Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting of Irby Parish Council held in the Church Hall on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Those present: Councillors P Bannister, M Moody E Rooke, M Jones, D Bryant

In attendance: J Waite (Clerk).

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence Ref 19/16

None given

2 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests. Ref 19/16

None were given.

3 To approve draft minutes of the Meeting of the Council Parish, 3rd January 2020. Ref 19/17

Resolved to approve as a true record, with the following correction.

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Item should read

A group of residents have raised concern about the work done to clear the pond site so far, stating that in their opinion the work has been excessive. The work done has been reviewed against the conservation experts guidance and some councillors felt to be excessive in the amount cleared. The next phase of works was reviewed, and it was agreed to wait for better weather and the conditions underfoot to improve.

Proposed Cllr Rooke. Seconded Cllr Moody.

4 votes in favour

1 vote against

Chairman accepted the amendment.

4 Public Question Time 10 Minutes Ref 19/18

None raised.

5 Clerk Report. Ref 19/19

Council have resolved to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year.

6. Highways / Street lighting. – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action Ref 19/20

No issues with street lights reported.

Pothole have been marked by NELC for filling

Trees down on corner of Old Main Road and A46 need to be removed.

7 Financial matters. Ref 19/21

J Waite – Clerks Salary £108.00

J Waite – Clerks Expenses and Disbursements (receipts available for inspection at the meeting) £20.00

D Bryant – signs for de fib £40.74

Resolved to approve.

Proposed Cllr Rooke. Seconded Cllr Bannister. All in favour.

Councillors are reminded that all payments and invoices must be sent to the Clerk, with the council office details on.

8 Planning applications and decisions received Ref 19/22

No further communication has been received regarding the removal of the bus shelter and parish notice board.

9 Parish Matters - To receive any report or consider any appropriate action Ref 19/23

Newsletter - jumble sale on 27th April at village hall 2pm.

Pond Work – no further work has been done

The Council would like to thank Cllr Bannister for all the work undertaken so far, however ot was felt that too much of the area had been cleared. Ideas for changing the design of the new area were discussed, and some councillors have had advice from a pond expert. The community group that met have sort advice from several groups and a new schedule and quote from the original contractor has been received by the community group. This is an informal group of residents. The proposed path will now only go part way round the pond.

Proposed Cllr Rooke. Seconded Cllr Moody. All in favour.

The community group would like the pond to go back to the original shape. The Parish Council has an obligation to the Suttons Estate to manage the pond, to keep all trees on the site in a safe condition. A quote has been accepted to pollard the willow trees but work has not commenced yet, as the contractor is waiting for the application to the tree officer to be approved. Proposal to continue with this work

Proposed Cllr Bryant. Seconded Cllr Jones. All in favour.

Council resolved to accept the revised schedule, and application for a grant is to be made.

10 To receive general comments from members for consideration on the next agenda Ref 19/24

None raised.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting. Ref 19/25

Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed 8.30pm