INCE BLUNDELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29TH MAY 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. **Attendance**: Cllrs’ R Jenkins, M Ashton, M Mansour, K Sharpe, Mr I Cowell (Clerk)
2. **Apologies**: Cllr R Waugh
4. **Declaration of Office**: Cllr Sharpe then signed the declaration of office which was witnessed by the proper officer Mr I Cowell
5. **Representation on Outside Committees**: Cllr Waugh, St Mary’s School Governor, Ten Parishes Committee: Cllr Sharpe with back-up Cllr Mansour; Rights of Way Committee: Cllr Sharpe; Village Web Site: Cllr M Ashton; Nominated Village Hall Trustee: Cllr R Waugh; Village Hall Trustee Cllr M Ashton. It is noted, following the recent election, that the Councillors’ for Ravenmeols are Cllr Catie Page, Cllr Peter Maguire and Cllr Maria Bennett.
6. **Standing Orders**: Resolved ‘That the Standing Orders published by NALC in 2002 and amended by this Council should be adopted for the year 2014/2015’.
9. **Open Forum**: Nil.
10. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Resolved ‘Approved’.
11. **Matters Arising**: Wind Farm: Cllr Sharpe said the applicant firm Coriolis had been dissolved. Whether Falk Renewables would come forward again was not known. However, it did seem there might be problems with the site.
12. **Correspondence**: Noted.
13. **Planning**: No issues
14. **Finances:** a) **Current Account:** £2587.49. The Clerk said the Council had set a precept of £1,750.00 for 2014/15. The previous year the precept had been set at £1,750.00 but the Council had in fact received £1,741.00 of which £311.00 was on account of the council tax reduction scheme. This financial year, however, the sum of £311.00 had been added to the £1,750 precept and the Council had received a cheque for £2,061.00 to cover 2014/15. Sefton Finance Dept. said they were sorry for the misunderstanding and suggested the sum of £311.00 be reduced in a future precept. It was agreed that the sum of £311.00 be kept in reserve. b) **Accounts for Payment:** Zurich Municipal Insurance £243.80 – cheque 100074; I R Cowell Salary £44.00 cheque 100075; HMRC Tax £10.00 cheque 100076; Ince Blundell Village Hall Committee Room Hire £25.00 cheque 100077. c) **Statement of Account:** Resolved ‘That the Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 2014 be approved.’ d) **Annual Governance Statement:** Resolved ‘We acknowledge as members of Ince Blundell Parish Council our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2014. e) Resolved: ‘That the financial arrangement document dated 29.5.2014 governing the financial arrangements of the Council be adopted’. f) Resolved: ‘That Mr Peter Davies be appointed Internal Auditor to the Council’.

15. **Time and Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 17th July 2014 at 7.30pm