

# Ince Blundell Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2018

**27) Attendance** Cllr Sharpe (Chair), Cllr M. Jones, Cllr V. Jones, Cllr Mc Cann, Mrs C Birch (Clerk)

**28) Apologies** Cllr Waugh

**29) Others in attendance** 1 member of the public,  
Ian Mercer Director of North West Turf.

**30) Declaration of Interests:** None at the beginning of the meeting.

**31) Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Resolved 'Approved'

**32) Open Forum:** Mr Mercer spoke about the potential threat from fracking on the Moss adjacent to Ince Blundell. Although the Moss Alliance anti Fracking group had not been able to attend the meeting as planned, as a landowner he felt it would be of benefit to try to arrange another meeting to hear their position. He spoke about poaching on his land and was told by Cllr V Jones to contact the Police directly on 101 and that the council were in ongoing partnership with the Police over illegal poaching, hare coursing on land around the village. Mr Mercer wanted to know if there had been any more complaints made over the turf production in his fields. He was informed that the council were not aware of any such complaints and generally felt that the matter had been dealt with in an appropriate way. The Council thanked Mr Mercer for attending and he left the meeting. A resident spoke of their current discussions with One Vision Housing and the council informed them of their ongoing support in this process.

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**a) Fracking:** Cllrs decided again to invite The Moss Alliance to speak along with an independent Geologist so that Council could be as informed as possible over this contentious issue. Cllr Sharpe to work towards a possible date for such an event made open to all.

**b) Turf fields:** Nothing further to report.

**c) Signage Missing speed sign Lady Green Lane .** Clerk reported pole and light had been replaced and Sefton Council were in process of replacing the actual sign.

**d) Hall Road** Clerk reported Sue Ashe Neighbourhoods Coordinator will pay a site visit to assess the damage to the highway and chase up those responsible for repair.

**f) Trees on the Green:** Cllr M Jones had undertaken a survey of residents views over the size and position of the trees on the green in Carr House Lane. Clerk to email Sefton with results and ask about possibility cost implications etc of replacing with more appropriate variety.

**g) Condition of the Park Wall.** Clerk informed council that Daniel Longman Heritage at risk officer for Sefton Council was now taking up the case and would feedback to council at next meeting.

**j) Pavements and gutters.** Tree root damage and weeds in gutters Sue Ashe to see when she visits village and inform council on how to proceed

**k) Website** Clerk informed council that Website page Ince Blundell Village has been updated and would carry the minutes of meetings from now on.

**L) War Memorial** Council debated plans to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First World War. It was decided to commission a piece of metalwork and plaque for The front of the Village hall and to hold an open hall event on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November So that villagers and those returning to the Blessing of the Graves event in the Cemetery that day can meet. It is hoped that photographs or memorabilia will be

Available to view in the hall on the day. Clerk to speak to interested parties, Cllr V Jones to look at commemorative art work.

**m) Village Hall Update.** Cllrs reported a very successful event in the combined McMillan Coffee and Village Fete event held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It was felt that greater publicity would have brought more local attendance to the event. More adverts needed in future door to door. Council was told the leasing arrangements of the former Victoria Club was still to be decided.

**32) Correspondence :** Chair invited to Mayoral event

**33) AOB:** a) Clerk asked to order 15ft Xmas tree for Village from Massams.

b) Cllr Sharpe to approach TSB about new signatories to the Parish Bank account

**34) Planning Matters** Clerk informed council Garage Development at Former Weld Blundell Public House had been passed on 31<sup>st</sup> August with conditions.

**35) Finances a) Current Account £3,175.86**

**b) Bills for payment**

I.B. Village Hall Committee £25

Autela Group payroll £40.00

Clerk salary 1<sup>st</sup> quarter £187.50

**36) Resolved that the payments be approved**

**37) Date of Next meeting: 1st November 2018 at 7:30**

*Draft Minutes subject to confirmation at the Next Meeting*

**Chairman:**