



MINUTES of the **NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING** held on Wednesday the 13th January 2016
@ St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs McGrath, Bevan, Anderson, Brookes, Ellison, Thompson, Buchner, Roskell, Davies and Soole
There were nine members of the public present.

1/16 To receive apologies

Cllr Davies

2/16 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th December 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

3/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

4/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

It was mentioned that the footpath between Mayfield Ave and Walker Lane was in need of repair.

It was mentioned that Highways issues should be reported using the approved system which can be accessed on their web site or by telephone.

It was mentioned that LCC are suffering significant cuts that will affect next year's budget. Many services will therefore need to be reduced. Social care is of particular concern. Ingol library may be in danger of closure and funding may be required to be obtained from other sources (Neighbourhood Council for example) and perhaps volunteer labour. Further support for the retention of the library was made by other members of the public present.

A representative of Intact mentioned that a grant has been obtained which will support Intact for the next three years but that the short term funding request was still essential to cover until these new funds came on stream

Gateway have put forward plans to develop Dovedale Ave recreation ground – a resident has concerns and objects to the development of the playing field. He asked the NC to support his objection.

It was mentioned that the NW Distributor is essential in order to reduce congestion both now and in the future given the extensive development which is going to take place in North West Preston

It was suggested that NC meeting dates should be placed in the library.

The meeting was reconvened

5/16 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300215	SLCC	Subscription	65.00
300216	J Thompson	Xmas Event Expenditure	360.42
On Line 16/12	GGS	Lengthsman	348.30
On Line 27/12	W V McWhittle	Salary & Expenses	1097.55
300217	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI Deductions	692.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

6/16 To consider the following Special Resolution submitted by Cllrs McGrath and Bevan below:

That this Council re-consider its decision to set a reduced Precept of £30730.00 as recorded in minute number 113/15

It was resolved that this Council should not re-consider its decision to set a reduced Precept

At this point the Chairman (Cllr McGrath) left the meeting and the Vice Chairman then presided.

7/16 To consider the specific Preston CC budget proposals as per the e-mail already circulated to members (a copy of the specific proposals is attached)

It was resolved that this Council object to the charge for brown waste bins because this neighbourhood is situated in an area of severe deprivation where many residents will be unable to afford the charge.

8/16 To consider the possibility that Ingol library might be closed as a result of LCC proposals to reduce the number of libraries across its area and make immediate representation to both LCC and County Cllr Winlow that this NC would be opposed to any proposal to close the Ingol Library and hence also to any proposal to dispense with the Ingol Library building. (A suggested response is enclosed)

It was resolved that the suggested response which accompanied the agenda should be approved and sent to LCC and County Cllr Bill Winlow

9/16 To consider whether this Council wishes to make any representation in respect of the Consultation to be held by Lancashire County Council into the proposed Preston West Distributor Road and the East-West Link Road, details of which have already been sent out by e-mail together with the dates of 'events' which will provide information on the proposals. A draft response had been drawn up and circulated to members.

It was resolved that Clerk should respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council using the draft response as the basis of this Council's representation

10/16 To consider a contribution of £3,690 to be used by Intact towards 3 months running costs of the centre this financial year. (Full details of this application for funding have already been sent out to Members by e-mail)

It was resolved that £3690 should be provided to Intact as a contribution towards 3 months running costs as detailed in the support documentation already circulated.

11/16 To note that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd March 2016

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