

Iken Parish Council

# Minutes

of the Meeting of the Council held at  
5.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Snape Village Hall

## PRESENT

Chairman Neville Howe, Vice Chairman Sir Tom Hughes-Hallett, Councillors Colin Chamberlain RFO, Dr Norman Johnson, Kate Kilburn, Loulou Cooke, Clerk Lorraine Lloyd

Claire Howe, David and Sue Spindler, Lynette Morton, Sir John Gieve, Annabel Chamberlain

## APOLOGIES

Chris Keeble, Lizzie Riggs, Nina and Paul Davis, Audrey and Jonathan Rutherford

## COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All have interest in the river walls project

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Previously circulated and agreed a true record the Minutes were duly signed as approved by the Chairman

## Items for discussion

### 1. Finance – **CC**

The balance was the same as in September 2019, £2795, bills expected – clerks fees, insurance, grass cutting. Monmouthshire fund - £7576

### 2. Village Hall – **NH/LC**

Loulou Cooke spoke of an informal visit by Christopher Clarke from Clarke and Simpson. He had said that if we divided it on the line between the two adjoining properties the northern plot would be worth £10,000 to £15,000 and southern plot £15,000 to £25,000. If it was sold separately the whole plot including the village hall might sell for £25,000. There was a discussion about what we would we do with the money if it was sold.

An idea of valuation for upgrading the village hall obtained by Neville Howe had been circulated. Cracks in breeze blocks had been talked about. Top end prices quoted around £14,000 to last another decade or more. It was thought we could continue to explore options. Discussions included selling and providing capital and perhaps doing something at the church. Also selling parcels of the land. It was thought we need to obtain the opinion of the villagers and the Mann family. It was considered that if the decision was to sell then we should sell with covenants. Consideration was given to do up and lease out; village parties and “parking” any funds for villagers to use at a later time. It was thought that we should maximise the value of selling the plot as a duty of care. The way forward is to get a formal valuation and speak to the two adjoining

parties privately. It was asked if money could go to river defences and it was thought it would be considered. Other considerations should be replacing an asset for the village and a place for a village party. It was thought that if there was a sale then it should not be closed.

**Action LC and NH to go forward**

## **AOB**

1. Iken-Ho community app - now being used.
2. River Defences. Colin Chamberlain gave an overview of the inaugural meeting of the new partnership. It was not thought that anything was going to be built this year. EA striving to get plans approved for building walls. Tom Hughes Hallett passed on information that he had gathered. The clay would be staying. There was a discussion about clay use. It was felt that it has stalled a bit. The business case is pretty well approved.
3. Coastal Path – Loulou Cooke advised of her knowledge to date with conversations and meetings. The ferry was discussed. Jonathan Clark had emailed that he wouldn't attend the meeting tonight but would come when plans became clearer. Loulou explained that nesting breeders were one of the concerns. All residents have personal interests in what happens.
4. Broadband – the church had applied for a signal on the tower. They needed to provide a mock up for the Diocese. Fram Broadband had said it was critical for the signal.

## **MEETING DATES:**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May AGM 6pm Iken.

August 13<sup>th</sup> at Iken Village Hall.

November to be determined.

Village Party August Bank Holiday Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**FINISH TIME 6.30pm**