

Ince Blundell Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 16.7.10

18.Present: Cllr R Jenkins (In the Chair). Mr I Cowell (Clerk)

19.Apologies: Cllr M Ashton.

20.Attendance: 9 members of the public, 3 Police Officers.

21.Police Report: Inspector Jim Atherton, the new Neighbourhood Inspector for the area, and two of his colleagues attended the meeting. Inspector Atherton gave a brief resume of his career and said he was pleased to be serving in Sefton. There had been a welcome reduction in burglary in Dwellings over the past three months in the Neighbourhood and the latest figure he had for the Neighbourhood was a total of 7 in June. Two vehicles had been stolen from the Village but both had been recovered. Inspector Atherton was told there was still concern about drug users still operating at the bottom of Carr House Lane and he promised to inquire into the matter. There was also a report of a blue van parked in Carr House Lane that has not moved for a long time that the Police promised to follow up. Cllr Jenkins thanked Inspector Atherton for his report.

22.Open Forum: *a) Carr House Lane – Parking* – This issue was raised once again. It was suggested that the grassed portion on the right hand side as you travel down Carr House Lane should be reduced to allow more parking and the trees removed. A post was also cut down during the recent grass mowing maintenance. Clerk to write to the Highways Authority. *b) Footpath Carr House Lane to Keepers Wood* – 2 Villagers complained that the footpath from Carr House Lane to Keeper’s Wood was overgrown and not being maintained. Clerk to contact the Rights of Way Officer on the issue. *c) Micro light Aircraft flying low over houses in Carr House Lane* – A Villager asked what the minimum height was for these craft and why they were flying so low over the houses in Carr House Lane. Clerk to inquire into the matter. *d) Number 47 Bus:* Things had much improved with the service. The Clerk had established that the service during the day started and finished at Sir Thomas Street, Liverpool, and during the evenings, Paradise Street, Liverpool. *e) Connection for the National Gas Grid to the Village:* The Clerk had written to the new MP for Sefton Central, Bill Esterson, asking him to use his best endeavours, to attempt to incorporate the Village in the National Gas Grid. *f) Village Hall Finances:* Cllr Jenkins said that despite welcome funding from the

Formby Area Committee towards the cost of a new boiler for the Village Hall the funding situation regarding the Village Hall remained parlous. Attempts were being made to reduce the costs on running the Hall and a further report would be given at the next meeting. **g) Parish Plan:** The Villagers asked about the Parish Plan and Cllr Jenkin's explained what it involved. The Clerk had downloaded samples of questionnaires that had been used in other Parish Plans. Cllr Jenkins emphasised that nothing would be done or decided upon by the Council until all members of the Village had been consulted.

23. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Resolved – Approved.

24. Matters Arising from the Minutes not already dealt with under the Open Forum: **a) Notice Board:** The Clerk said Mr Dalton had made a generous donation towards the refurbishment of the Village Notice Board. Work would start on the Notice Board as soon as the weather improved. **b) Village Transport Survey:** Cllr Jenkins said that of the 180 plus notices distributed throughout the Village 12.5% had been returned. Cllr Jenkins then gave an analysis of the returned forms which is attached to these Minutes.

25. Correspondence: Letter received from Little Altcar and Aintree Parish Councils' inviting the Chairman and wife to their Civic Services; Letter sent by Clerk re Changes to Sefton Borough Partnership and the Development of Area Management; Letter from Halcrow regarding a survey on the use of Taxi Services in the Borough; Letter re Sefton Coast Forum on Saturday 17 July 2010; Newsletter from Environment Agency on the Altmouth Pumping Station; Letter from Sefton MBC re consultation on the Licensing Act 2003; Briefing Pack from Merseyside Waste Disposal re introduction of Household Waste Permits; Notice of Meeting of Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils on 27 July 2010.

26. Planning Applications: Nil

27. Finances: **a) Current Account:** £1,470.94. **b)** A cheque for £294.73 number 100080 had been paid out to AON Insurance on 18.5.10 but could not be approved at this meeting because of insufficient Councillors'. **c) Increase in Hall Hire:** A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Hall Committee indicating the cost of hiring the Hall by the Council would be increased to £25.00. The Clerk had written asking whether this was in respect of the hire of the Committee Room or the Hall and no reply had been received. Cllr Jenkins to inquire. **d) The Information Commissioner's Office** had renewed the Council's register entry on 21.6.2010 at a direct debit cost of £35.00. **e) Internal Audit:** Mr

Peter Davies had passed the Internal Audit without query. The completed audit had now been sent to the external auditors BDO.
28.Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd September 2010 at 7.30pm

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Chairman