time - i.e. 11th April.

Parish Council Agenda

- 1. Apologies** Nil
- 2. Declaration of Interest** The chairman gave members the opportunity to declare any interest in items on the agenda. None were declared.
- 3. Dispensations** Nil required
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January 2017.** Proposed by Cllr Anslow and seconded by Cllr Tibbert that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Agreed unanimously.
- 5. Progress Reports**

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a. Report on actions from previous meetings

(i) NET had carried out tests checking the efficiency of the proposed base station and were now in the process of submitting their plans for the project to the PCC. No specific date of completion available but everything going ahead as planned.

(ii) Action on clearing pedestrian way outside of Crossways has now been taken, this after follow-up approach from SCC. No action has as yet been taken with regard to the path alongside the A134 on the approach to the southern end of restriction sign. Clerk to chase up.

(iii) Two replies have been received in relation to the grass cutting contract. One scheduled to visit the area the following week. No reply received from current contractor.

(iv) Mayor had accepted the invitation to attend the parish council meeting and the incoming mayor had been invited to attend a church lunch in July 2017.

6. Items for debate and decision

Highways: Clr Beedie raised the subject of installing a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). A discussion on the subject agreed and the following proposal made:

a. That the council investigate the purchase and siting of a VAS. Proposed by Clr Beedie and seconded by Clr Tibbert. Carried unanimously. To be included on next meeting's agenda for further action.

b. Possible funding towards cost of VAS was discussed. Possible sources are Waitrose and Borough Council's locality budget.

7. Finance

a. A summary of expenditure with current balances for the period 1st January 2017 to 28th February 2017 was presented by the clerk together with proposed expenditure for the forthcoming month. Proposed by Clr A Dawson and seconded by Clr Beedie that the statement as produced and the proposed expenditure be accepted. Carried unanimously.

b. Section 137 payments for the coming year were agreed as being the same as for previous year.

8. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting Nil

10. Correspondence for information A letter had been received from an internet user requesting information relating to persons buried in the churchyard. Clerk to reply directing the enquirer to the village web site where all relevant information could be found.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

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- a. Action required with regard to telephone box.
- b. Flowers for planters along The Street. Check whether Sears family would undertake care of all planters.
- c. Planting of daffodils throughout village. Council to discuss.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm Next meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2017

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