

Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council

MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday the 26th March 2014 in St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Dodd, Ellison, Speakman, Thompson, Brookes, Soole, Wright, Roskell and McGrath (who arrived after the meeting had commenced)

Two members of the public were present

26/14 To receive Apologies

None

27/14 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th February 2014

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February 2014 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

28/14 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Soole, Brookes, Ellison, Thompson and Speakman declared their interest as directors of Tanterton Village Centre Ltd in relation to item 7 on the agenda relating to confirmation of payment of funding in accordance with minute no 67/13. Their request for dispensation was dealt with as the next item of business.

29/14 To consider written requests for dispensations.

Cllrs Soole, Brookes, Ellison, Thompson and Speakman who had already registered and declared their interest as directors of Tanterton Village Centre Ltd had written, under the Localism Act 2011, requesting dispensation to participate in item 7 on the agenda; to confirm that the initial payment of funding be made to Tanterton Village Centre Ltd (previously Tanterton Community Centre Action Group) in accordance with minute number 67/13 and any future items relating to TVC Ltd.

A recorded vote was requested

Cllrs Soole, Brookes, Ellison, Thompson and Speakman voted in favour of the request (5 votes)

Cllrs McGrath, Roskell, Wright, Dodd and Anderson voted against the request (5 votes)

The Chairman exercised his power to use his casting vote against the request.

It was therefore resolved that the requested dispensations should not be granted.

As a result of the above resolution Cllrs Soole, Brookes, Thompson, Ellison and Speakman left the room during the debate and voting on item 7 on the agenda.

30/14 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public spoke out against item 8 on the agenda (repairing of the barrier on Cottam Lane) since he felt that public money should not be used on what was private land.

The same member of the public mentioned again that paths across the golf course were in a poor state of repair and the questioned asked as to whether The Neighbourhood Council could do anything about it. It was pointed out that the particular path referred to was not a public right of way and was therefore the responsibility of the golf course owner. It was mentioned that the NC could do nothing without a formal resolution and that it would be up to any member of the Council to put forward an agenda item for a future meeting should they feel that some form of action by the NC could be taken.

The same member of the public suggested that it was inappropriate to use public money to pay part of the water rates which were the responsibility of another organisation (item 10 on the agenda)

The same member of the public also felt that it was inappropriate use of rate payer's money to plant trees on land owned by another organisation (item 12 on the agenda)

It was stated that the recent Highways Commissioning Plan had been released – it was noted that the North West Preston Distributor road would cost £90m and that survey work to decide the exact route had already started. It was mentioned that several works would affect Ingol and Tanterton namely: Tom Benson Way/Tag Lane roundabout was to be resurfaced – Tag Lane and Tanterton Hall Road would also have some resurfacing done – Footway improvements would be undertaken in various locations around the Barry Ave area and that 'refuges' were to be installed on Tag Lane

The meeting was re-convened

31/14 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300084	SLCC	Qtr Share Practitioners Conference Cost	78.75
300085	W V McWhittle	Reimburse Data Protection Registration Fee	35.00
300086	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman	300.00
300087	LALC	Conference Attendees Anderson & McGrath	70.00
300088	LALC	Conference Attendee - Wright	35.00
300089	Preston CC	Xmas Trees	6844.80
300090	Ingol Methodist Church	Grant – Original Cheque Lost	250.00
300091	W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses 4 th Qtr	1080.14
300092	Inland Revenue	4 th Qtr Tax Deducted	681.20

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

32/14 To confirm payment of £5000.00 to Tanterton Village Centre Ltd (previously Tanterton Community Centre Action Group) this being the first tranche of funding as agreed under minute number 67/13 which committed £13000.00 over 5 years to support the community bid to take over the running of TCC.

It was resolved that the above mentioned payment should be confirmed.

33/14 To consider whether this Council should become involved in the repairing of the barrier on Cottam Lane (see enclosed background report) and if so further consider the enclosed quotation for such remedial works.

It was resolved that due to queries regarding landowner permission, future liability and the legality of undertaking the work itself that this item should be deferred pending further investigation which would be undertaken by Cllrs McGrath and Brookes.

34/14 To confirm that membership of LALC should be continued for 2014 at a cost of £622.20 (last year £620.25)

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35/14 To consider the enclosed request to fund the 'Intact' share of the rates that have become payable following the way in which United Utilities assess the rate for Surface Water and Highway Drainage and then further consider the suggestion that Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council approach LCC with regard to an asset transfer as further explained in the enclosed papers.

It was resolved that it was inappropriate to use public money for the purpose suggested and that this Council did not wish to pursue the question of any asset transfer.

36/14 To consider the purchase of 13 additional planters to be located and planted out at the sites detailed on the enclosed report, consider the appointment of a contractor to produce same (quotations enclosed) and authorise the additional costs relating to installation, planting up and delivery.

It was resolved that the planters as detailed above should be purchased from William Cadwallader notwithstanding they were slightly more expensive on the basis that delivery would be that much earlier, installed on the agreed sites as detailed in the report which accompanied the agenda and approval given for the ancillary costs of installation, planting up and delivery at a total estimated project budget cost of £3385.00

37/14 To consider whether this Council wishes to replace 7 trees (5 in the Dip between Barry Ave and Bexhill, and two at the Hargreaves Court - all of which permission has been obtained for from the landowners) with Grey Alder at a cost of £32 plus Vat for each tree. It would be anticipated that the lengthsman would undertake planting which would involve no additional labour cost however appropriate compost, fertiliser and tree stakes are expected to be required making an overall project cost subject to price fluctuations of approx £315.00

It was resolved that the trees as outlined in the report should be purchased and planted by the lengthsman at a project budget estimate of £315.00

38/14 To note that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for the 14th May 2014

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