

Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council

MINUTES of THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING which was held on
Wednesday the 9th July 2014 in St Margaret's Church Hall Ingol @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Dodd, Ellison, Speakman, Thompson, Soole, Wright & Roskell.
Two members of the public were present

58/14 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Brookes & McGrath

59/14 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th May 2014

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2014 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

60/14 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

61/14 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public mentioned that the Dovedale Ave recreation ground was not being maintained to a satisfactory standard – this is the responsibility of Community Gateway. The matter is to be taken up by PACT and Preston City Cllr Brown.

The meeting was re-convened

62/14 To consider the following planning application:

2014/0426 – Prior Notification Submission for the erection of 17.5m high telecommunications pole with 3no antennas and associated equipment cabinet at Land at Grid Ref 507326 Tom Benson Way PR4 0BF (Upgrade of existing)

It was resolved that no representation should be made

63/14 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300103	Greenwood GS	Lengthsman	275.00
300104	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	522.98
300105	W Cadwallader	Planters	1260.00
300106	LALC	Workshop	80.00
300107	Greenwood GS	Lengthsman	519.50
300108	W V Mcennerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses 1 st Qtr	1086.26
300109	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI	678.80
300110	Viking Direct	Stationery	141.46
300111	Newgate Nurseries	Planter Filling (including replacement plants)	388.88
300112	St Margaret's Church	Room Hire	72.00
300113	BDO	External Auditor's Fee	240.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

64/14 To consider and approve that this Council should sign up for on-line banking in respect of appropriate payments on the basis of dual authorisation (the clerk shall set up payments – two members will be required to authorise on line)

It was resolved that that this Council should sign up for on-line banking on the basis of the above arrangements.

65/14 To consider which members should attend as voting representatives (2) at the LALC AGM on Saturday 8th November 2014.

It was resolved that Cllrs Ellison and Thompson should attend the above AGM on behalf of this Council

66/14 To consider whether this Council wishes to put forward a resolution to the LALC AGM on Saturday 8th November 2014 and if so agree the wording and nominate a proposer and seconder to speak on behalf of this Council at the meeting.

It was resolved that no resolution should be put forward.

67/14 To consider whether this Council wishes to make any comment in response to the consultation on subsidised bus services assessment criteria (enclosed)

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

68/14 To consider that in future distribution of the Council's newsletter should be done by a commercial organisation – a quote from City Distribution Ltd indicates a rate of £27.50 per thousand mixed delivery or £55.50 per thousand bespoke delivery.

It was resolved that future distribution should be undertaken by City Distribution Ltd on a mixed delivery basis.

69/14 To consider whether signage should be added to some of our existing planters – a quotation has been received indicating a price of £24.90 each for 12 in total to be located on the planters detailed in the enclosed copy e-mails. Should the Council wish to agree to the suggestion, the wording needs to be agreed and it is suggested that before any order is placed a mock up is produced so that members are able to see what the finished article will look like. (See enclosed correspondence)

It was resolved that signage should be added to some of our existing planters as described above the wording being 'Provided by Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council' (using the logo in respect of the I&TNC part)

70/14 To consider as a result of the theft of plants and vandalism to the planter displays whether any further actions are required.

It was resolved that an awareness campaign should be undertaken using the web site and next newsletter to inform residents that the planters and plants had been provided by the Neighbourhood Council at tax payers expense and asking that they be respected. It was further resolved that the clerk should make arrangements to refill those where significant plants had been removed.

71/14 To consider whether any response is required to the Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road consultation on the preferred route which has now been published and has been the subject of several public exhibition events

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

72/14 To consider whether this Council should invest some of its funds in the Public Sector Deposit Fund managed by CCLA – please see attached information and current comparison rates – and if so decide what initial amount should be placed with them. Current interest rates are 2.5 times higher than we receive with Unity Trust; whilst with interest rates are at an all-time low this does not amount to a significant increase in income this might be different in future as interest rates are likely to rise.

It was resolved that this Council should invest some of its funds in the Public Sector Deposit Fund managed by CCLA and that the Clerk should now make suitable arrangements.

73/14 To consider the enclosed report in response to minute number 53/14 and decide whether any further action is required.

It was resolved that no further action was appropriate.

74/14 To consider sending the enclosed draft letter to Marston's PLC in respect of proposed changes to the way in which the Guild Merchant public house is to be run.

It was resolved that the enclosed draft letter should be amended and sent as follows:

*Marston's PLC
Marston's House
Brewery Road
Wolverhampton
WV1 4JT*

Dear Sir/Madam

Ingol and Tanterton Neighbourhood Council is contacting you with regard to what some residents say are your backwards steps in the running of the Guild Merchant public house on Tag Lane Ingol Preston.

When the Guild Merchant was re-opened following refurbishment and redesign some local and some not so local patrons were in praise of the table service introduced from the reopening. The interaction between customers and staff led to a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

To move from this established table service to bar service only and the drive towards enhancing the pub as a 'drinkers' pub is a cause of concern to some residents.

We are proud to serve our community and strive for betterment to services and our environment. We hope you will take cognisance of the concerns of some of our residents and return to the previous operating system which some believed made the Guild Merchant stand out and above other pub/restaurants in the area.

A recorded vote was requested.

In favour Cllrs Soole, Thompson, Ellison, Wright, Dodd & Roskell

Against Cllrs Anderson and Speakman

75/14 To consider the enclosed report from the Tanterton Shops area working group and decide whether to accept the fee proposal from Groundworks to draw up plans for potential improvement to the area.

It was resolved that the fee proposal should be accepted and that Groundworks should be requested to draw up plans for potential improvements to the area for further consideration.

76/14 To consider whether this Council should commit up to a further £17K to secure and reconstruct improved drainage for Tanterton village green details of which are set out in the enclosed report

Following release of the agenda further information had been received and amendments to the original specification agreed which had the effect of reducing the shortfall to approx. £12600 whilst retaining a fit for purpose drainage improvement scheme.

It was resolved that this Council should commit a further £12600 to the scheme as amended in order to ensure that it could go ahead this summer – it was noted that this Council's commitment now stand at £17600.

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