MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

 **BY VIDEO CONFERENCE 7PM 1 February 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Metcalfe Cllr. J. Emsley

 Cllr. C. Lis OBE Cllr. J. L. Brown

 Cllr. S. Brash Cllr. M. Howson Cllr. A. Weller Cllr. J. Mckenzie

 Cllr D. McGonnigal

**In attendance:** 1 Police Representative, 1 Member of the Public, Alison Hack, Parish Clerk

**This meeting was recorded under file PCTapesFeb21**

The Chairman recorded his thanks for Glenis Gaunt for her service as a Parish Councillor and asked that it be minuted that he greatly appreciated her efforts during her time on the Council and her continuing contribution to the village.

1. **Apologies for Absence – none**
2. **To Note any Declarations of Interest** and to record, consider and grant members’ requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations (Section 31 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this Agenda.

Cllr. Lis declared an interest in matters relating to staffing issues at the Community Centre (item 7f), Cllr. J. Metcalfe declared an interest in any matter relating to the Ingleton Scenery Company.

Cllr. Howson declared an interest in item 7 e) (Street Lighting).

1. **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Precept Meeting held on 4 January 2021.** Cllr. Emsley proposed, Cllr. McGonnigal seconded and it was agreed to accept these Minutes as a true record.
2. **Police Report** – Superintendent Steve Thomas explained why it was proposed to close Ingleton police station. The reason was basically budgetary restraints, and several police stations had been considered for closure. An integral reason was also that there was currently no police staff now living in the area which led to Ingleton being put under review. The Chairman commented that 18 months ago there had been confirmation from the police that no closure was proposed, but he was pleased to hear that the Parish Council will be consulted in future. He mentioned that the asset of the police station should have its value utilised in the Ingleton area. Superintendent Thomas confirmed that the consultation phase comes after the formal decision. He confirmed the policing footprint will increase quite significantly following this closure. The Chairman asked where the local sergeant would be and the Superintendent stated that was not as yet fixed and explained the current set up in terms of staffing to the meeting.

Cllr. Lis commented on the continual erosion of facilities and services in the Ingleton area. He voiced his strong disappointment in this action without consultation, although he would agree with the premise that there is a need for change, but the Councillor felt that anything as important as this that the Parish Council should have been involved from the start. There was some further discussion on this issue,

Comments were made that since the population of Ingleton greatly increases in the summer, and that perhaps that should be considered when siting the police base of operations. Cllr. Mckenzie suggested that if the police station closes, police vehicles will simply bypass Ingleton when going from Settle to Bentham. The Superintendent suggested more detailed data could be provided to combat this view. Cllr. Emsley commented that in relation to incidents on the A65, it is slower to respond from Bentham and during winter even more difficult. Superintendent confirmed that these issues have to be taken into account. The Chairman commented that any future input from the police for Parish Council meetings would be very much welcomed.

1. **ADJOURNMENT for questions/items for attention raised by members of the public**

**a). Village Map and App –** Skye Lyselle spoke about the possibility of updating the current village map and proposed making an app. The Clerk informed the meeting about the initial work with the Business Group and suggested some of the data might be useful. Cllr. Lis asked when it was likely to complete, and Ms Lyselle hopes to be complete by spring. Cllr. Lis asked what help was hoped for from the Parish Council but not at the moment. The Councillor also asked if it could be updated in future, and Skye confirmed that this should be able to be done. Cllr. Emsley asked if the heritage trail – this was based on John Bentley’s heritage trail and spoke of other historical information that would be completed. The members generally agreed that the project appeared very positive and would give it their support. It was agreed to allow use of the village map to be used as a base for the new version.

**6. PLANNING –**

**2020/22362/TCA - Fell 8 no. Ash and Group of Conifers, 5**Garden Holme, Ingleton via CarnforthLA6 3E5

**C/45/653A/LB** Repairs at Batty Moss, Ribblehead Viaduct, Ribblehead, North Yorkshire.

**The members supported these applications**

**7. Parish Council Maintenance Matters**

**a) Park/Toilets** – The Clerk reported on the prevalence of molehills in the park and it was agreed she should request a grasscutting contractor to flatten the molehills prior to the start of the grass cutting season and sow with grass. The Clerk will be ordering the baby changing shelves imminently.

