

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 26th September 2017 in St Bartholomew's Church, Ingham

Present: Clr A Dawson (Chair), Clr E Dawson, Clr L Anslow, Clr L Tibbert, Clr J Beedie, Clr Kovacic-Graham, Clr P Scase, John Milward (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

Public Question Time Representative from Town and Country Garden Services outlined services which the firm could provide, It is a new firm aimed at employing young people and looking to bid for services required by the parish council. The subject of grass cutting through the village was discussed and it was agreed that a new contract for this service should be sought for the next financial year and which will include the Playmeadow. It was also agreed that purchase of spring bulbs should go ahead.

Borough and County Councillors' Reports Neither representative present at meeting due to clash of dates with full council meeting at St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The Borough Council representative Clr Susan Glossop submitted the following written report:

St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath councils are to vote on a new single council for West Suffolk this week, if both councils support the proposal a business plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State on the 28 September 2017. The Secretary of State has given his firm intention to ensure that should the Councils wish to proceed in becoming a single Council then the necessary support and assistance should be provided to enable this to happen. A survey was commissioned from COMRES an independent polling company. 70% of residents supported a single council and only 1 in 5 are opposed to it. If this goes ahead there would be a saving of £800k. There would be less Councillors and the authority would commence from May 2019 after the Borough elections. Anyone wishing to view the business case can go onto the St Edmundsbury council website where there is the agenda and documents for the Council meeting to be held on the 26th September.

The planning application for the HUB at Hollow Road Farm was approved on the 21st September by the Development Control committee. The Secretary of State has been advised and the application could be called in for review.

The town centre master plan consultation has been completed and the revised version will be considered by the town centre working group and a final version will then be presented to be formally adopted by the full St Edmundsbury council by the end of the year .

The Eastern Relief Road will be opening for traffic on Monday 25th September from Skyliner Way roundabout up to Sow Lane Sow Lane will be opening at the same time.

The closure of RAF Mildenhall has been delayed due to the project design and construction for the move of assets from RAF Mildenhall to Germany and are dependent on the completion of the Joint Intelligence Analysis Centre at RAF Croughton. This will not happen before 2024.

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.

Chairman's signature

3. Dispensations Nil required

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2017 Proposed by Clr Anslow and seconded by Clr E Dawson that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Agreed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports

a. Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger has agreed to donate £2000 towards the cost of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

b The grant of £500 from Clr Susan Glossop's locality budget, also towards the cost of the VAS, has been received and is banked.

c. The contract for the purchase of the telephone kiosk has been received . Agreed that we go ahead with the £1 payment to take over responsibility of it.

d. Clerk had received a telephone call from a Mrs Nunn who resides in Culford Road with regard to the state of the bus shelter which she considers is in need of cleaning up and maintenance. Agreed that councillors will look at it and item will be included on agenda for next meeting.

6. Items for debate and decision

a. **Playmeadow.** No further news at present. Chairman awaiting follow up from Solicitors. Provision of equipment will be considered in conjunction with Simon Collins of St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

b. **Highways** VAS now to hand and will be put into use within the next few days. Chairman has downloaded the software for recording all data from the VAS. Info available will be brought to council when appropriate.

c. **Telephone Kiosk** Clerk reported on a telephone call he had had from the son of a resident in Culford road whose father had died of a heart attack and who, together with his brother, had set up a charity to provide defibrillators, one of which had been set up in the Cadogan Arms in Ingham. He felt that the pub was an inappropriate place to locate it because of closing times and had suggested that he and his brother would be happy to transfer it to the telephone kiosk, Agreed that the council should proceed with the proposed project. To be included in the agenda for November.

7. Finance

a. The external auditor's report was presented to the council. The comments raised by the auditor with regard to precept and grants were noted for future reference. Proposed by Clr Anslow and seconded by Clr Kovacic-Graham that the accounts for 2016/17 now be closed. Carried unanimously.

b. A summary of expenditure with current balances for the period 1st July 2017 to 31st August 2017 was presented by the clerk together with proposed expenditure for the forthcoming month. Proposed by Clr Anslow and seconded by Clr Scase that the statement as produced and the proposed expenditure be accepted. Carried unanimously.

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

Chairman's signature

9. Planning

- a.** Application No DC/17/1756/CLE - Use of existing Lagoons for the storage of Slurry. Approved
- b.** Application No DC/17/1867/HH – Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension – Anvil Cottage, Maltings Lane - Approved

10. Correspondence for information Nil

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- a.** Clr Kovacic-Graham raised the problem of street lighting along The Street. Clerk will report current faults direct to SCC Highways.
- b.** Clr Tibbert queried as to what was happening regarding selling and letting of the houses on the new estate. Exact position not clear.
- c.** With new residents in the estate it was agreed that a flyer be distributed to such people with the aim of welcoming them in to the community.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting 28th November 2017