

Ince Blundell Parish Council
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 28th May 2015

1. **Attendance:** Cllr K Sharpe (In the Chair), Cllrs R Jenkins and R Waugh. Mr I Cowell(Clerk)
2. **Other Attendance:** Sgt 3843 Ian Allum; PCSO 0223 Denise Moreland
3. **Apologies:** Cllrs Ashton and Mansour.
4. **Other Apologies:** Cllrs' Cate Page and Tim Hale, Ravenmeols Ward
5. **Police Presentation:** In an eloquent presentation Sergeant Ian Allum set out the situation regarding the Merseyside Police. Though the Chief Constable was still committed to the concept of the Neighbourhood Policing Team; with further cuts in the Police Budgets this option of policing may have to be reviewed. At present the West Sefton Police Team operated out of Formby Police Station. As they were no longer fit for purpose, the Police Stations at Southport, Ainsdale and Formby are to be disposed of and sold. Ince Blundell is policed by the West Sefton Neighbourhood team based at Formby. The Team consists of Inspector Jim Atherton, Sgt Ian Allum, Constables Tracey Cooke, Karl Turner and Mike Burke and Police Community Support Officers: Bev Baker, Kate Jackson, Denise Moreland, Victoria Gilliver, Terry Stapley, Mark Durham and Sean McNamara. The Team operates until 10pm at night. Cover is then provided by mobile teams based at Southport and Crosby. In the first instance an incident at Ince Blundell would be serviced by a mobile crew from Southport but, if that crew was engaged, then the Crew from Crosby would attend. A Grade 1 response via 999 should be serviced within 10 minutes; a Grade 2 response within an hour and a Grade 3 response within 24 hours. The Control Room would normally telephone Grade 2 & 3 callers to discuss the reason for the call. Technology had advanced considerably with officers carrying the latest equipment in order to make checks. In addition there was a Crime Demand Unit based at Bridle Road and a Matrix Team dealing with specific crimes. The use of Automatic Plate Recognition was also used and had proved very helpful in detecting cars associated crime in Ince Blundell. The orientation of both these units was to diminish Threat, Harm and Risk both to the public and officers. Since 1st January 2015 Beat 331(Ince Blundell) only 9 crimes have been recorded. Of these 2 had involved cannabis. Since 1st March Sgt Allum had examined 15 logs of calls made by Mr Scott re incidents in Carr House Lane. The Merseyside Police was also concerned

to address Rural Crime, for example poaching, and there might will be a move to establish a Rural Home Watch Scheme involving Farmers and Landowners using the Game Act 1931, Game Laws (Amendment) Act 1960 and the Night Poaching 1828. Sgt Allum and Cllr Sharpe then discussed a scheme involving Police, Farmers and Landowners that was taking place in Yorkshire. After a series of questions fielded by the Cllrs to Sgt Allum and PCSO Moreland the Chairman thanked Sgt Allum and PCSO Moreland for an excellent presentation. Sgt Allums e-mail address is ian.allum@merseysidepolice.uk; Telephone: 0151-777-4145.

6. **Appointment Of Chairman:** *'It was unanimously resolved that Cllr. Kevin Sharpe be appointed Chairman of Ince Blundell Parish Council for 2015/2016.'*
7. **Declaration of Office of Chairman:** *Cllrs Sharpe then signed the declaration of office which was witnessed by the proper officer Mr I Cowell*
8. **Declaration of Office – Councillors:** *Cllrs Jenkins and Waugh then signed their declarations of office as Councillors which was witnessed by the proper officer Mr I Cowell*
9. **Representation on Outside Bodies:** Cllr Waugh – Governor of St Mary's School; Cllr Ashton – Trustee of the Village hall, Cllr Sharpe – Sefton Partnership of Local Councils.
10. **Standing Orders:** *Resolved: 'That the Standing Orders published by the NALC in 2002 and amended by this Council be adopted for the year 2015.2016.'*
11. **Code of Conduct:** Resolved 'That the Code of Conduct published by Sefton MBC be adopted by this Council'.
12. **Data Protection Act 1998: Noted:** 'That the Council notes it is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998 Registration Number Z1784567 and the registration renewal in on 21.6.2015.
13. **Declaration of Interests:** Nil.
14. **Open Forum;** Nil
15. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Resolved 'Approved'.
16. Matter Arising: 'Nil'
17. Correspondence: (a) Letter from Paul Corner, Catchment Co-ordinator Healthy Waterways Trust regarding establishing a focus group meeting concerning Septic Tanks. The Clerk had contacted Mollie Dalton regarding the hire of the Hall in July between 10am and 12noon at a date to be fixed.
b) Letter from Coop Bank stating that the minimum balance for credit interest will be £25,000.00. Noted.

c) Invoice from Autela Payroll services stating that from July 2015 their invoices will be sent out at the beginning of each quarter; Q1 April invoices would be payable in June; Q2 July invoices would be payable in September October Invoices due for payment in December; January invoice due for payment in March.

18. Planning: DCV/2015/00696: Erection of a single storey extension to the existing coffee shop, Lady Green Garden Centre, Lady Green Lane, Ince Blundell L38 1OD. The Council had sent in a report to Sefton Planning supporting the application.

19. Finances: a) **Current Account: £2558.78;** b) **Bills for Payment: Zurich Insurance Company Ltd £243,80 – cheque 100151; Ince Blundell Village Hall Committee – Hire of Room £25.00 cheque 100152; I R Cowell – Use Car to deliver and collect accounts; Deliver Election Forms: £17.10.; Sefton Partnership of Local Councils: £70.00 cheque. Resolved: ‘*That the accounts be approved.*’** (c) **Statement of Account: Resolved ‘That the Statement of Account or the year end 31 March 2015 be approved.’** (d) **Annual Governance Statement: Resolved: ‘*We acknowledge as members of Ince Blundell Parish Council our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm to the best of knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2015 that they are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practice.* (f) Resolved: ‘*That the Financial Arrangements document dated 28.5.15 governing the financial arrangements of the Council be adopted.*’**

20. Internal Auditor: Resolved: ‘That Mr Peter Davies FCCA be appointed internal auditor to the Council.’

21. Time and date of Next meeting: Thursday 30th July 2015 7.30pm