**b) The Brow** – The Clerk had reported on the drainage issue near Top Club – Cllr Lis requested that this matter be pursued for an update.

**c) Highways – Winter Gritting –** the Chairman commented on recent standard email from Highways stating that volunteers should be organised to salt pavements. Cllr. Lis stated that realistically the Parish Council will have to fulfil their duty of care to local residents. The Chairman suggested that Highways should supply of stock of salt and salt bins throughout the village to facilitate this. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for future discussion. The Chairnman suggested that NYCC should be contacted to ascertain what assistance they would provide for a voluntary group, and the Clerk commented that their email had a link on this issue which she will investigate.

**d) Street Lighting** – Cllr. McGonnigal commented that the streetlight on his house had gone off for the second time, although this had been reported by the Clerk. Cllr. Lis requested the Clerk to request work be completed on a replacement column near 1 Manor Place, as the old column had been left and the new one was yet to be connected.

**e) Community Centre** – The Centre remains shut, Cllr Lis reported on the work of volunteers, Cllr. Emsley reported that the numbers of people requiring help are not so high as before although some people needed lifts to Kirkby for their vaccination.

**f) Cold Cotes/Chapel le Dale** – No report

**8. To receive information and where applicable decide further action on the undernoted on-going issues**

**a) Riverside Project**  - Due to current conditions a meeting should be postponed until perhaps March. The Chairman has contacted Jane Walker who would be very interested in becoming involved. It was agreed to hold this over until possibly March, any public consultation is also difficult at the present

**b) B4RN to receive report** – The Chairman commented that that BT are intending to install superfast broadband in Chapel le Dale.

**c) Casual Vacancy** for Parish Councillor the Clerk confirmed that since there was only 4 months until the Parish Council elections in May, the Election Office had confirmed that the matter would be held over and if no one came forward to take the seat in May the Parish Council could then immediately co-opt.

**d) Allotments** – The Clerk reported that the tree works have been done, a lot of large logs left lying.

**e) Climate Change** – Cllr. Lis confirmed that Ingleton have done a lot in terms of LED lighting at the Centre and streetlights, but he would ask members to consider whatever decision we take we should consider the reduction of carbon emissions and climate change impact. Part two of the declaration would be to support climate change initiatives from local residents and organisations. Cllr. Lis moved a climate change motion that Ingleton Parish Council declares that there is a climate change emergency and adopt a policy of positive measures for climate change in future. Cllr. Emsley queried whether the Parish Council could demand certain measures be incorporated in new housing and Cllr. Lis confirmed that this could be the case After discussion CL proposed JM seconded and it was agreed. The Chairman enquired whether a check can be made as to whether the Parish Council is carbon neutral – Cllr. Lis will ask Rob Askins at Craven District for advice on this issue.

**9. Reports from and questions to District, County and Parish Councillors -** The Chairman commented that he was very disappointed not to hear from our County Councillor on several matters that have been raised recently. Cllr. Lis reported his concerns on the planning proposal for the field at the Middle School.He mentioned it was a long time since we had a housing survey to establish need in the area.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE –** to action where appropriate-

5/1 Area5 Skipton giving details on Winter Gritting

6/1 Planning Application C/45/653A/LB Repairs at Batty Moss, Ribblehead Viaduct, Ribblehead, North Yorkshire.

11/1 CDC Covid Travel Restrictions and New Lockdown Regulations Press Release

11/1 YDNPA Local Plan Consultation – **Response requested by 26 February**

14/1 YLCA Sue Baxter Open Letter

14/1 YLCA Local Elections 2021, confirmation that 6 May elections will go ahead

15/1 Cllr. Emsley – Motorbike Noise Action Group Meeting

16/1 CDC scam email warning-

18/1 Planning Reg 2020/22362/TCA Fell 8 no. Ash and Group of Conifers, Garden Holme, Ingleton

