

Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council

MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday the 27th March 2013 in St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Brookes, Dodd, Ellison, McGrath, Roskell, Speakman, Thompson & Wright
Five members of the public were present

33/13 To receive Apologies

Cllr Soole

34/13 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th February 2013

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th February 2013 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

35/13 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr McGrath declared an interest in planning application 06/2013/0145 since he was a personal friend of the applicant. He left the room and took no part in the debate and voting on this item.

36/13 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

Concern was raised by two members of the public in respect of the recent Precept rise and its use on some potential projects that had been mentioned in the last Council newsletter. They felt that the increase was excessive and were concerned that it should be used properly and not on such things as neighbourhood welcome signs such as those recently installed at the entrances to the neighbourhood. It was further indicated that any inference to spending significant money on draining the local playing field should be carefully considered since this was a costly exercise providing benefit for only a few. It was explained that the Council had a number of potential projects for which it would need funds and that these were being investigated by various working groups at the present time, hence the need to increase the Precept. It was acknowledged that the Council needed to spend money wisely and that it would be looking for external funding on any major projects in which it might become involved and would not necessarily be meeting all costs itself. It was hoped that the draining of the playing field would provide the facility for an increased and varied usage in the future.

A comment was made that members of the Council did not proportionately represent each area of the neighbourhood. It was noted that members had been democratically elected and did not represent just their own area but the whole of Ingol and Tanterton.

It was suggested that the accounts of the Council should be published as part of future newsletters.

It was mentioned that the whole of Whitby Ave itself will be completely refurbished in the future and that some improvements to the approach to Nog Tow roundabout are to be undertaken

It was confirmed that the LCC Highways Transport Plan (recently under consultation) had now been signed off and was available on the LCC web site.

The meeting was re-convened

37/13 To consider the following planning application:

06/2013/0145 – Erection of two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling (following part demolition of rear conservatory)
@ 11 Hillcrest Ave Ingol

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above application

38/13 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300040	Greenwood Gardening services	Lengthsman	325.00
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300041	St Margaret's Church	Room Hire	24.00
300042	D G Douglas	Survey Draw winner	30.00
300043	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses Jan Feb Mar	1200.42
300044	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI	682.00
300045	Liz Soole	Reimbursement - Plants for Notice Board Area	17.68
300046	Greenwood Gardening Services	Lengthsman	350.00
300047	Preston CC	Newsletter Printing	166.83

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

39/13 To approve and adopt the following enclosed documents:

- Disciplinary Procedures
- Grievance Procedures
- ACAS Dignity in the Workplace Policy

It was resolved that the above mentioned documents should be adopted

40/13 To consider requesting LCC to install an information or directional sign/s on Tag Lane or adjacent to the Kidsgrove turn off, reading 'Tanterton Shops and Community Centre' so as to increase the visibility of these community facilities in a similar way to the signs placed to identify other facilities such as Intact, Ingol Community School and Holy Family School

It was resolved LCC should be requested to install a directional sign as outlined above and that this should be taken forward by the working group dealing with improvements to the Tanterton shops area.

41/13 To consider in principle the erection of a Christmas tree(s) in the neighbourhood

It was resolved that Cllrs Dodd and Thompson should make enquiries as to the potential location for TWO Christmas trees in the neighbourhood in 2013 and report back to the Council for the further consideration of any recommendations as soon as possible.

42/13 To receive **for information only** any short updates relating to working group activities since the last meeting

The following information was provided:

No further enquiries were being made at this stage with regard to mass bulb planting on the roundabouts on Tom Benson Way

Discussions regarding improvements to the Tanterton Shops are on-going – meetings with involved groups have been held and further meetings are being arranged.

The Community Asset Mapping Exercise is complete however a further meeting is required to short list for the consideration of the Council identified assets for potential inclusion on the Community Right to Bid Asset Register.

A further meeting has been arranged with regard to Tanterton Recreation Ground and Preston CC is looking at the potential for external funding availability.

Planters are being considered for the entrances to the neighbourhood and specific proposals for the consideration of the Council are expected soon.

43/13 To note that the date of the next meeting is 15th May 2013

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for the 15th May 2013