

**MINUTES
OF
INGLEBY BARWICK
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2016**

AT

**INGLEBY BARWICK COMMUNITY HALL
HARESFIELD WAY
INGLEBY BARWICK**

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INGLEBY BARWICK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of INGLEBY BARWICK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held at Ingleby

Barwick Community Hall, Haresfield Way, Ingleby Barwick, on Wednesday

1st June 2016 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman/Town Mayor: Councillor Stefan Barnes

Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor Allan Mitchell

Councillors: Tom Bowman, Ann Kenyon, Jenny Rutland, Ted Strike, Sally Ann Watson

OFFICER: No officer present at meeting Mrs Jean Kirby responsible for minute taking

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ward Councillor Sally Ann Watson I.B. East Ward

Helen Dobson from Enforcement

Ted Strike I.B. Community Partnership

Jean Kirby Barwick Widowed/Divorced Social Group

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR

The Chairman, Councillor Stefan Barnes, introduced himself and welcomed all present to the Annual Town Meeting of Ingleby Barwick 2016.

2. HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman outlined the emergency escape procedures should the fire alarm sound.

3. NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No record of apologies from user groups was received.

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5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 13TH MAY 2015

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 13th May 2015 were considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and approved as a true and accurate record; the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting, accordingly.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ON 13TH MAY 2015

There was no matters arising.

7. REPORT FROM THE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

No one was present to give a report.

8. REPORT FROM INGLEBY BARWICK ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

The Chairman invited Helen Dobson to address the meeting.

Helen Dobson reported that she did not have a year report of figures and that she would forward them as soon as possible to the Town Council. She reported verbally that there was an increase in ASB with litter asked if anyone had any issues to report. No one had at the time.

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF INGLEBY BARWICK TOWN COUNCIL 2015-2016 PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR COUNCILLOR STEFAN BARNES

The Chairman presented the Annual Report of Ingleby Barwick Town Council 2015-2016.

INTRODUCTION

Ingleby Barwick Town Council consists of twelve Councillors who are residents of Ingleby Barwick. All are unpaid volunteers who strive hard to ensure Ingleby Barwick continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live. Two of the councillors have dual responsibilities in that they are also Ward Councillors representing Ingleby Barwick.

The Town Council continues to hold its meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, where possible, except during August when no meeting is held.

We encourage officials from Stockton Borough Council and our own Ward Councillors to attend our meetings and take part in discussions.

During the course of the year we have received regular updates from both Police and Enforcement on matters which they have dealt with or are continuing to deal with. In the last year we had a visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger. Our thanks go to Commissioner Coppinger for taking the time out of his busy schedule to attend our meeting.

Members of the public regularly attend our meetings and are given the opportunity to make comments or raise concerns at the start of the meeting when we designate 10 minutes for public participation. This continues to be well used facility.

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The Town Council responds to consultation documents and is represented on a number of external bodies including:-

Eastern Area Locality Forum (formerly the Eastern Area Partnership Board)
Eastern Locality Transport Strategy
Cleveland Local Council's Association and the
Parish Council Liaison Forum

Regular reports are received from these bodies.

CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR

Having undertaken the role of Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2015/2016, I have endeavoured to fulfil the role to the best of my ability. Being re-elected to the position for the Council Year 2016/2017 I would like to thank members for their continued support.

VICE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Tom Bowman was elected as Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2015/2016 and I thank him for his help and support, during another busy year, Councillor Al Mitchell will take up the role for the forthcoming 2016/2017, I wish Councillor Mitchell every success in this position.

TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Town Council website www.inglebybarwicktowncouncil.org.uk provides details of how you can contact the Council. The site is updated on a regular basis, with details of meetings, agendas, minutes and other relevant information.

In the following year we will hopefully have a Facebook page and an enhanced presence bi-annually in the Gossip magazine which will provide additional portals to keep our local residents informed.

INGLEBY BARWICK COMMUNITY HALL

Under the Trust Deed for the Hall, it is a requirement that 3 members of the Town Council be appointed to the Management, our thanks go to them for their support.
(Cllr James Emerson/Cllr Sally Ann Watson & Cllr Ann Kenyon)

INGLEBY BARWICK ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

This additional service is financed through the Town Council precept and has proved to be a worthwhile service to our community. The enforcement team work very closely with the police service.

