

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 27th November 2018 in St Bartholomew's Church, Ingham

Present: Cllr A Dawson (Chair), Cllr L Anslow, Cllr E Dawson, Cllr L Tibbert, Cllr Kovacic-Graham, Cllr P Scase, Cllr K Pryke, Cllr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC), John Milward (Clerk), Michelle Thompson (Clerk Elect). and 1 member of the public.

The new clerk was introduced to the council

Public Question Time The smashed bollard outside the post office, although reported, has not been actioned by SCC Highways. To be chased up by the clerk.

Borough Councillor's Report

a. Cllr Susan Glossop reported on the following items:

(i) Enquired of the council costs and type of equipment being used for the new Playmeadow. Enquired because she was intending to make grant from locality budget. Understands that Cllr Hopfensperger would also make a grant. Suggested that application for grants should also be extended to include all supermarkets and banks. Liaison to be maintained between chairman and Cllr Glossop.

(ii) Brown Bins. As from April charge will be going up to £43. Increase due to SCC increasing charge for disposal of waste. Borough Council now faces £89k shortfall which necessitates increase.

(iii) Wed 31st March 2019 St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council will cease to exist and will combine to form a temporary council prior to elections in May to form the new West Suffolk District Council. The decision as to whether the new Council should apply to become a Borough or not was delayed until after the new Council was formed. Unless and until the new council does become a Borough there will be no Mayor and it is expected that the Town Council will take over this role.

(iv) The Chairman explained the current position with regard to Highways response to the Playmeadow planning application and the noted need for a pedestrian crossing. Highways have now included this as a "wish list" item.

County Councillor's Report Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger not in attendance and no report received.

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.

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3. Dispensations Nil required

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd January 2018 Proposed by Cllr Tibbert and seconded by Cllr E Dawson that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2018 be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously

Proposed by Cllr Scase and seconded by Cllr Anslow that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports

a. Clerk's report

(i) Quote from Contractor for grass cutting of new play area still not received. Clerk to chase.,

(ii) There is no further news on the proposed mobile base station in the church tower. Assured by Tony Redman that the project is still going ahead.

(iii) Letter to PCC asking for parking permission for residents taking children to play area was submitted and considered by the PCC. No objections raised by PCC or Diocese but PCC advised to draw up regulations regarding use. In hand with Tony Redman PCC)

6. Handover between clerks The clerk outlined how the handover to Michelle Thompson would be carried out over a 2 month period, at the end of which Michelle would take the clerk's seat at the January meeting of the council. In order to facilitate this it would mean employing both clerks for the 2 months period with extra funding above budget required to cover it. Proposed by Cllr A|Dawson and seconded by Cllr Kovacic-Graham that budget be adjusted to cover this extra cost.

7. Items for debate and decision

(a) Playmeadow. Planning application with Borough Council. Project supported by members of Stennet family and residents of the village. Highways now confirm that they will not oppose the application. Planning department taking very positive view and not likely to oppose the application. With regard to grants, application has been submitted to Suffolk Foundation for a £2k grant. Further applications for grants can only be made after planning application is approved. Cllr Kovacic-Graham summarised other fund raising activities being undertaken through projects organised by the Playmeadow Group.

(b) Highways. Nothing further to add to that already discussed.

8. Finance

(a) The following cheque payments were agreed:

Sue Constable (Garden Plants) £14.65, HMRC £55, Clerk Wages £220, Clerk Expenses £26.69, Grass Cutting (TOP) £168, D. Deeks (Audit) £75 Proposed by Cllr Tibbert, seconded by Cllr E Dawson. Carried unanimously.

(b) Section 137 payments. Agreed that Section 137 payments for the year 2018/19 be the same as those made for 2017/2018.

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(c) The budget and precept for 2019/20 was discussed. It was proposed by Clr E Dawson and seconded by Cllr Anslow that the following budget figures and use of reserve funds be approved:

Clerk Salary £1,750, Insurance £350, Auditor £90, Subs/Fees £300, Grass Cutting £1,200. Section 137 £150, Clerk's Expenses £200, Training £125, Gardens £50, Maintenance £200. This will produce a precept of £4415.

The sum of £4,000 from reserve funds will be used for Playmeadow. Agreed unanimously

(d) The parish council used to give the sum of £200 to the PCC as an annual grant. It was agreed that the council would give £100 per year to the PCC but this year would have liked a grant from the PCC towards the Playmeadow. Clerk to approach PCC on these lines so that the grant money this year would go direct to the Playgroup Committee.

(e) Agreed that money currently in Barclays Business account be transferred in to Barclays Community Account. This will leave the Business Account free for playgroup committee money to be deposited.

(f) Michelle to discuss with chairman of Saxham parish council the use of their computer by Michelle for Ingham Council matters.

9. Planning

Application No DC/18/0346/HH – The Old School, Ingham. Revised application. Two storey cart lodge to be changed to one storey cart lodge. Approved.

10. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting

Planning application relating to Playmeadow submitted direct to Borough Council.

11. Correspondence for Information

Letter from Borough Council asking Landlords for potential development sites.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Dates for 2019 : 22 January, 26 March, 14 May, 23 July, 24 September, 26 November.

Internet banking to be included on agenda for January meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm Next meeting 22 Jan 2019

Chairman's Signature