



MINUTES of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING** held on Wednesday the 2nd March 2016 @
St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

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

There were five members of the public present.

12/16 To receive apologies

Cllrs Soole and Davies

13/16 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January 2016 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2016 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

14/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Ellison, Brookes and Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 17 & 18 on the agenda since they are trustees of TVC LTD – they left the room during the debate and voting on these items however in accordance with the Code of Conduct Cllrs Ellison and Brookes made representation against the proposals before leaving the room.

15/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public asked and was given an explanation of the rules concerning declarations of interest. Two members of the public expressed concern and opposition to the suggestions to withdraw future funding to Tanterton Village Centre Ltd an item which was to be discussed later on the agenda. A member of the public expressed concern and opposition to the suggestion of earmarking funding to potentially provide additional local PSCO cover. A resident asked that her suggestions regarding the proposed new notice board locations and benches should be taken on board – she was asked to contact the appropriate working groups (contact members were identified). It was confirmed that the NC Lengthsman was fully employed even during the winter months. It was confirmed that issues relating to flooding on roads should be reported to LCC

The meeting was reconvened

16/16 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300218	SLCC	¼ Practitioners Conference	94.25
On Line 21/2/16	St Margaret's Church	Room Hire	144.00
On Line 21/2/16	Intact	Room Hire	40.00
On Line 21/2/16	Printing World Ltd	Newsletter and Flyer	290.00
On Line 12/2/16	GGs	Lengthsman	374.10
On Line 4/2/16	Pool House School	Grant re Bicycles	400.00
On Line 2/2/16	City Distributors	Newsletter and Flyer	230.40
On Line 15/1/16	GGs	Lengthsman	258.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

17/16 To consider renewal of the Lengthsman's contract for a further 12 months at a rate of £13.00 per hour (last year £12.90) being an increase in line with the latest RPI figures

It was resolved that the Lengthsman's contract should be renewed as above.

18/16 To appoint Len Slade as the internal auditor for 2015/16 at a fee of £105.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control and Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated

It was resolved that Len Slade should be appointed as Internal Auditor as outlined above and the documents referred to above should be approved by this Council

19/16 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2016
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2016
- The Councils Asset Register 2016
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2016

It was resolved that the above mentioned documents should be approved.

20/16 To consider and renew adoption of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which have been reviewed and already circulated.

It was resolved that the above mentioned documents should be adopted.

21/16 To consider whether this Council wishes to go ahead with Code of Conduct training as suggested by the Monitoring officer at an approx cost of £230.00 given that only 4 Members have indicated their willingness to attend; the remainder considering that the suggestion is wholly inappropriate for them since they understand and have not breached the Code of Conduct, something which has triggered the suggestion.

A recorded vote was requested:

In favour: Cllrs Thompson, Ellison and Brookes

Against: Cllrs Bevan, McGrath, Anderson, Roskell and Buchner

It was therefore resolved that the suggested training should not be undertaken.

22/16 To consider whether to approach Preston CC with a view to having Ingol Library listed as a Community Asset and if so appoint a working group to put together the application for the approval of this Council at a future meeting.

It was resolved that it was inappropriate to seek the listing of the Library building as a Community Asset at this time.

23/16 To consider whether this Council wishes to reverse its decision to withdraw from membership of LALC. The proposed fees for 2016/17 being £661.00 (after one-year subsidy of approx £100)

It was resolved that this Council should not reverse its previous decision as above.

24/16 To consider whether this Council should earmark the sum of £10000 to be used as required toward supporting efforts to keep Ingol Library from closure; subject to appropriate assurances and a contract being agreed between this Council and LCC

It was resolved that this Council should earmark £10000 as above.

25/16 To consider whether this Council should approach Lancashire Constabulary and earmark £25000 to support the provision of an additional PCSO for this neighbourhood; subject to a suitable contract being agreed between this Council and Lancashire Constabulary

It was resolved that this Council should earmark £25000 as above.

26/16 To consider whether in the light of TVC Ltd having decided not to provide the financial information as agreed and requested under Minute Number 30/15 that this council should immediately withdraw its resolutions to provide any further funding either as part of the original 5-year funding plan or its further resolution to potentially provide a further £5K backup in case of need as outlined in Minutes number 93/13 and 67/13.

Cllrs Thompson, Ellison and Brookes left the room after making representation against the proposal due to the fact they were Trustees of TVC Ltd.

A recorded vote was requested

In favour: Cllrs Bevan, McGrath, Anderson and Buchner

Against: Cllr Roskell

It was resolved that the previously agreed funding as outlined above should now be withdrawn.

27/16 To consider whether in the light of TVC Ltd having decided not to provide the financial information as agreed and requested under Minute Number 30/15 that this Council now seek to recover 50% of the funding provided for 2015/16 on the basis that the requisite information has only been provided for a period of 6 months and that such recovery would include the engagement of a suitable firm of solicitors if need be.

The above item was withdrawn.

28/16 To consider the enclosed response from LCC concerning Nog Tow roundabout and decide whether this Council wishes to take forward a suggestion that planting, street art and lighting might be appropriate for the roundabout and, if so, establish a working group to take the suggestion forward in conjunction with LCC as landowners.

It was resolved that Cllrs Roskell and Brookes should form a working group to consider further the suggestion made above and liaise with LCC as appropriate.

29/16 To receive and approve the enclosed Statement of Accounts as at 31st December 2015.

It was resolved that the above mentioned Statement of Accounts should be approved

30/16 To note that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for the 30th March 2016

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