



MINUTES of the EXTRA ORDINARY NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2015 @ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

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

There were no members of the public was present

56/15 To receive apologies

None

57/15 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th May 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th May 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58/15 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

59/15 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

There were no members of the public present

60/15 To consider the recommendations of the recent Performance Report which has already been issued to members as follows:

1. A Community Plan should be drawn up as soon as possible – this need not be a full blown expensive Neighbourhood Plan but perhaps one more akin to the old style Village Plan – this would need external professional input with agreed questions being asked relating to such things as Allotments, Children's Play Equipment and Youth Facilities to name but a few. A professional analysis would then be undertaken which would inform the NC in setting its future aims and which would be published to the wider community. There is a £5K budget allocation for this very purpose – perhaps now is the time with a new Council on the horizon for this to be implemented and a larger response to the consultation be achieved by using several communication and feedback methods. A steering group which might comprise non Council members may be appropriate.

It was resolved that this Council would like to consider the development of a Community Plan and that a working group comprising Cllrs Anderson, Buchner, Soole and Bevan should be appointed to provide recommendations as to how this might be taken forward by engaging with a suitable professional organisation such as Locality or Community Futures and bring back to this Council for their consideration details of how to go about developing such a plan including a consultation questionnaire, analysis of responses, timescales and potential cost.

2. Consideration should be given to extending Lengthsman Services by obtaining such appropriate licence/permissions and lengthsman hours as are need to undertake a wider range of duties should that be the way the NC wishes to go. The NC would need to identify specifics for enhanced services.

It was resolved that there was no immediate requirement to extend either the hours or duties of the lengthsman at the present time.

3. Consideration should be given to a 'working group' with a 'portfolio' to co-ordinate issues around road, cycle, footpath and highway defects. With the impending elections a full review of ongoing working groups would normally be undertaken – this could be included at that time.

It was resolved that Cllrs Roskell and McGrath should form a working group to co-ordinate issues around road, cycle, footway (including PROW and Bridle paths) and highway defects and that such issues should in future be referred to them for appropriate action / resolution.

4. Establish current position with regard to high speed broadband so as to consider whether any lobbying or representation is required.

It was resolved that since the area now had the benefit of high speed broadband no further action was required.

5. Establish a formal link to PACT by appointing an NC member(s) to attend PACT on behalf of the NC to take forward NC issues which rightly are police issues and bring back issues raised at PACT that are more commonly dealt with by the a local council. A protocol would need to be drawn up as to how this would work in practice and what items would be covered.

It was resolved that it was not necessary to have a formal link as suggested above since the present informal arrangements seemed to work satisfactorily.

6. The newsletter should be issued on a more regular basis and potentially inform the electorate as to progress against any Community Plan which might be undertaken.

It was resolved that six newsletters should be produced this financial year by Cllr McGrath who would circulate provisional dates so that all members might put forward articles for inclusion and suggestions for content.

61/15 To consider whether the following working groups remain relevant and if so appoint members to the said groups bearing in mind that working groups may not make any decision on behalf of the Council and that it is usual for membership of groups to be divided amongst members so that all members take part and that no one member has presence on the majority of groups.

It was resolved that the following working groups should continue and members were appointed as follows:

Surgeries working group terms of reference minute 112/14 - Cllrs Anderson, Buchner and Bevan

Tanterton Village Green seating as per minute 116/14 - Cllrs McGrath and Soole

Tanterton Shops Area improvement – Groundworks plan options - Cllrs Ellison, Roskell and Brookes

Gateway liaison re potential projects to improve the area - Cllrs McGrath, Anderson and Bevan

Best Kept Garden Competition - Cllrs McGrath and Soole

Dog fouling - Cllrs McGrath, Soole and Buchner

Christmas event - Cllrs Thompson, Soole, Buchner and Davies

It was noted that reports and updates from groups would be expected on a quarterly basis and that at the next meeting updates from the following groups would be expected:

Community Plan Working Group

Surgeries Working Group

Tanterton Village Green Seating Group

62/15 To appoint representatives to attend Preston Area Committee Meetings on behalf of this Council

It was resolved that Cllrs Thompson, Ellison and Brookes should be appointed as representatives on behalf of this Council.

It was noted that feedback/minutes from PAC should be undertaken by the appointed representatives by e-mail (hard copy for those not on e-mail) direct to members with copy to the clerk for information only.