The Council continues to examine the finance of the enforcement service to ensure the service options provided meets the expectations of residents. Both Police and Enforcement are thanked for their efforts.

INGLEBY BARWICK TOWN PARKS

I would wish to remind all of the excellent parks now available to town residents these are a valuable asset to our facilities which we know are well used by the community.

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MULTI USE GAMES AREA ADJACENT TO ROMANO PARK, INGLEBY BARWICK

The lighting scheme, to which the Town Council made a substantial contribution, provides extended hours to use for this facility in the darker evenings. Feedback indicates this is a well- used area for the towns young people.

INGLEBY BARWICK CIRCULAR TRAIL

Stockton Borough Council, Ingleby Barwick Town Council and Groundwork North East developed a 'Circular Trail' for walkers around Ingleby Barwick, forming one continuous loop. This trail links attractive areas of countryside, woodland and riverside around Ingleby Barwick. With access at Thornaby Woods and Thornaby Plantation complete along with construction of a footbridge at Bassleton Beck, Thornaby Woods has provided a link between Ingleby and Thornaby Trials. The trail around 10km (6miles) in total length provides all residents of Ingleby Barwick an opportunity to enjoy the splendid countryside that Ingleby Barwick has to offer.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Unfortunately, last year the Christmas Tree which is funded by the Town Council, was unable to be installed due to the gas main upgrade taking place in Ingleby Way roundabout. It is planned for the Christmas tree to be reinstated for the duration of the 2016/2017 festive period.

MYTON WAY/INGLEBY WAY ROAD DUELLING

The work now in progress is planned to alleviate some of the traffic congestion presently experienced on these roadways at peak traffic times of the day. The roundabout at the junction of Myton Way and The Rings is to be replaced with traffic light junction. This project also meant the loss/damage of the spruce (Christmas) tree planted by the council on the land adjacent Tesco roundabout, it is hoped that once work has finished the tree will be inspected to assess any damage and if necessary a replacement tree can be planted.

It is noted SBC have introduced traffic speed restrictions on these sections of road until the work is completed. I do appreciate the nuisance and inconvenience some residents in the locality are experiencing during this work but it is important these vital road improvements are made.

QUARRY FARM ROUNDABOUT

The road improvements including the new road crossing are now complete and it is hoped these improvements will assist traffic flow into the town. I appreciate a duelled section over the underpass would appear to be the logical step to take but the council has been assured by the Borough Engineers Department that modelling of the traffic flows does indicate a marked improvement with the changes put in place. These changes plus the Myton Way and Ingleby Way duelling project should be major improvements to traffic using the northern route.

BARWICK WAY ROAD CROSSING

This addition to the road infrastructure is now complete and provides a safe crossing on this busy arterial road within the town.

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PLANTED HALF BARRELS

The Town Council had provided four planted half barrels which were sited at the Christmas Tree location near the roundabout on Myton Way and Barwick Way. These were removed, presumed stolen by persons unknown and to date have not been replaced for fear of a repeated action. The town Council will continue to examine any plans which add to the beautification of the towns environment.

MAYOR'S SUNDAY SERVICE, INGLEBY BARWICK

The Mayor's Sunday Service and Dedication of the War Memorial took place on Sunday 13th March 2016. The Service was held at St. Francis of Assisi CofE Church, Barwick Way, Ingleby Barwick with particular thanks to Revd Clay Roundtree who assisted with organising the event. The next years service we would hope to hold at the New Catholic Church, St Therese of Lisieux with agreement with the resident priest and officials, and alternate between the towns two churchs in future years.

PARKING ISSUES AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, LITTER AND DOG FOULING

These items continue to be problems which are being tackled by Enforcement, with regular patrols and raising awareness, the town residents must be aware of the litter which detracts from the natural flora and fauna of the towns pathways and cycle paths, we all must attempt to improve the situation to minimise the problem, if used as intended.

Parking is an issue which could be improved by some parents close to a school using the many access pathways to accompany children to school. Dog fouling should not be a problem as an adequate distribution of collection bins has been located around the town, but it is up to thoughtless dog owners to use the facility and not leave dog waste a hazard for the community.

BAKEOFF COMPETITION

The previous two years have seen the Town Council organise a bake-off competition for all residents, having both adult and children's categories, with the proceeds raised being donated to the BBC Children in Need Charity, this has proved very successful and the Town Council hopes to continue the event annually, thanks to all who organise this event.

RINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Town Council has advance plans in place to build a new community centre on the west side of the town at the Rings development, on land donated by SBC following a land swap with Persimmon Homes. This will include a Youth Café on the first floor and Town Council office and a main hall on the ground floor which will be available for hire. This building is designed to complement the Ingleby Barwick Community Hall and not compete for hire business being an additional facility for the town residents.

GRANT ALLOCATIONS

The Town Council continues to use its powers to help local voluntary organisations which serve our community, providing activities for all ages. I wish to express thanks on behalf of this Town Council to the dedicated people who run our many organisations for the benefit of local residents.

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PRECEPT

The Town Council has set its budget for 2016/2017 at the meeting at the January council meeting. The precept for following year has remained the same as 2015/2016, which given the rise in the number of properties, has reduced the cost per average Band D property by ap. 2.5%.

COUNCIL CLERK

The Town Council is looking to review the office administrative protocol as it seeks to maintain a coherent service to the residents whilst fulfilling its legal obligations.

CONCLUSION

I apologise for any omissions made in this report appertaining to anything or anyone I may have missed out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors and the Town Clerk for their help, support and dedication to duties over the past year. Can I also pay tribute to Mrs Jean Kirby who provided much assistance to the new community centre working party and stepped in to provide minutes of our meetings when required. I hope the following year the Town Council can serve to improve services and amenities for the town's residents.

10. INGLEBY BARWICK COMMUNITY HALL

No one was present to give the report but The Chair read some of the report out.

11. REPORT FROM INGLEBY BARWICK WARD COUNCILLORS

The Chairman invited Ward Councillor Sally Ann Watson to read her report:

It doesn't seem a year since the General Election, when I walked into Thornaby Pavilion knowing I had 7 votes! Since that day much has happened and I have tried to represent the residents of Ingleby Barwick to the best of my ability.

I have had a lot of individual correspondence about issues that affect all of us in our everyday lives. Issues such as litter, parking, speeding, dog fouling and pot holes. SBC are currently undertaking a review of the litter bins in Ingleby Barwick as they are often not located in the right places due to the expansion of the town. Cycle stands have now been installed at Greenside and Beckfields shops funded by the Ward Community Participation Budget. Other things have been more individual – road signs, trees and streetlights. With the help of Officers at SBC between us we have tried to solve such issues or at least received a viable answer. Some issues are ongoing and will need to be revisited from time to time.

Some concerns have required a more long term strategy:-

Bus Routes – around Ingleby Barwick and further afield to Stockton and Middlesbrough Town Centre are an ongoing project. After attending the Public Transport Forum on several occasions and meeting with a representative from Arriva, a Bus Survey is being conducted as part of a consultation process with the residents of Ingleby Barwick. I will report the results once the surveys have been collated.

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Rats, at Beckfields shopping centre, have been an issue for many years. I have liaised with the owner of the parade, who now has a Service Agreement with SBC for litter collection, also Enforcement Officers, Kerry Jennings and Simon Lewis and the Planning Department. The next stage is to meet with the Landscape Architects.

Recycling Centres at Greenside shops and Tesco are often used as a general tip and have become very unsightly. Many residents use these facilities correctly and are being let down by a few. SBC plan to put up a camera and prosecute offenders.

Planning Applications. Unfortunately I will have to stop objecting to planning applications, as a Councillor and a member of the public, due to often being a substitute for colleagues on the Planning Committee. My vote maybe crucial and I do not wish to lose it by not appearing to be objective.

I would like to thank the Town Council, our Town Clerk and the residents of Ingleby Barwick for all their support and patience over the last year. It has been a very interesting and rewarding year for me and I will continue to build on the good foundations that have been laid.

Councillor Sally Ann Watson, Ingleby Barwick East Ward

12. To Consider any questions/matters from Electors

Many things were discussed among the Town Councillors as no public were present.

Make people aware of the bus shelter was demolished and removed due to speeding car. The Town Council could ask SBC to look into other traffic calming on Beckfields Avenue for the future?

A Possible Enforcement Camera Car maybe purchased in the future by that department. This would be used at schools where parking by parents is a problem or maybe educated parents via children? The parking problem is right across Ingleby Barwick at all schools.

The Chairman, Councillor Stefan Barnes, thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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