

Ince Blundell Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January 2019

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

39) Apologies Cllr Waugh

40) Others in attendance 2 Residents,
Catie Page Sefton Council.

41) Declaration of Interests: None at the beginning of the meeting.

42) Minutes of Previous Meeting: Resolved 'Approved'

43) Open Forum: A resident spoke of their ongoing discussions with One Vision Housing and the council informed them of their continued support in this process. A resident asked about the development at the Weld Blundell and was advised by council that all planning permissions had now been given the green light and building would commence following the demolition of the Weld Blundell public House in the next few weeks. The council had no further information to share.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Road Closure: Cllrs had heard from residents using the 47-bus service that the road was due to be closed for 3 days and there would be no alternative bus service. Cllr Mc Cann spoke with Arriva as did the Clerk. There were conflicting reports that the bus service to Southport would be unaffected because that half of the carriageway remained open. The bus service was interrupted while BT put in fibre cables but has since returned to normal. Clerk asked that Arriva inform council if Bus service was affected in the future.

b) Defibrillator: Cllr Sharpe to put missing information postcode on to the equipment so that public can give emergency services the correct address for Village Hall. This has been carried out.

c) War Memorial. Cllr Sharpe informed meeting that the wreaths from November had been removed and fresh shrubs and flowering bulbs planted in their place. Cllr V Jones said that she will get a costing for 14 additional small poppies to add to the Larger one on the front wall of the Village Hall for each of the men on the memorial. She is also in the process of finalising the information plaque. Council was pleased by The attendance at the November Memorial event and the opening of the Village Hall for refreshments prior to the Blessing of the Graves in the cemetery at 3pm. Fr Gambol has said that he will make parishioners aware of the facility this year.

d) Christmas Tree Councillors, Committee and residents were pleased with the tree and the Christmas Light switch on and Social which took place on the 7th December. Council was advised by Cllr Page that this year we could apply for a grant from Sefton for the tree. Council agreed they will apply for money for the tree if this is available.

f) Park Wall: Councillors were pleased to report that following our talks with Sefton council the owners have begun repairing parts of the wall which had fallen down. The temporary access points to the fisheries have not as yet been made good and the Landowner had asked if repairs could be carried out to the footpath which has subsided and the landowner claims cars are splashing puddles onto the wall and washing out the mortar from between the bricks. Clerk to inform Sefton that paths have been like this for very long time and deliberate demolition of wall to gain access to fisheries is much greater concern. The state of the Gate opposite Animal Rescue was not discussed and remains an ongoing concern.

g) Bingo 7th December. Council were informed by Cllr Sharpe that the Hall Committee were very pleased with the attendance and considered the event a success. The next scheduled event is a Skiffle band and bar on the 16th February. Cllr Sharpe now quietly optimistic about the future of the hall. The Committee are in negotiations to let the former Victoria club and hope to have more news to report at the next meeting.

g) Missing Signage. Clerk to chase Sue Ashe about missing sign in front of Lady Green stating speed through the village. Cllr V.Jones asked for anti-fly tipping Signage to be erected at end of Carr House Lane. She reported that Anti Hare Coursing signs have been put up there as this illegal activity is still taking place with Local landowners doing all they can to prevent it

44) Correspondence: Daniel Longman had written to council about Park Wall.

45) AOB: a) Clerk asked how negotiations were going with TSB bank in order to get new councillors as signatories? Cllr Sharpe has issued mandates to all councillors and this should be happening soon.

b) Cllr Jones had a receipt for refreshments for Christmas event which she will bring for payment to the next meeting.

c) Clerk informed council it was time to set the precept for the next financial year and Councillors decided to leave it at the 2018/2019 level, therefore no increase this year.

46) Planning Matters Nothing to report

47) Finances a) Current Account £2,631.38

b) Bills for payment

Christmas tree £120

SLCC membership £43

ALCC membership £40

Autela Group payroll £30.00

Village Hall Committee £25

48) Resolved that the payments be approved

49) Date of Next meeting: 21st March 2019 at 7:30

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation at the Next Meeting

Chairman: