

INGOLDSBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the **Ingoldsby Annual Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Ingoldsby on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 7.30pm.

There were four parishioners present at the meeting.

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 and thanked them for their attendance. Councillor Harrison explained that the meeting is 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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors for their tireless commitment to the village and to the Clerk for her continued efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the 2017/2018 financial year had been the most productive year to date in terms of Parish Council financial activity, having taken a number of years to boost reserves to a point where such spending is possible.

The Chairman reported that the Council has designed bespoke fridge magnets which have been distributed to make the community aware of what to do in the event of cardiac arrest, 30mph wheelie bin stickers have been provided and a Speed Indicator Device has been purchased and installed to help to try to tackle the continued problem of speeding through the village.

The Parish Council, with the assistance of volunteers, continue to put on community litter pick and clean up events and on behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked everyone who has volunteered at past events.

The Chairman reported that it had been a difficult year in terms of Area Highways, the Department itself has seen some major re-structuring but the Parish Council has re-established connection and hopes to address some of the pressing issues.

In terms of finances, the Parish Council under-spent against the budget and received more income than estimated. At year end the Parish Council had £5902.56. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 2017/2018 have been completed by the Clerk, the accounts are in order, the Annual Return has been completed and the Internal Audit is due to take place this week. The accounts will be sent for external audit with a deadline of 11 June.

In terms of the forthcoming year, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council plan to meet with Rowan Smith, the Area Highways Manager and County Councillor Martin Hill in an attempt to address some of the outstanding highways issues which has been raised time and time again. The Parish Council hopes to install planters at the entrances to the village and a new noticeboard. The Chairman asked for volunteers to maintain the planters once they have been installed. The Chairman concluded his reported by welcoming any other suggestions from parishioners to enhance the village.

2. **APOLOGIES**

None.

3. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017**

The Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2017 were accepted as the minutes of that meeting and were signed and dated accordingly by the Chairman.

4. **PERSONAL REPRESENTATION**

Parishioners discussed the following issues:

- The potholes on Grantham Road and the state of the roads in general.
- The HLM project at the church is nearing completion and the church would welcome any ideas from parishioners about future events.
- The Scarecrow event is being held on 23-24 June 2018.
- The local magazine 'The Legend' is to amalgamate with the Ropsley News.
- There is some issue with local footpaths.
- The children's play area and the view that many parishioners would be supportive of a scheme to refurbish.
- Praise was given to the Parish Council for their recent achievements.

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

Village Hall

Mrs Eldred reported that the village hall is running very well and continues to host a variety of lunch events, yoga and Pilates, doctor's clinics and coffee mornings.

School

She reported that the school is still down on numbers but the recent Ofsted report was positive.

Social Club

The social club is 'ticking along nicely'. Recent events included the annual fireworks event and a royal wedding event and there are several other events scheduled for the coming year. There was some discussion relating to a joint project between the Social Club and the Parish Council to 'resuscitate' the children's play area.

Coffee Morning Group

The coffee morning which takes place on a Tuesday in the village hall is reportedly well attended and there are some new parishioners to the group.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.