

INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr. Adrian Dawson
Clerk: Mrs. Michelle Thompson
16 Klondyke Cottages, Bury St Edmunds

Minutes of the Ingham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 in St Bartholomew's Church, Ingham

Present: Cllr A Dawson (Chair), Cllr.F.Stennett, Cllr. P. Scase, Cllr. K. Pryke,
Cllr. M. Kovacic – Graham, Cllr. L. Anslow Cllr C. Cadman,
Michelle Thompson (Clerk) and 11 Parishioner

Democratic ½ Hour – Public Question Time:-

Chairman Cllr. Dawson welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by introducing Ben Alexander reported on the development of the future Glasshouse Project.

He outlined that the primary stages of the project had begun about 3 weeks ago and scheduled for completion by the end of 2020. He went on to say it is the world's first zero carbon Greenhouse; growing a wide range of vegetables: tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers etc.

The concerns of the Parishioners of Ingham were that they wanted the village to stay attractive. Mr. Alexander assured them that the new planning application to be submitted would reduce the site and the greenhouse would be less visible with the planting of small trees.

Cllr. Cadman questioned the impact of the volume of traffic going through the village as a result of the development. It was asked if there was any possible funding available towards a Pedestrian Crossing to alleviate any impact of people crossing the road. Mr. Alexander replied, saying this was something that the investors would consider contributing towards. It was also suggested that the Parish Council make further enquires into the possibility of additional funding from Suffolk Highways. Then report back at the next meeting in March.

The Parish Council question Mr. Alexander on the several other aspects including job opportunities for local people, which he agreed and assured the villages that the noise and light pollution will be kept to a minimum.

Cllr. Scase and Cllr. Kovacic – Graham brought to everyone's attention that from the previous plans for the Glasshouse the entrance has slightly changed and this was questioned as to why. The response was to comply with Highways and Planning Regulations.

Mr. Alexander went on to say that they are wanting to make people of all ages aware of this Zero Carbon Project which could be quite relevant in today's society and it would be a topic of interest

Suffolk County Council Report – Cllr. Hopfensperger did not attend and did not provide a report

Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr. Glossop reported to the that budgets were being set along with Council Tax rates. She went on to say that there has unfortunately been a lot of criticism over the possibility of car parking charges being increased. However, this will be for Cabinet to decide. The '*Civil Parking Act*' has now been passed which means from April 2020 West Suffolk Council will take responsibility of all Car Parking issue .

We were made us aware of the new Recycling Centre which is situated at Fornham and includes black bin rubbish too.

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Cllr. Glossop outlined to the Council about the new Wildlife Project that other Parish Councils within her Ward and suggested that it might be nice to have wildflowers, bird feeders, should situated around the village maybe in the play area getting youngsters involved; Cllr Glossop would assist.

1. Apologies Cllr Hopensfenberger

2. Declaration of Interest Cllr Stennett declared an interest in Section Glasshouse Project and Section 8

3. Dispensation None

4. Minutes of Parish Meeting held 26th November 2019 - Proposed by Cllr. Dawson and Seconded Cllr. Scase that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Agreed

5. Reports

Clerks' Report;

The Clerk reported back to the Council to say that she had made enquires with SALC about Training for the Councillors and that the Parish of Saxham was interested along with Culford and West Stow. The Chairman was therefore going to make further enquires and report back at the next meeting. The Training is to be circulated to all Councillors before the next meeting. The Clerk circulated a list of 2020 meeting dates

6. Items for debate and decision: -

a. Play Area

The Chairman reported that the last inspection carried out by West Suffolk Council was all good and that all nuts and bolts had now been tightened satisfactorily.

The Chairman outlined that we have about £10,000 left including the Vat Refund to spend on the Play Area, therefore it was decided that the priority at this stage was to obtain some quotes for metal fencing and to enquire how much lying ash felt down, would cost. Cllr Sennett and Cllr K Graham have kindly agreed to assist with this and will endeavor to report back at the next meeting. We would look into funding from Cllr Glossop
It has come to the intention of the Parish Council that somewhere within the Play Area should be displayed the post code in case there was a medical emergency, so the location can be found easily (*use the three word rule that can easily be remember*).

Highways – There is concern over closure of some part of Culford Road and division sign. Unfortunately, it is not sure what is happening and hopefully will all resolve itself
The Sign on Beauford Road is standing on one leg it has been reported by is not a priority and if replaced would cost the village.

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- a. **Lynch Gate** - this is still an on -going process and in need of some tender loving care.
- b. **Village Sign** – The village sign has now been repaired, at a cost of £650.
Unfortunately, at present leans to one side. The Chairman has offered to sort it out.

7. Finance

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Reconciliations for Lloyds Parish Council and The Playground Account were all agreed
The Clerk confirmed that this account was being kept open in case more fundraising was required in the future.

Cheques were authorized for Warnes (Village Sign)	£650.00
Tops Garden Service (Grass Cutting)	£ 120.00
Michelle Thompson (Clerk's Salary)	£ 351.72

A Draft Budget was compiled and presented to the Council with a Precept of £5,000 for 2020/21.
This was agreed by all Councillors

The Play Area Equipment needs to be updated on the Asset Register. All agreed A revised Fixed Assets register will be circulated to the councilors after the January meeting

8. Planning Applications

Variation of Condition 2 of DC/18/1039FUL- Amendments
of the Approved Mitigation Planting plan. Land at Place Farm.
The Street Ingham.
Suffolk
IP31 1NQ.
Low Carbon Farming 6 Lt.

A letter was sent to West Suffolk Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns and objections over the visual impact and noise. Also, the number of trees which will increase the visual intrusion from the A134.

9. Clerks Report on Urgent Decisions From Last Meeting:-

The Clerk reported that a new mandate form had to be signed by two of the existing signatories to allowing Cllr. C. Kovacic- Graham to be added. This has all been completed now.
Also, the Clerk is to invest into the VAT refund for the year 2018/19

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10. Correspondence This was read out at the meeting

11. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Planters around the village could do with replacing with some bigger and nicer ones, long lasting. It was suggested looking towards some sponsorship from local businesses this is to be discussed further at the meeting in March

Pedestrian Crossing Ben Alexander (Carbon Glasshouse Project) for the Parish Council to liaise with Highways for more information

12. Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 17th March 2020

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman's Signature