

INGLEBY BARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the INGLEBY BARWICK TOWN COUNCIL
held at Ingleby Barwick Community Hall, Haresfield Way, Ingleby Barwick on
Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: **Councillors:-** David Birdsall, Gillian Corr, Gary Corr, Linda Dixon, Philip English, Esther Harrington, Jean Kirby, Megan Patterson (From Minute 90.12-13), Ross Patterson and Denise Powell.

OFFICER:- David Harrington (See Minute 84.12-13)

IN ATTENDANCE:- Ward Councillor Ken Dixon (Ingleby Barwick West Ward)
11 Members of the public were present at the meeting.

84.12-13

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Esther Harrington opened the meeting as Vice Chair of Ingleby Barwick Town Council and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor Esther Harrington pointed out that:-

- Following the last meeting, Dave Sanderson the former Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council resigned. This resignation resulted not only in a vacancy to the Town Council, but the need to appoint a new Chairman at this meeting.
- Paula Hall, the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to Ingleby Barwick Town Council was unable to attend this meeting due to personal circumstances. The Town Council was unable to find someone at short notice to minute this particular meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Ward Councillor David Harrington would take the minutes of this particular meeting and it was noted that he would be attending this particular meeting as a member of the public.

At this point, Town Councillor Esther Harrington invited nominations for the position of Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council:-

Councillor Gillian Corr was nominated by Councillor Ross Patterson for the position of Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council for the remaining Municipal Year. Councillor

Linda Dixon seconded this nomination.

As no other nominations were received, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Gillian Corr was elected as Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council for the reminding Municipal Year.

Town Councillor Gillian Corr took the place as Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council from this point.

85.12-13

Vice Chairman

The Chair pointed out that this item was not necessary and thanked Councillor Esther Harrington for Chairing the meeting and her work since Mr Sanderson resigned from the Town Council in July. Councillor Esther Harrington congratulated the Chair in her new role and confirmed that she would be delighted to remain as her Vice Chair for this Municipal Year.

86.12-13

Apologies for Absence

None received.

87.12-13

Minutes

Councillor Philip English moved that the minutes of the Ingleby Barwick Town Council on 11th July 2012 and the Special Meeting held on 5th September 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record of events. This was seconded by Councillor Esther Harrington. The Chair moved that any matters arising from those minutes would be picked up throughout this meeting or be placed on the Agenda for the October 2012 meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and any items for consideration at the October 2012 meeting would be identified during this meeting.

88.12-13

Code of Conduct

See Appendix 1.

89.12-13

Co-option to Fill the Vacancy on the Town Council

Councillor Patterson left the room (See Minute 88-12.13)

The Chair welcomed three Members of the Public who have expressed an interest in this vacancy. The 3 Members of the Public had received an acknowledgement letters from the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer inviting them to attend this

meeting of the Town Council.

The Chair explained the procedure to Fill the Vacancy to the Town Council:-

- Each applicant would be entitled to make a three minute presentation to the Town Council.
- The applicant would address the Town Council individually whilst the other candidates waited outside of the room.
- Following the presentations from the three candidates, the Town Council would then make its decision of which candidate to appoint to fill this vacancy. During this time, the three candidates would remain outside of the meeting until the Chair invited the candidates were invited back to the meeting to hear the
- **IT WAS RESOLVED** that each candidate would be invited to give their presentation in alphabetical order by surname. Megan Patterson would be first, followed by Louise Stevens and finally Edward (Ted) Strike would be third.

The Candidates agreed that they understood the process and left the room. The remaining eight Members of the Public were not required to leave the meeting throughout this process.

The three candidates returned to the room individually to deliver their presentations. However, during her presentation, Louise Stevens announced that she would withdraw her application leaving just two candidates.

Following the presentations from Megan Patterson and Edward (Ted) Strike, the Town Council discussed the two applications. Following a lengthy discussion, Councillor Linda Dixon moved that Megan Patterson be Co-Opted to Ingleby Barwick Town Council. This nomination was seconded by Town Councillor Denise Powell.

As no further nominations were received, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Megan Patterson be Co-Opted to Ingleby Barwick Town Council until the next local government elections in 2015.

The Chair invited Megan Patterson and Edward (Ted) Strike

back in to the room and announced the news to the candidates.

90-12.13

Public Participation

Councillor Megan Patterson took her seat on Ingleby Barwick Town Council.

The Chair invited Councillor Ross Patterson to return to the meeting.

Town Councillors Gary Corr and Linda Dixon left the meeting at this point. Ward Councillor Ken Dixon left the meeting at this point.

The Chair announced that due to the lengthy agenda for this particular meeting, Public Participation would be for 5 Minutes this evening.

- Louise Stevens from BOSS2 Ltd informed Members of the Town Council that an Enabling Planning Application would be submitted shortly to SBC for the proposed Free School and residential homes. [At this point, Town Councillors Gillian Corr and Jean Kirby declared a prejudicial interest as SBC Members of the Planning Committee and left the room – Councillor Mrs Harrington Chaired the meeting from this point].
- The permanent school site would be on Little Maltby Farm.
- There has never been a deal with the landowner to rent land paying a peppercorn rent. The only deal to allow the Free School to proceed is an enabling development with residential homes.
- School Admissions Evening Planned for 10th October 2012 which the Admissions Policy would be published.
- That BOSS2 were seeking support from the Town Council for this enabling planning application.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the points raised during the meeting were noted and would be considered by the Town Council when a Planning Application is submitted to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

- Christine Mundy from the Leven Valley Protection Group asked the Town Council for support regarding a

site visit during the determination process of the application.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Ingleby Barwick Town Council would write to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to ask for the Planning Committee to visit this development during the determination process.

