

Inwardleigh Parish Council Meeting APM and AGM. Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 8:00 pm

Present: Cllr Piddington (Chair), Cllr Dennis, Cllr Ions, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Timms. Cllr T. Leech (OTC), Mrs Clarke (Clerk), three members of the public

APM

- 1. Apologies** - none
- 2. Public Participation/Questions from any parishioners** - None

AGM Agenda. (20:15pm)

- 1. Apologies for absence** - Apologies received from Cllr Henderson
- 2. Declarations of interest of items on the agenda** – Cllr Dennis with regards to donations, Cllr Ions and Cllr Timms – fundraising.
- 3. Co-op of a parishioner-** Mrs. Timms was duly co-opted and a new councillor Mrs Angela King was welcomed and also co-opted.
- 4. Election of Chairman-** Cllr Timms was approved by all the councillors.
- 5. Election of Vice-Chair** - Cllr Dennis was approved by all the councillors.
- 6. Minutes of AGM 18th May 2022 - to be agreed and signed and** Minutes of 22nd March 2023 to were agreed and signed.
- 7. Register of interests** – filled in and signed by all the councillors.
- 8. Relevant matters arising – banking deferred to the finance section below.**
- 9. Annual statement of accounts /approval–** the clerk provided a breakdown of the income and expenses along with the budgetary figures. The clerk raised a query on the parish hall fee, Cllr Ions replied. Cllr Piddington suggested paying in advance for this year, the rest of the council approved this.
- 10. Appointment of internal auditor-** confirmed as Mrs. M. Dennis and a new rate was agreed.
- 11. Review of annual Subscriptions** – Insurance amount hasn't been provided by the enquiries raised. Cllr Piddington suggested trying some insurance brokers. Richard Gee and Tidballs.
- 12. Review of Donations/Grants-** CAB, Okehampton district community transport, Newsletter, Church. A discussion was held on the amounts and amounts were increased. Church £200, CAB £60, ODCOT keep the same.
- 13. Review of Insurance** – Clerk will provide the details
- 14. Matters arising/ reports from:-** Cllr Piddington thanked Cllr Leech for his support and congratulated him on being re-elected.
- 15. Planning:- New applications.**
 - a. 0980/23/LBC** – The council has no objections and remains neutral.
 - b. 1314/23/OPA** - The council discussed this and raised concerns about the development. Concerns were raised about the site being adjacent to a site of special scientific interest -

(SSSIs) Southmoor Farm and the proposed development is on agricultural land/open countryside. Concerns were also raised about the road access onto the A386. The council objects to this planning application. Various letters of objection have been raised/received.

c. 1478/23/AGR - The council would like to support this as it is consistent with the reduction of CO2 and meets with the environment agency requirements and sustainability.

16. Planning:- Update on decided cases

a. 0940/23/HRN – The clerk read out the notice supplied by the council to the applicant. Cllr Dennis provided further and fuller details.

17. Finance:-

a. Banking – The ongoing problem, has three complaints to the bank and to the ombudsman. The council confirmed the actions of clerk and a possible solution. Cllr Piddington asked various questions and proposed an alternative solution.

The clerk indicated a change of account is ongoing and an alternative way of authorisation will be in place.

b. HMRC – The clerk explained how HMRC had incorrectly duplicated our account and the clerk made numerous calls to HMRC over two days. The clerk has now written to them for clarification.

c. Agar – The clerk presented the papers for signing.

d. Payments to:-

I) ICO re-issued due a torn cheque, clerks wages, HMRC were approved.

II) Insurance, DALC invoice to follow subject to confirmation of fees.

18. Matters brought forward by the Chairman -

The new chairman indicated that the celebrations were held at the village hall, in co-operation with the village hall fundraising, parish hall and parish council which was a great success, £525.29 was raised, the parish council decided their 1/3 should be split 50/50 to the parish hall and the fundraising committee.

19. Matters brought forward by Councillors -

a) Noticeboards need to go on next months agenda.

b) Cllr Piddington raised the state of the roads, across the parish there is a problem, these will be reported to highways, hedges have also been washed out near Toads Islands. The bridge at Eastercombe has a Crack and needs repair, Stockenbridge and Eastcombe bridge are safety hazards. Other particular areas- Road Oak cross to Milland. Cllr Leech will contact the appropriate councillor as well. Two parishioners have mentioned problems at Prison lane, the white lines.

c) The building works have put large drainage ditch across the development into the next paddock and joining to a small brook. It is currently flooding and concerns have been raised about the situation once 25 houses are in situ. It will affect the River Lew and drinking water causing pollution to animals. Photographs and video have been taken. The council previously raised concerns over the drainage condition which wasn't met and was rejected by the council at the last attempt. Cllr Leech spoke to the enforcement officer Darren Jervis about this.

d) S106 money for the village hall needs to be in writing. Cllr Leech indicated his involvement on this.

e) Cllr Ions indicated that architects have recommended a survey of the roof of the village hall as mention has been made of the walls not being able to take the weight.

f) Cllr Leech asked about speed watch, Cllr Timms indicated that volunteers are being sought as its raised in the next newsletter and an update will be provided to Cllr Leech at the next meeting.

g) Cllr Leech suggested a neighbourhood plan to stop unwanted development. Without a plan there is no protection. This has to be in consultation with other parishes.

20. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 20:00pm.

21. Closure of AGM – the meeting closed at 21:45pm

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