



Minutes of the **ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING** held on Wednesday the 18th May 2016 @ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs McGrath, Bevan, Anderson, Brookes, Ellison, Thompson, Buchner, Soole, Darby and Roskell

There was one member of the public present.

43/16 To elect a Chairman for the following 12 months who will then sign the Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Darby was elected Chairman for the next 12 months – he signed the Acceptance of Office form.

44/16 To elect a Vice chairman for the following 12 months.

Cllr Anderson was elected Vice Chairman for the next 12 months

45/16 To receive apologies

None

46/16 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th March 2016 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2016 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

47/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Darby declared an interest in agenda item 7 relating to planning application 06/2016/0237 due to his involvement with Preston CC Planning Committee. He did not take part in the debate or vote on this agenda item but did remain in the room to observe proceedings.

48/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

There were no representations from the public present

The meeting was reconvened

49/16 To consider planning application number 06/2016/0237 relating to the development of 60 affordable apartments on land off Dovedale Ave Ingol PR2 3WQ

It was resolved that whilst this Council having carefully considered the merits of the proposed development and whilst acknowledging the need for the provision of the facilities proposed in the Preston area must none the less refer to the policies as detailed in the LDF which do not support this development at this location in its present form. The Clerk was authorised to write a suitable response objecting to the development due to the application not conforming to policies EN2 & EN3 and raising concerns regarding the Crime Impact

Statement, Transport Statement together with Environmental Health issues as discussed at the meeting, issues that would all need to be addressed in order for this Council to reconsider its position.

A recorded vote had been requested – members voted as follows:

In favour Cllrs McGrath, Brookes, Thompson, Buchner, Soole, Ellison and Roskell

Against Cllrs Anderson and Bevan

50/16 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	Ingol CC	Donation	200.00
On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Replacement Bulbs for Planters	19.12
On Line	Len Slade	Internal Audit	105.00
On Line	Viking Direct	Stationery	136.07
On Line	GGS	Lengthsman	312.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

51/16 To authorise that this Council should open a deposit account with Unity Trust so as to be able to obtain interest on some of its funds given the recent changes to bank account arrangements which no longer pay interest on current account monies as they did in the past.

It was resolved that this Council should open a deposit account as outlined above.

52/16 To consider and approve the Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31st March 2016

It was resolved that the Internal Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st March 2016 should be approved

53/16 To receive and approve the Financial Statement of Accounts to the 31st March 2016 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as above should be approved

54/16 To approve and authorise the Chairman and RFO to sign Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 2 (Statement of Accounts) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2016 (papers enclosed)

It was resolved that the above documents should be approved and that the Chairman and RFO should sign them on behalf of this Council

55/16 To confirm renewal of the Council's insurance with Zurich Insurance for a further 12 months in accordance with our LTA at £565.10 (last year £544.94).

It was resolved that the Council's insurance policy should be renewed as above

56/16 To appoint representatives to attend PAC meetings on behalf of this Council (please note that since this Council is not a LALC member it can only attend the open session and not that relating to LALC matters)

It was resolved that Cllrs Ellison, Brookes and Thompson should attend PAC meetings as above.

57/16 To consider the enclosed suggested questionnaire relating to the formation of a Community Plan, the enclosed rationale behind the suggestion and a plan for distribution, completion and collection.

It was resolved that the questionnaire presented should be accepted by this Council subject to some slight amendments in respect of font size and colour which would provide improved impact and clarification with regard to the drop box locations. It was further resolved that the suggested plan for distribution etc should also be approved and that the Clerk would co-ordinate member activities in obtaining responses and then undertake the analysis in conjunction with the existing working group.

58/16 To consider the updated budget which is enclosed.

It was resolved that the budget provisions of £10K library and £25K PCSO should now be moved to general reserve since the specific reason for the allocations had been resolved by other means namely Ingol Library had not been selected for closure and Lancashire Constabulary had confirmed the allocation of an additional PCSO without any cost to this Council.

59/16 To consider and review the need for current working groups as set out below and appoint members as appropriate.

Surgeries W/G – to arrange surgeries and member attendees – Cllrs Anderson, Buchner and Bevan at present – regular surgeries are being held

Tanterton Shops Area / Village Green Seating W/G – to investigate potential improvements/installation – Cllrs Ellison, Roskell and Brookes at present – a seating consultation is taking place

Gateway Liaison W/G – to investigate potential projects to improve area – Cllrs McGrath, Anderson and Bevan at present – signage has been provided funded by this Council

Best Kept Garden Competition W/G – to organise the event – Cllrs McGrath and Soole at present - no event was held last year

Dog Fouling W/G – to investigate potential actions – Cllrs McGrath, Soole and Buchner at present – no further potential actions have been identified.

Christmas Event W/G – to organise the event – Cllrs Thompson, Soole, and Buchner at present – a successful and well attended event was held last year

Community Plan W/G – to investigate potential questionnaire, distribution, completion and collection – Cllrs Anderson, Soole, Bevan with the advice and support of the Clerk at present – a questionnaire and outline plan have been presented earlier to this meeting

CCTV W/G – to investigate the potential for the installation of CCTV equipment within the neighbourhood – Cllrs Anderson, Buchner, and McGrath at present – no feedback has yet been received from the working group

Nog Tow Roundabout W/G – to investigate the potential for planting, street art and lighting to enhance the visuals of the area – Cllrs Roskell and Brookes at present – no feedback has yet been received from the working group

Library W/G – to take forward any discussions relating to the retention of library facilities in Ingol – Cllrs Bevan and Buchner at present – no feedback has yet been received – it is noted that Ingol Library is not on the list of proposed closures

PCSO W/G – to take forward further discussions with Lancashire Constabulary with regard to the procurement of an additional PCSO for the area – Cllrs Anderson, McGrath, the Clerk and Peter Mason at present – a communication has been sent to LC and a response is still awaited.

It was resolved that the working groups relating to the Library, Best Kept Garden Competition, and PSCO should now be disbanded and that Cllr Bevan should replace Cllr Buchner on the Dog Fouling W/G – All other W/G to remain as presently constituted.

60/16 To review the regularity of and production of the NC Newsletter – it was agreed in June 2015 following the receipt of the Council's Performance Report that Cllr McGrath should produce 6 newsletters in that financial year – since only 3 have been produced the Council may wish to amend its arrangements.

It was resolved that Cllr Darby and Cllr McGrath would now jointly produce the newsletter and that an aim for 6 issues in the next financial year should be the target.

61/16 To confirm that this Council remains eligible to use the General Power of Competence since it has the required number of elected members and the Clerk holds the requisite qualification.

It was resolved that this Council remains eligible to use the general Power of Competence as detailed above.

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