



MINUTES of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING** held on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
@ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs McGrath, Bevan, Ellison, Thompson, Buchner, Darby (who arrived after the meeting had commenced), Brookes and Roskell

There were six members of the public present.

Since both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were not present at the commencement of the meeting Cllr Roskell was elected to take the Chair.

10/17 To receive apologies

***Cllrs Soole and Anderson***

11/17 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record***

Cllr Darby (Chairman) arrived at this point and took the Chair.

12/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

***Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests were received from Cllrs Brookes, Ellison and Thompson in respect of item 5 on the agenda since they were all members of an action group (IGVRA) who opposed any development for housing on Ingol Golf course. They all left the room during the debate and voting on this item however they reserved the right to make a statement of representation prior to leaving the room.***

13/17 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

*The meeting was adjourned*

*A member of the public asked what had happened to the two planters mentioned in the previous meeting minutes since they had not been installed as planned. It was explained that in moving them they had disintegrated and were therefore not able to be relocated as planned. She expressed concern that the planters had not been evenly distributed across all the neighbourhood. It was explained that the decision as to location had been made a few years ago, and that it was open to any member to put forward an agenda item to either re-locate or install more planters if they so wished.*

*It was noted that the litter pickers seen in the area work for Preston City Council although our own lengthsman does undertake some additional litter picking from time to time.*

*Concern was expressed at the cost of the bulb planting on Nog Tow roundabout. It was felt that the money could be better spent.*

*It was stated that residents should support Ingol Golf Club as a local community facility especially now that arguments were being out forward to suggest that it was 'surplus to requirements' as part of a planning*

application to develop 450 dwellings on the open space which it currently occupied and that new housing should not be allowed.

Clarification regarding ‘Declarations of Interest’ and the ‘Code of Conduct’ was provided by the clerk for the information of the public who were concerned that some of their elected representatives who were against development of Ingol Golf Course would be excluded from that agenda item.

The meeting was reconvened

**Cllr Darby declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 on the agenda relating to the planning application for Ingol Golf Course due to him being a Liberal Democrat City Councillor whose party, and who himself had already expressed their views against any such development. He left the room during the debate and voting on this item however he reserved the right to make a statement of representation prior to leaving the room.**

Prior to the discussion and debate on the following agenda item those members who had declared prejudicial interests made statements against the proposed development siting several National and Local Planning Policies ( NPPF Clause 74 – Core Strategy Policy 19 – Preston Local Plan Policies EN2 and EN5) which they felt would be contravened should the application be given permission – they also referred to previous applications for housing development on this site which had been refused, had gone to appeal and where the appeal inspector had upheld the refusal decision by Preston City Council based on these policies. It was explained that the policies mentioned did allow for development but only in very limited circumstances one of which was that the existing usage was surplus to requirements. The developers had produced a report to support their contention that Ingol Golf Course was not viable and therefore surplus to requirements. It was suggested that this report was significantly flawed and that the facilities were in fact very important as community recreational provision for the area. They all asked the Council to object to the development for the above-mentioned reasons.

**Cllr Roskell was elected to take the Chair for the following item due to the Chairman (Cllr Darby) having left the room due to his Declaration of Interest (the Vice Chairman not being present)**

14/17 To consider Planning Application 06/2017/0002 being a hybrid application for the development of Ingol Golf Course into a new Preston NE training facility, open space improvements and the erection of up to 450 dwellings.

**It was resolved that the Clerk should compose a representation to the Preston City Council objecting to the development for the reasons outlined above.**

15/17 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	GGS	Lengthsman	364.00
On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Plant Replacement	23.60
On Line	Barton Grange	Bulbs Nog Tow Roundabout	2160.00
On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Turf replacement – removal planter	10.40
On Line	Viking Direct	Stationery	122.38
On Line	Marmax	6 Benches and Fittings	2262.60
On Line	GGS	Lengthsman	377.00
On Line	BG Fencing	Material for installation of 6 benches	222.02
On Line	Printing World	Newsletter	473.00
On Line	Catchpoint	CCTV Installation	2316.00
On Line	CA Traffic	SPID Brackets	268.80
On Line	City Distributers	Newsletter	118.24
On Line	Preston CC	Xmas Tree include repairs	£752.15
			2477.94

**It was resolved that the payments mentioned above should be approved.**

16/17 To approve renewal of the Lengthsman Contract for a further period of 12 months at a rate of £13.30 per hour (last year £13.00) representing an increase in line with the latest RPI and that also approved by Lea and Cottam PC

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

17/17 To appoint Len Slade as the internal auditor for 2016/17 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 the Internal Auditor and the documents referred to above should be approved***

18/17 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2017
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2017
- The Councils Asset Register 2017
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2017

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

19/17 To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

***It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 should be approved***

20/17 To consider and approve the enclosed 'Advertisement Policy for Notice Boards' policy document

***It was resolved that the policy mentioned above should be approved as presented***

21/17 To consider the enclosed funding request from the Ingol and Tanterton Festival Coordinating Group for £400.00 being the cost of a band for the full day.

***It was resolved that the funding request mentioned above should be approved***

22/17 To consider the enclosed submission regarding this year's Christmas tree arrangements.

***It was resolved that the existing working group should investigate an alternative site for the Tanterton Christmas tree which might also be suitable for a separate switch on event.***

23/17 To receive and consider an update about Preston City Council's proposals whereby Parish Councils might wish to contribute to the costs of open space maintenance in their areas

*The clerk who had attended a recent meeting concerning the above with Cllr Ellison had already sent out a 'briefing note' to all members. There was no further update. The Council are awaiting further detailed information from PCC before any decision can be made although immediate reactions seemed to be against making any such contribution. The matter will be raised at the next PAC meeting to obtain the views of the other PCC Parish Councils.*

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