

INGOLDSBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Ingoldsby Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Ingoldsby on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7.45pm.

There were 14 parishioners present.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

By the nature of her office as Vice-Chairman of Ingoldsby Parish Council, Councillor Weller acted as Chair for the meeting. Councillor Weller welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Councillor Weller 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.

2. APOLOGIES

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor David Harrison.

3. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014

The Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2014 were accepted as the minutes of that meeting and were signed and dated accordingly by the Chairman.

4. PERSONAL REPRESENTATION

Mr Kenyon

Mr Kenyon said that he had noticed an increase in the speed of traffic through the village. The comment gained the agreement of other parishioners. The Chairman informed the public that the Parish Council had been working with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and had just taken delivery of five fluorescent static 30mph repeater signs. She confirmed that the Parish Council do not have the financial resources at present to purchase a reactive sign. Mr Kenyon asked whether it would be possible to encourage the presence of the mobile police camera unit which is often seen in Osbournby; there was further general discussion relating to other preventative measure to tackle speeding. Mr Harden added that he had received confirmation from the Area Highway Manager Mr Mark Heaton, that the 30mph sign on Grantham Road is to be moved in the direction of Scotland Lane.

Mr Harden

Mr Harden expressed concern about the use of the public footpath through the woods by horse riders during the wetter months of the year when the ground is soft underfoot which leaves the footpath impassable to walkers.

Mr Harden criticised the gating of Askey's Lane: Mr Harden, a local historian has maps dating back to 1787 including a 1904 Ordnance survey map which clearly shows Askey's Lane. The gate creates a barrier to pedestrian access and unintentionally implies that the land beyond is a service route for the farm rather than part of the heritage of Ingoldsby. The comment gained agreement from other parishioners. Mr Harden said he would like to establish responsibility for Askey's Lane. The Chairman asked Mr Harden to join the Parish Councillors on their Village Walkabout in June 2015 with Mr Mark Heaton, the Area Highways Manager.

5. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY VILLAGE ORGANISATION

Mrs Burrows, Brownies

Mrs Burrows informed the meeting of the Brownies activities over the last 12 months: The brownies went carol singing for the first time this year and raised money for the Rainbow Hospice in Leicester, they have celebrated the Chinese New Year, arranged the Christingle Service and celebrated Mothering Sunday in Church both of which were very well attended. The girls have been engaged in a variety of other activities including working toward their badges. Mrs Burrows reported that there are 18 brownies attending the group and anticipate an increase to 20 after Easter with the majority of those attending coming from Ropsley. Mrs Burrows said the group was very fortunate to have four leaders.

Mrs Pritchford, Coffee & Chat

Mrs Pritchford reported that there are now more than 12 people attending the group which is held on every other Tuesday in the village hall. The dates can be found in the local parish magazine, The Legend.

Mr Atkin, Playing Field Association & Social Club

Mr Atkin reported that the Rippingale football teams currently use the playing field facilities. The PFA have held a number of successful events over the last 12 months including a D-Day celebration evening, a village fete, car boot, the annual bonfire and firework display, a Halloween disco. The social club in addition to the normal opening hours has hosted parties, it has a darts team which won their league this year, a senior club, a card club and cheese and wine evenings. Mr Atkin said that a number of fundraising events have been planned for the forthcoming year including an Easter Fun Day on 5 April 2015 for Cystic Fibrosis and the PFA but new members and help and support from parishioners are required.

There was general discussion regarding the redevelopment of the play area. The Clerk asked Mr Atkin for consent to pursue WREN funding on behalf of the PFA.

Mrs Eldred, Village Hall

Mrs Eldred reported that the Village Hall continues to receive support from local groups including yoga, pilates, coffee and chat, brownies and rainbows, and a newly formed baby and toddler group. The village will act as the polling station for the forthcoming elections in May. The Village Hall continues to provide bingo sessions and soup lunches.

Mrs Eldred, Rainbows

Mrs Eldred informed the meeting that the Rainbows Group had celebrated their 10th Anniversary in September; there was a gathering of past and present members to celebrate the occasion. The group held their first Christmas songs around a fire outside the village hall which was a success and will now be an annual event alongside the celebrations in the summer. The group now has a flag and the 12 members enjoy crafts, cooking, songs and working towards their badges.

Mrs Eldred, Parish Council Litter Pick

Mrs Eldred in her role as a Parish Councillor reported that there had been two annual litter picks alongside a village clean and bulb planting exercise. Mrs Eldred expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the volunteers who had given their free time to the community events.

Mr Ward-Barrow

Mr Ward-Barrow informed the meeting that after 15 years he would no longer be co-ordinating the local shoe box appeal. He has taken receipt and co-ordinated delivery of over 35,000 shoe boxes during the 15 years. Mr Ward-Barrow was congratulated on his efforts with a round of applause.

Mrs Burrows, Parochial Church Council

Mrs Burrows informed the meeting that the tower and roof of the Church had been surveyed. The report must be submitted before the PCC can access stage II of funding. Mrs Burrows said the PCC are hosting a gala weekend on 5, 6 & 7 of June 2015; the Friday evening will be a social event, Saturday night will be an Elvis night and Sunday will be the village fete. The hope is that this will demonstrate the versatility of the church and act as a fundraising event. The PCC has also booked for the Cranwell Military Wives Choir to perform a concert. She emphasised the importance of community involvement and advertised for volunteers.

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

