

Ingleby Arrncliffe & Cross annual **parish** meeting

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THE chairman, Coun Joyce Bean, reported that the year began with only two **parish** councillors, eventually another three were co-opted. Some of the councillors went on a training course which they found very useful. Over the past year, the agenda has been distributed by email to anyone who wishes to receive it this way.

The **Parish** News is issued every two to three months, again by email to those who request this.

A proposal was received from **Arncliffe** Estate to build houses on the site of the grain store at **Ingleby** Cross, with provision for affordable housing elsewhere in **Ingleby** Cross.

Amanda Maddern carried out a survey in the village to see if there was a need for affordable housing, and found that there was.

The recreation area is now open and is being well used.

Another grant was awarded and more equipment was purchased.

Sports day will be held on the recreation area on Saturday, September 8. The area is inspected annually by ROSPA.

Leaflets about dog fouling are to be distributed to every house.

Speeding - Access roads to the village are used as short cuts by HGVs. This has been reported to NYCC. The **council** plans to purchase some portable speed indicators, which it hopes to loan to **parish** councils. An e-mail was read out from Sat Nav manufacturer TomTom regarding HGVs taking short cuts through villages. The company is trying to alter its programs to eliminate this.

Grass cutting - A tender for this was received from MPB Groundcare which was accepted.

Cycle path - Work on the cycle path to Stokesley was supposed to have started soon, but fresh funding fell through.

Reception - It was reported a new repeater had been put up at Wellington Farm. Several people are delighted with the reception, but a few have been disappointed. Anyone interested should contact LN Communications.

School - The school has been experiencing financial problems owing to the low numbers of children. They had an excellent Ofsted report and at the moment their finances are viable.

Village hall - The work on upgrading the toilets will hopefully start on June 11 after the jubilee celebrations.

There has been a lot of hard work involved with the planning application.

The chairman thanked all the volunteers who over the past year have done jobs around the villages, including the recreation area, neighbourhood watch, reporting in the D&S and repairing and refurbishing signposts and seats.

Finance officer Hazel Warhurst reported people will organise sports day and the proceeds will go towards the cost of insurance, rent etc.

The new grass-cutting contract was accepted at a much lower price than last year.

There is a contingency fund for elections should they be required.

The finance officer is changing insurance companies for 2012-13. She e-mailed all the local **parish** councils asking which company they used and received a lot of very useful replies. The precept for this financial year is £5,400.

Parish council annual meeting - It was proposed that Joyce Bean remained as chairman and Hazel Warhurst as finance officer. No vicechairman was appointed.

Parish plan - A steering group has been set up and everything is going well. An open day is to be set up in July. A detailed questionnaire is to be sent out at the end of June and circulated around the villages.

Diamond Jubilee - It has been decided to spend about £250 on three trees and some crocus and snowdrop bulbs to be planted in and around the villages later in the year.

There is a couple living in the village celebrating their diamond wedding this year and it was proposed to ask them to plant the trees.

Neighbourhood Watch - It had been a good 12 months and nothing has been reported over the past three months. People are asked to be aware of people going from door-to-door and showing hawkers licences.

Friarage Hospital - The chairman introduced Jill Moulton and Fran To ller who spoke about the proposed reduction of child and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital.

Planning - Plans had been received for alterations and extensions to Holm Lea and minor amendments to the village hall toilet plans.

Date of next meeting - The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 20, at 7.30pm.