

# **INGOLDMELLS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 14 October 2019**

The Chairman welcomed all present and informed them that the meeting would be recorded and would include the public session.

The Chairman reminded all present of the procedure for evacuating the building in the event of an emergency and on the use of mobile phones. He also reminded the public that they were not permitted to voice a view or speak when Council went into session and that the standards of the Council Constitution would be followed.

### **Public session**

Members of the public present: 13

Items discussed were overgrown hedges at two properties in Festival Avenue, obstructing the walkways and making it difficult to pass with prams and wheelchairs/mobility scooters. The resident will report these matters on 'Fix my Street'. It was mentioned by a former Councillor that the Council meetings should always follow the Council Constitution taking into account the Code of Conduct for Councillors. A resident suggested that Glebe Park could be improved and said that it is not very attractive or welcoming to children and people in general. She suggested that the equipment be painted in bright colours, more play equipment and there was not enough joined up seating so that people could have picnics together and meet up as a group. Concerns were made by a resident that crimes are being reported to the police but not taken any further. Discussion took place on the points in question with the recommendation that Cllr Colin Davie is asked to provide details on the policing priorities.

There being no other matters raised the Council went into formal session.

### **Present:**

Councillors B Vincent (Chairman), Mrs A Wormald (Vice Chairwoman), M Holyer, L Hemingway, S Chambers, Mrs J Ellis, T Stubbins, S Walmsley, S Chamberlain

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr J Sargent and Cllr C Davie, District and County Council representative for the Parish

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9 September 2019**

Some discussion took place regarding the minutes with Cllr Vincent asking if anyone had anything they would like to bring up. The minutes were moved by Cllr Hemingway and seconded by Cllr Holyer.

**4. TO APPROVE A LIST OF ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Discussion took place with regards to the situation with the car park machines, in particular if the Council should consider other types of pay machines and number plate recognition systems. It was agreed to discuss other methods of payment at a later date and after the two vandalised machines are mended. Discussion took place regarding the charges for watering the rail baskets and tubs. The accounts were moved by Cllr Chambers and seconded by Cllr Holyer. All hands were raised in favour.

**5. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MONEY MINDERS MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the Money Minders meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were moved by Cllr Holyer and seconded by Cllr Hemingway. Agreed by all present.

**6. TO CONSIDER HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS**

Discussion took place with regards to the following:

- Cllr Stubbins reported a large excess of water covering the road opposite the Country man when heavy rain fall happens. This has already been reported to highways with a job order in place.
- Cllr Walmsley spoke of an incident in the summer when he spotted a disabled motorist parking on a single yellow line in Elmwood Drive. A suggestion from Cllr Walmsley was that when council representatives meet with a Senior Highways officer that double yellow lines should be suggested.
- Cllr Walmsley asked why Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) have not repainted the barriers in Sea Lane as they look very untidy. The answer came forth that when LCC installed the barrier they were galvanized and would not require painting. The management at Fantasy Island decided to paint them but have not maintained their upkeep. The Clerk will contact Fantasy Island and ask if this is on their list of winter maintenance.
- Cllr Chamberlain brought to the attention of the meeting the ongoing problem of litter on the beach. An existing railing has been removed leaving a 4ft drop along with a broken protruding part of the rail. The Clerk shall contact the Environment Agency for their response.

- Cllr Ellis said that she has still not received the findings of a report from the water board concerning the intermittent pungent smells recorded the over Ingoldmells area.

**7 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF ANY PLANNING PERMISSIONS, REFUSALS OR AMENDMENTS**

None received

**8. TO CONSIDER ANY NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received

**9 TO CONSIDER AN ESTIMATES TO RE VARNISH THE FLOOR IN THE ROYAL ARTHUR CENTRE**

The Council considered the three estimates provided and agreed that the first estimate presented to the Council meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> September was successful. Cllr Chambers proposed that the estimate be approved, seconded by Cllr Stubbins. All were in favour.

**10. TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL CHECKING AND SIGNING OFF MAJOR WORKS**

Cllr Vincent proposed that all major works contracted by the Council should be checked and signed off by three Councillors before payment is made. It was suggested that this will relate to any projects worth over £500. Dialogue took place and the suggestion was then proposed by Cllr Vincent and seconded by Cllr Stubbins. All present in favour.

**11. TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS AND EMPLOYEES**

Further discussion regarding the merits and objections to the Council adopting the Social Media Policy took place. Members were asked of their view points with objections from Cllr Ellis, Cllr Walmsley and Cllr Stubbins. Cllrs Ellis, Stubbins and Walmsley stated that they would not sign a copy of the policy with Cllr Stubbins stating that the Monitoring officer said he did not have to sign it. Cllr Walmsley refused to take a copy of the Social Media Policy. Cllr Ellis said that she does not use social media and does not agree with it. Cllr Stubbins stated that he has no connection with Ingoldmells Parish Council (unofficial group) Discussion took place with regards to who are the administrators of the Facebook page. The proposal to adopt the Social Media policy was moved by Cllr Holyer and seconded by Cllr Hemingway.

A recorded vote was requested by the Chairman Cllr Vincent. Those in favour of the proposal were Cllrs Vincent, Wormald, Holyer, Hemingway, Chambers, Chamberlain. Those against the proposal were Cllrs Ellis, Walmsley and Stubbins.

**12. TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK**

The Chairman reported that himself along with other Councillors attended the 'Fear night' at Fantasy Island and had a good evening.

The Clerk reported on the following:

- The railings at the perimeter of St Peter and Paul church are still the process of an insurance claim by the church. It was suggested by Cllr Holyer that the Parish Council will be required to pay the insurance excess. The Clerk to look for any associated paperwork to this effect.
- Update on the robbery of the car park machines and repair with reinforced panels.
- Problems with the lighting columns in Glebe Park are in the control of the contractor
- The Community Warden has reported that there is still a lot of litter on the beach, including dog fouling and plastic items.
- The Clerk has requested the second part of the 106 agreement money to be released to pay for the completion of the lighting in Glebe Park.
- A new door has been installed in the Royal Arthur centre with a thumb turn latch

**13. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY MATTERS WHICH NEED REFERRING TO THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR A RESPONSE**

Cllr C Davie, District and County Council representative for the Parish was not able to attend the meeting.

**14. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) Publicity regarding access to the Royal Arthur Hall**

The newspaper article was presented to the Council for discussion. Cllr Vincent asked if everyone had read it. Cllr Walmsley stated that he had seen it and copied it to Facebook. Cllr Vincent said that he had received a phone call from the reporter of the Skegness Standard who told him that Cllr Walmsley had provided the story. Cllr Walmsley said that he didn't believe him. Discussion took place amongst Councillors regarding the authenticity of the story. Cllr Walmsley said that the reporter had contacted him with the Council's right of reply, the Clerk and others asked why the reporter had contacted Cllr Walmsley if he knew nothing about it. Further discussion took place around the motive for such a potentially damaging and discrediting story.

**15. TO DISPOSE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- ELDC – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Notification to Parish & Town Councils – e mailed
- ELDC – e-messenger October 2019 - emailed
- Library stats for September
- Notification of planned highways works – e mailed

**FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE COUNCIL SAT IN PRIVATE TO CONSIDER ALL SUBMITTED CO OPTION APPLICATIONS**

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The meeting of the Council closed at 9.20 pm

**Date of the next Meeting of the Council – Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> November 2019 at 7.15pm**

Chairman of the Council.....

Clerk to the Council and RFO .....

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019