

# Icklingham Parish Council

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## **MINUTES of the meeting of Icklingham Parish Council Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, Icklingham**

Present: Cllr R Burt (RB) – Chairman  
Cllr D Baugh (DB) – Vice Chair  
Cllr K Baugh (KB)  
Cllr A Walsh (AW)

Also Present: Mrs Su Field – Parish Clerk  
3 members of the public

### PUBLIC FORUM

Thanks were expressed for the accuracy of the last Minutes.

The grass has now been cut twice and is looking very neat and tidy.

A large tractor appears to be speeding down West Street on a regular basis. Also has been witnessed negotiating a narrow entrance way causing a nuisance to walkers. The vehicle is parked on West Street most nights and residents consider that it is dangerous.

### 015/16 APOLOGIES

Cllr H Graham  
CCllr Colin Noble

### 016/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 017/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### 018/16 FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Clerk has reported the issue of the drain/flooding direct to the county council. One of the Elections Managers had also reported the issue direct following flooding on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### 019/16 ADDITIONAL NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk confirmed that she has contacted Mr Fisher to ascertain whether he would be in agreement for the Parish Council to erect a noticeboard outside the Community Centre. Mr Fisher has responded stating that he would be willing to allow a board to be erected dependent on actual location and size.

The Clerk distributed a printout of some boards that may be suitable.

It was suggested that an additional board would be better sited down West Street, near to the entrance of the playing field lane.

It was AGREED that, following investigation of who owns the verge down West Street and the appropriate permission obtained, two carved text gable header boards (six A4 sheets size) be ordered. It was acknowledged that these will also require 'legs'.

#### 020/16 COMMUNITY CENTRE/FLOODING

The Clerk confirmed that the issue of the blocked drain opposite the Community Centre and the resultant flooding that had occurred on 23<sup>rd</sup> June had been fully reported to the County Council with a request that the issue of the drainage been looked into as a matter of extreme urgency.

#### 021/16 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE – ALICE DIX CHARITY

Cllr D Baugh confirmed that he was willing to serve as a Trustee on the Alice Dix Charity. This information to be passed to the Charity.

#### 022/16 REPAIR WORKS TO VILLAGE SIGN – QUOTATIONS

AW had received a verbal quote from a company, Earthworks, which had been recommended by a resident. The verbal quote had stated that replacement of the two damaged spindles with solid oak ones and to reattach the roof, complete with new lead, would be approximately £275 including VAT. The previous written quote received from The Village Sign People had been £550.

It was AGREED that if the written quote from Earthworks is received confirming that the cost of repair is less than £300 including VAT that the Clerk be authorised to commission the work to commence.

#### 023/16 BUS SHELTER AND BUS STOP STANDING

Passengers awaiting to board buses travelling towards St Edmundsbury do not have a “standing”, the location being opposite The Farthings, Three Bridges Lane. Whilst passengers boarding buses travelling towards Mildenhall, location outside The Red Lion Public House, do have a “standing” it was hoped that the provision of a bus shelter could be organised.

The Clerk was instructed to liaise with the County Council to ascertain whether both items could be provided as a matter of urgency. Any correspondence concerning this request to be circulated to all Parish Councillors to expedite the Mark Shipton re Five Ways and to Andy Smith – what is the situation – put under correspondence.

In relation to the playing field/recreation ground there was a possibility that this land had been gifted to the Parish Council approximately 30 years ago. The Clerk was instructed to liaise in the first instance with FHDC Legal Department to ascertain whether they were in receipt of any information. If FHDC do not hold any such information the Clerk was instructed to apply for a Land Registry search to confirm the ownership.

#### 024/16 PLANNING

No applications received.

#### 025/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Sent via email.

Mr D Brown had emailed the Parish Council with a request for a community/village board. The Parish Council decided that the current Parish Council board could be ‘gifted’ to the village when the new noticeboard, as mentioned above, has been installed. AW agreed to liaise with Mr Brown on this offer.

The recent playground inspection report had highlighted some works to be undertaken. DB would be undertaking the annual risk assessment in the next couple of weeks and will report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council to develop a way forward for the works to be done.

#### 026/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

CCLr Noble had sent his apologies and the Clerk would distribute his recent Newsletter for information as soon as it was received.

#### 027/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Rona Burt updated the meeting with the following:

The new Devolution Deal for East Anglia has been published. The funding to be included will be for housing, jobs, better infrastructure and growth in businesses. Each deal will have a combined authority and a directly elected Mayor – elections to take place in May 2017. There would be joint working across East Anglia to improve transport and infrastructure. The main focus on all discussions has been to ensure that the best settlement for the people of East Anglia is obtained. Central Government has recognised the importance of the region to the economy.

Mildenhall Base closing date is now 2023, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes but no firm proposals are on the table to date.

West Suffolk Operational Hub (waste) – Consultation has taken place re the location of this and there have been some very controversial meetings – local residents are against the location. If it is approved the Depot on Mildenhall Industrial Site will close and eventually be sold. The matter has been to both St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath councils and the location was approved.

The Local Plan consultation has been extended for the transport report to be included. It is anticipated that the adoption of the Local Plan will be in December 2017.

Meetings attended:

Site Visits x 2

Chaired Planning Committee, Planning Delegation, Planning Briefing, Local Plan Working Group, Members Development.

Attended Review of Constitution and Conservative Group meetings

Attended Member Remuneration Panel

Met with the Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Attended full Council

Attended Joint Growth Steering Group at West Suffolk House

028/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following invoices had been submitted to the Parish Council for payment:

D Fisher	Hire of Hall	£25.00
S Field	Wages July 2016	£161.91
S Field	Expenses June and July 2016	£61.40

The payments were agreed and cheques signed.

The Clerk presented the Chairman with the bank reconciliation for agreement and signature. She also provided all members of the Parish Council with a copy of the cash book and bank reconciliation for their information and retention.

Further to the last meeting the Clerk had prepared the relevant paperwork for Lloyds Bank to become a signatory to the account prior to application for internet banking. The form was duly completed and the Clerk instructed to submit the same to the bank.

029/16 AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

Risk Assessments

Additional Dog Bin

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed : .....

Chairman