18/1 YLCA Training Session

19/1 YLCA Vacancies for Clerk/RFO

19/1 NYCC Police Safer Internet Session

19/1 YLCA Branch Meetings

21/1 YLCA Planning Enforcement Webinar

22/1 CANS – Letter sent by Chairman to Police Chief and MP

25/1 YLCA White Rose Update

25/1 YLCA Information on Right to Regenerate Neglected Land

26/1 2020/222158&9/FUL Old Court House, Ingleton Permission Granted

26/1 2019/21296/FUL Notice of Refusal Land South of A65 and East of Tatterthorn Lane

26/1 Thornton Clerk on Cycle Path Proposal

28/1 Replies from MP and Police Chief Lisa Winward on Motorbike Noise

28/1 YDMT Proposal for Signature

 28/1 Rachel Steel, Brierleyhomes.co.uk on Housing Development Proposal on ex Middle School Field, Laundry Lane, Ingleton

**Dropbox**

Resolutions Register

**1. Ex Middle School play area –** This was to have been made available for extra care facility and comment was made that the County Councillor had previously informed the Parish Council the site would not be used for anything else. After discussion it was agreed to write a strongly worded letter to the Chief Executive at NYCC, with a copy to the County Councillor protesting this matter. The members felt that NYCC, need to justify the change of use to us. Comments were made on the continuing erosion of facilities in village. Cllr. Lis will check on need for affordable housing in the village. It was also agreed to invite Rachel Steel from Brierley Homes to the next meeting.

**2. YDNPA Local Plan Consultation** – a site at Oddies Lane has been earmarked as a possible site for housing development. The Chairman suggested anyone with any relevant views should pass to the Clerk for onward transmission.

**3. CANS.** – Cllr. Emsley commented that the joining of several Parish Councils together in an Action Committee has resulted in its message having a much greater impact, and he commended Tim Farrin for his work on this issue. The Councillor does worry that they are focussing on the speed rather than the noise of the bikes, but generally feels that the objections are getting through to the right people.

**4. Cycle Path Clapham to Kirkby** – The Chairman was not willing to support this proposal due to the potential difficulties with landowners particularly in Thornton Parish. He stated that the last time Ingleton got involved in such a project there were strong objections in Thornton Parish with landowners one of which ended up in court. However much of the land in Ingleton Parish is under public ownership, which should not be too difficult. Cllr. Weller felt strongly about this issue and believed the Parish Council should support this project. It was agreed that the Parish would support this project.

**5. Right to Regenerate** – Cllr. A. Weller commented on the email from YLCA on the consultation regarding powers to regenerate neglected land and voiced concerns as to the possible abuse this could be subject to.

**11. Reports**

**a. Chairman** – No report

**b. Clerk** – No report

**c. Footpaths** – No report

**d. Swimming Pool Management Committee** – No report

**e. Quarry Liaison Committee** – No report

### 12. FINANCE –

*Cllr. Lis left the meeting*

**i) To authorise signing of orders of payment and online payments** - It was proposed by Cllr. Brash and seconded by Cllr. Emsley and agreed to make the following payments:

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| 109  | ab  | dd  | A. Hack  | Zoom payment  | 14.39  |   |
| 110  | tcl  | dd  | MHG Building Ctrs  | Cleaning WCS  | 1111.66  |   |
| 111  | ab  | dd  | A. Hack  | Clerk Telephone & Broadband  | 49.04  |   |
| 112  | aa  | dd  | A. Hack  | Clerk Salary  | 919.36  |   |
| 113  | aa  | dd  | A. Hack  | Back Pay  | 1584.93  |   |
| 114  | sls  | dd  | Eon  | Street Light Supply  | 347.23  | 57.87  |
| 115  | S137  | dd  | Eon  | Floodlighting St. Marys  | 14.58  | 0.69  |

Community Centre

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| 152  | dd   | M. Rogerson  | Windows  | 80  |   |
| 153  | dd   | Vonage 158690  | Telephone  | 33.23  | 5.4  |
| 154  | dd   | Corona Energy  | Gas Supply  | 766.61  | 127.77  |
| 155  | dd   | NOW Pensions  | Contributions  | 231.18  |   |

Staff wages amount to £2412.40

**13.** Any other matters which the Chair decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1 March 2021 at 7pm, via Zoom.