

INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th March 2019 in St Bartholomew's Church, Ingham

Present: Clr A Dawson (Chair), Clr. E Dawson, Clr. L. Anslow, Clr. L Tibbert, Clr Kovacic-Graham, Clr P Scase, Clr K Pryke, Michelle Thompson (Clerk) 2 Parishioners

Public Question Time

The Chairman opened the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed. Charlie Cadman The Public Question Time began with John Milward, who on behalf of the P.C.C has been kindly organising the forthcoming Concert at St Bartholomew's Church on Saturday 11th May at 7.30 pm with the "*Aquarious Singers*" from Bury St Edmunds. This, is in aid of the fundraising for Ingham Village's New Play Ground Area. Tickets go on sales 1st April.

An update was given on the situation on the Tomato Glasshouse; this is believed to have all fallen through and the last heard was that they were looking for financial backers, It was suggested they were American, but apparently they are now corresponding with Mathew Hancock. All trenches have now been filled in, as they were originally part of an Archeological Dig.; but it is presumed that at some stage this project will go ahead.

In the last few months there has been an increase in the amount of dog fouling in the village. It unfortunately always seems to be in the same place, Lydgate and Culford Road. We are aware that the number of house-hold having dogs as pets has increased. There are already two Dog Bins, one near the Bus Station and it has been suggested that perhaps SCC could assist in some way. As a village, we would look into doing a Flyer, putting something on the Website, in the Parish Magazine and on Next Door. This way hopefully we can resolve the problem. Clr Pyke and Clr. Anslow have agreed to assist with this.

Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Susan Glossop had nothing new to report apart from that St Edmundsbury Borough Council does no longer exist and that now we are in a "*Shadow Council*" and from 1st April 2019 will become West Suffolk.

Susan enquired about the progress on the purchasing of the Play Equipment for our new Play Ground, It was decided that the final decision on the equipment needed should be made at the Playground Meeting on 3rd April. To date two quotes have been obtained. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to all, if there was a design in place by the end of April 2019 and the land had been levelled.

Chairman's Signature

The Chairman then went on to inform us that he was approached by Suffolk Radio about the Installation of Average Speed Cameras by Highways in June of this year along the A134 between Ingham and Barnham. Bor. Cllr. Susan Glossip suggested that this would be beneficial and assist with the reduction of accidents. However, the Chairman feels that the money Highways are spending on these Speed Camera would be better used to provide the village with a Pedestrian Crossing.

The Chairman thanked on behalf of Ingham Parish Council, Cllr Elaine Dawson and Cllr Linda Anslow who have decided to stand down in the forthcoming Elections, for all their work over the past four years. Cllr Anslow offered her service to continue running the Website for Ingham Parish Council and this was much appreciated.

County Councilor's Report

Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported that the final Budget for this coming year has been approved at £519 million.

£45 million is being set aside to spend on Special Education Needs in Suffolk with one new special school being built in Ipswich. Although money to facilitate this project is being generated directly from the Government. This is allowing £45 m to be used on building extensions and additional units to existing school to allow for the 300 – 400 extra SEN places needed.

Rebecca went on to outline that SCC has received money for two schemes

Pot Holes – making them more resistant and a new pilot scheme for lighting in Great Barton when there is traffic the lights go on and when there's no traffic the lights goes off. They are looking towards sensory lighting aimed particularly towards the elderly.

The Chairman informed Rebecca that Highways were installing Speed Cameras on A134 and Cllr Hopfensperger was unaware of the positioning of them but did outline it was the Road Safety Scheme headed by Mary Evans.

Rebecca then went on to say that if Ingham was considering a grant application it would be more beneficial to apply after April 5th as there would be more funding available.

Parish Council Agenda

- 1. Apologies:** - Nil
- 2. Declaration of Interest** Nil
- 3. Dispensations** Nil required
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January 2019** **Proposed** by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Scase accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

Chairman's Signature

5. Progress Reports

a. Clerk's report

- (i) The Barclays Bank Account will be discussed in Section 7 - Finance
The New Lloyds Ingham Parish Account has now been actioned and the Social Club Cheque has now been paid into it, which will later be transferred to the Play Area Account the Lloyds Playground Account has £1000 in it which was kindly donated by Susan Glossip as part of her Locality Budget for the Play Meadow.

6. Items for Debate and Decision

(a) Play Meadow.

The Chairman gave an update on the current situation: -
Planning permission was sent off after the last Parish Council Meeting and has now been granted. He went on to report that the Suffolk Foundation Trust Grant of £500 has now been received and been paid into the Barclays Bank Account. A Lottery Grant has also been applied for £8706 with condition that our equipment includes a Swing, Climbing Frame and Mats.

Final preparations are now being made for deciding what equipment is appropriate for the Play Area and quotes are being obtained. The approximate funds available at the moment are between £40,000 - £44,000. We have been given a quote for the equipment with soft surface rather than tarmac of £37,000 with a waiting period of four weeks.

There are also discussions in progress with regard to the Tree with Cankorous and the Preservation Order which will be followed up, it is not sure as to whether it will need to be pulled down or whether we need to adjust the Play Area Equipment, as unsure where the roots lie. This is to be looked into

The Parish Council was made aware that from 1st April 2019 there is a new Inspection Agreement for Play Grounds, this is due to the merger of the two councils
There will be a monthly Internal Inspection with an Annual External Audit.

(b) Highway Issues

There was nothing to report back on.

Chairman's Signature

7. Finance

- (a) The Bank Reconciliation was presented and agreed by the Parish Council
- (b) The Following cheque payments were agreed

Clerk's Expenses (M Thompson)	Chq No.1017	£147.72
SALC Clerk's Training for Election	Chq No.1018	£ 15.00
Ink for Website (Linda Anslow)	Chq No. 1019	£ 25.00
Clerks Salary (Michelle Thompson)	Chq No.1022	£ 336.24

It was Proposed by Clr Adrain Dawson and Seconded by Clr Lynn Tibbett

- (c) An Asset Register for the year 2018/19 amounted to £8134 was drawn up and agreed
The Council were made aware that the Noticeboard situated in the Bus Stop was in need of Repair. Cllr Tibbett had ready looked into the cost, if we need to replace it: -

Noticeboard fixed to the wall	£80 approx.
Noticeboard on a stand	£200 - £300

- (d) A Risk Assessment was also drawn up for the Financial Year 2018/19 and agreed by the Council
- (e) The End of Year Accounts 2018/19. It was agreed that these would be prepared and presented for the A.V.M It was also decided that Mr. Trevor Brown should conduct the Internal Audit for 2018/19.

8. Planning

DC/18/1995 FUL Change of Use of Space to Children's Play Area including
installation of children's play equipment and multi-use games area.
Land East of, The Street Ingham IP31 1NQ (*Granted*)

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

The Clerk has been enquiring on how the Councilors have been coping with the Election Documentation and remained them of the deadline date of Wednesday 3rd April at 4 pm.

10. Correspondence for Information

A Map of Ingham has been sent by SCC setting out the Parking and Loading Areas within the village.

Chairman's Signature

11. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

The Parish Council has been asked if they could arrange a Litter Picking event, there was limited interest in this.

One of our Councillors was approached by a resident with a mobility scooter as unfortunately they have encountered some uneven pavement around Beauford Road This is being looked into with SCC Highways.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Date of Next Meeting: - A.V. M. Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30 pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.10pm Next meeting 22 Jan 2019