

INGOLDSBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the **Ingoldsby Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Ingoldsby on Thursday 15 May 2014.

There were 24 parishioners present.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

By the nature of his office as Chairman of Ingoldsby Parish Council, Councillor Harrison acted as Chair for the meeting. Councillor Harrison welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Councillor Harrison explained that the meeting was not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting organised by the Parish Council for the benefit of the electorate who may speak on any matter of local interest. Councillor Harrison explained the origins and history of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor Harrison invited PCSO Hughes to give his presentation at this point as he was required elsewhere on police business. PCSC Hughes explained that crime rates in Ingoldsby are generally low and asked parishioners for their input. There was general consensus among those present that speeding through the village was an issue. The PSCO informed the meeting that he has access to a handheld radar and will conduct a survey of the village. PCSO Hughes asked whether a drop in surgery would be of interest to parishioners and the general consensus was that this would be beneficial.

Action: Clerk to liaise with PCSO Hughes and Councillor Eldred.

The Chairman thanked PSCO Hughes for his attendance. PCSO Hughes left the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

None.

3. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2013**

Councillor Harrison explained that the Annual Parish Meeting did not take place in 2013 and there were therefore no minutes from that year for approval.

4. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

Peter Harden

Mr Harden asked the Parish Council if the last item on the agenda at the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday 7 May 2014 was in relation to his letter dated 15 April 2014 which he clarified was not a complaint. The Chairman and the Clerk confirmed this to be the case and informed Mr Harden that the Annual Parish Meeting was not a Parish Council meeting and that this matter would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Parish Council in July.

Martin Atkin on behalf of the Playing Field and Social Club Committee

Mr Atkin informed the meeting that the organisation is struggling financially and have been for many years. He reported that facilities are under-used although there is a football team in place and one cricket match a year. Mr Atkin asked if anyone present had any ideas or whether they would like to join the committee. Mr Atkin also posed the question as to whether the village indeed wanted a social club or playing field at all. He referred to the playing field as a 'big lump of grass that doesn't do much', explained that the tennis courts are an eyesore. There was some general discussion following Mr Atkin's comments. In terms of funding it was noted that this would only be granted if there is a need. It was noted that the Parish Council are Trustees of this asset.

Angela Eldred on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Mrs Eldred reported that the village hall is well used and she listed the range of activities that take place. She commented on the recent work to the toilets and ceiling and thanked the Tuesday coffee morning ladies for volunteering to paint the outside doors.

Joy Britchford on behalf of the Coffee & Chat Morning Group

Mrs Britchford informed the meeting that the group had been running for between 3-4 years on alternate Tuesdays and although initially quite small, the group has grown in numbers. She talked about past funding raising events in aid of McMillan and informed the meeting that this year the group would be selecting a new charity to support. Mrs Britchford directed those present to the advertisement in the Legend which details the dates, time and location of the meetings; she cordially extended an invited to all those present.

Jenny Wilkins, Secretary for the PCC

Mrs Wilkins introduced herself as the Secretary for the PCC and informed those present of the Ingoldsby History booklets on sale for £5.00.

Jenny Wilkins on behalf of the Legend

Mrs Wilkins introduced herself also as a Committee member for the Legend and stated that part of her role was to help with the distribution and collection of subscriptions. Mrs Wilkins gave a brief history behind the Legend publication. She stated that it is now delivered to 360 households over 9 villages. She stated that Rosemary Carter, who is the current editor, is due to retire from the role towards the end of the year and the group are looking for someone to take on this role. Mrs Wilkins said that the new recruit will be given full training and will receive the full support of the current Committee. Mrs Wilkins asked anyone interested to contact Mr Carter whose details are available on the inside cover of the leaflet.

Jenny Wilkins on behalf of Ingoldsby Yoga

Mrs Wilkins informed those present of the Yoga group that takes place in Ingoldsby on a Monday from 7.15-8.45 which is run by Perry Lewis of Little Humby.

Mrs Wilkins on behalf of Ingoldsby Pilates

Mrs Wilkins informed those present of the Pilates group that takes place in Ingoldsby on a Thursday from 4.30-5.30 which is run by Sue Hall, the former chief Physiotherapist at Grantham Hospital.

Jane Brookin – AED's

Mrs Brookin bought in a defibrillator to show to those present in view of the Parish Council's success at securing funding from the Margaret Brown Trust. She explained that there are now a number of defibrillators in the local area. She went on to talk briefly about cardiac arrest and told those present that their current chance of survival would be nil! She said that the community access defibrillator will be a real life saver in the village and offered to provide some training free of charge.

Mrs Eldred on behalf of the Parish Council informed those present that there is due to be an open morning on Saturday 7 June 2014 at 10.00 where the Community Heartbeat Trust will give a presentation.

Community Litter Pick Event

Councillor Harrison thanked Mr and Mrs Winton for all their hard work in making the community litter pick event on Saturday 1 March 2014 a great success.

Mrs Eldred on behalf of the Brownies/Rainbows

Mrs Eldred informed the meeting that the groups are well represented and cover a variety of age groups; the girls learn to be good, caring citizens while having a good time.

Mrs Wedge on behalf of the Ropsley & District WI

Mrs Wedge informed the meeting that the Ropsley & District WI has 30 members in total, five of whom are Ingoldsby parishioners. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month. She informed those present of the range of activities from presentations by guest speakers to a walking and reading group. She said that there would be an event in Ingoldsby in the near future and invited those present to attend; guests are welcome with no requirement to join.

Reverend Mike Doyle,

Reverend Mike Doyle talked about the success of the major events held by the Church including Harvest, Christingle and Mothering Sunday but explained that ordinary Sunday services are attended by a small but loyal gathering. Reverend Doyle asked for ideas from those present as to how to boost numbers and better serve the community. There was general discussion and some suggestion as to hosting a concert. Reverend Doyle explained that a problem with the Church and hosting events is the absence of toilet facilities.

Mr Dan Welbourne, PCC – Lottery Heritage Funding Application

Mr Welbourne informed those present that the PCC's initial application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for funding to make the Church structurally secure was unsuccessful due to a lack of community support and activities. Mr Welbourne stated that a further application has to be submitted by 28 May 2014 and he thanked the Parish Council Clerk for the timely letter of support from the Parish Council. Mr Welbourne issued an information sheet (available on request from the Parish Council Clerk) to those present detailing what would be involved in the PCC are successful in their application and the timescales involved. Mr Welbourne emphasised that the building will become partly or wholly unusable if the funding is not forthcoming. There was further general discussion in relation to the issue.

5. **PERSONAL REPRESENTATION**

Mrs Britchford asked who was responsible for cutting the grass outside the village hall.

Action: Clerk to contact SKDC.

6. **REFRESHMENTS**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.