- Edward (Ted) Strike asked the Town Council to give some consideration to a summer carnival on Beckfield's Green for the benefit of the community.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Ingleby Barwick Town Council would consider this request at a future meeting.

91-12.13

Code of Conduct

Ingleby Barwick Town Council gave its intent at the July 2012 Meeting to adopt the Code of Conduct published by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. However, not all Members of the Town Council have seen this code to be in a position to formally adopt it at this meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chair would contact David Bond at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to obtain the adopted code to circulate to members for the October 2012 Meeting.

92-12.13

Planning Applications Advisory Group

Due to the resignation of the former Chairman of Ingleby Barwick Town Council in July 2012, a vacancy exists on this group.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Denise Powell would be a member of this group.

Councillor Esther Harrington pointed out that the former Chairman was a Member of the Eastern Area Transport Board as she substituted for him at the last meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Esther Harrington would be the representative to the Eastern Area Transport Board at future meetings.

93-12.13

Procedure for Agreeing Dates for Special Meetings of the Town Council

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would meet with the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to

pursue this matter.

94-12.13 **Ingleby Barwick Community Hall**

The Town Council affirmed that it is very happy with Councillors English, Kirby and Powell as its Members on the Community Hall Management Committee. It was noted that Town Council Members should be trustees and details on the Charity Commission website were inaccurate.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Powell would write to the Secretary on behalf of the Town Council requesting that the details are brought up-to-date urgently.

95-12.13 **Thornaby Woods, Proposed Footbridge Location**

The Chair circulated some drawings that she received from SBC Officers dealing with this. The Chair advised on its location.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chair would write to SBC given the project its support in principal, but would like further details of its design, access and location.

96-12.13 **Skate Park**

The Chair acknowledged that the Town Council had submitted a letter to SBC in support of this application.

97-12.13 **Free School, Ingleby Barwick**

Councillor Patterson gave an update on this development. He confirmed that in October 2010, the DFE Lead on this project at the time had agreed indicative heads of terms on a rental agreement with a peppercorn annual rent for Little Maltby Farm for the Free School. However, since the Secretary of State gave approval to the Outline Business Case in February 2011, it would appear that option is now deemed too expensive by DFE.

Councillor Patterson has spoken to James Wharton MP regarding the enabling housing development and raised concerns about this residential development.

98-12.13 **Proposed Humped Toucan Crossing, Blair Avenue (South)**

The Town Council considered this proposal in light of a similar development further north on Blair Avenue near Brecon

Crescent.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Town Council would write to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to support this proposal.

99-12.13

Consultation on the Gambling Action 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principals.

IT WAS AGREED that this document would be circulated amongst Members with this item on the October 2012 Agenda.

100-12.13

Consultation on the Regeneration and Environment Local Development Document Preferred Options Draft and the Shop Fronts and Advertising Supplementary Planning Documents.

IT WAS AGREED that this document would be circulated amongst Members with this item on the October 2012 Agenda.

101-12.13

Local Council Tax Reforms

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Patterson would forward an email from SBC to all members of the Town Council regarding this issue.

102-12.13

Parish Council Liaison Forum

Councillor Patterson gave a report to the Town Council from the last meeting he attended (18th September) in particular the £100k grant from Government to address the impact of the Local Council Tax Reforms.

103-12.13

Policies

Following discussions with the Town Council, **IT WAS AGREED** that the Chairman would speak to HR Services at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to pursue this matter.

104-12.13

Correspondence

There was nothing to consider at this meeting.

Clerk:- _____

Date:- _____

Appendix 1
Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

<u>Town Councillor</u>	<u>Personal/Non Prejudicial</u>	<u>Details</u>
David Birdsall	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agenda Items 9 and 10 – Planning Applications</u> <p>Member of the Planning Advisory Group.</p>
Gary Corr	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse is a Member of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.
Gillian Corr	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agenda Item 9 and 10 – Planning Applications</u> <p>Member of SBC Planning Committee. Councillor Corr advised that she would be giving a view based on the information available to date and that she reserves the right to consider all of the information available at a later date and to take a different decision/have different views when the Planning Committee considers the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any items involving her role as a SBC Ward Councillor.
Linda Dixon	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse is a Member of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Philip English	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memeber of the Community Hall Management Committee.
Esther Harrington	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse is a Member of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. • Member of the Planning Advisory Group.
Jean Kirby	Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agenda Item 9 and 10 – Planning Applications</u> <p>Member of SBC Planning Committee. Councillor Corr advised that she would be giving a view based on the information available to date and that she reserves the right to consider all of the information available at a later date and to take a different decision/have different views when the Planning Committee considers the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any items involving her role as a SBC Ward Councillor. • Memeber of the Community Hall Management Committee.
Ross Patterson	Prejudicial Personal/Non Prejudicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agenda Item 6 – Co-option to fill the vacancy on the Town Council</u> <p>Daughter is an applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any items involving her role as a SBC Ward Councillor.

Denise Powell	Personal/Non Prejudicial	Member of the Community Hall Management Committee.
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Clerk:- _____

Date:- _____

Chairman _____