



Minutes of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** held on Friday the 25th January 2019 @ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Bevan, Brookes, Roskell, McGrath, Anderson, Darby, Carrig, Soole and Thompson

There were 13 members of the public present

12/19 To receive apologies

Cllr Ellison

13/19 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

14/19 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public stated that there were two issues with regard to the propose gating on Cottam Lane, one being safety and the other the setting of a precedent for other possibly similar situations in the future.

Reference was made to the existing lockable gate which residents appeared not to want and it was suggested that residents should take responsibility and that any arrangements could be overturned simply by any one present or future resident withdrawing consent.

A resident then made a comprehensive statement concerning the history of the issues on the lane, the reasons for various past actions and the view(supported by other residents present) that in the interest of the safety of all residents who used the lane (and there were many) that action needed to be taken and that the NC who had in 2017 agreed to pay £8400 for a rising bollard (which could not be carried through) should allocate funds to provide the automatic gate that was now being proposed at a lesser cost.

The meeting was reconvened

15/19 To consider remarks made to members of the working group looking into a project on Bexhill Road by Cllr McGrath. Mr McGrath suggested that the project need not go for the go ahead to the full Council Committee and there was a faster way to move the project forward than having to wait for a full Council Meeting. Cllrs Soole, Thompson and Roskill consequently discussed the statement with Cllr Anderson Chairman of the Council

The above agenda item was withdrawn the proposer since it was now felt that upon reflection the issues should be dealt with on an informal basis

16/19 To consider erecting a planter as per a drawing which will be available at the meeting which will serve as a model/trial for the larger project in replacing the planters

The above item was withdrawn by the proposer pending informal discussions referred to in minute 15/19

17/19 To consider asking Mr Bill Shannon to attend the next full Neighbourhood Council meeting on the 6th March, as a major player in forming the Neighbourhood Council he will be able to discuss and advise on whether the Neighbourhood Council's performance/progress is in line with the expectations expressed at its formation.

An amendment to the above motion was suggested as follows:

To consider asking Mr Bill Shannon to attend an informal meeting with Council members, as a major player in forming the Neighbourhood Council he will be able to discuss and advise on whether the Neighbourhood Council's performance/progress is in line with the expectations expressed at its formation.

It was resolved that such an invite should be made to Bill Shannon and subject to his agreement an informal meeting arranged as soon as practicable.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION PUT BY CLLRS MCGRATH AND BEVAN

18/19 To re-consider the enclosed quotation concerning the erection of a mild steel automatic gate (instead of a rising bollard) across Cottam Lane and decide whether this project should be agreed in principle subject to the obtaining of all necessary permissions since the location is not the same as the previously considered rising bollard

Considerable and robust debate took place in the light of the proposal and representations from the public with a number of concerns being raised concerning the quotations now available relating to terms and conditions, civil requirements, the scope of quotations, risk assessments, health and safety issues, funding and whether residents should contribute to the overall costs, future maintenance and ownership following any installation. It was also mentioned that there may be an alternative way of dealing with the matter. In the light of the number of issues which were not yet clearly resolved it was suggested that the matter be deferred in order to allow further investigation and clarification including the role of residents (or a resident group) in taking ownership and future maintenance responsibility. It was further suggested that the Clerk and representative councillors now arrange to meet with residents to discuss these issues in the hope of agreeing a way forward which would suit all.

It was resolved that the Clerk arrange a meeting(s) with representative councillors and residents to attempt to agree a constructive way forward which would be beneficial to all users of Cottam Lane and address the concerns raised during public participation and that any clarified proposal (s) should be brought back to a future meeting as soon as practicable.