**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**on Wednesday, 10 April 2024, at 7.30pm, in Tixall Village Hall**

**Present**: Cllrs: Mr Malcolm Sindrey (Chairman), Dr Tric Parrott and Mrs Jane Tinniswood representing Tixall. Mrs Sue Haenelt (Vice Chairman) and Mrs Judy Eccleshall representing Ingestre.

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted as received: Cllrs David Lees and Keith Palmer. SCC Cllr John Francis, SBC Cllrs Frances Beatty and Karine Aspin.

6 members of the public attended the meeting.

**Guest Speaker**

1. **Chairman introduced our Guest Speaker – Will Morris, Director of House of Bread.**

In summary, Will provided an overview of the work carried out by the House of Bread, in support of the homeless community, as well as anyone who is vulnerable. The House of Bread is a registered charity and was set up in 2010, when it had 6 visitors per week, now it regularly has 120 visitors per week. It is independently funded and works for the community. Receives donated surplus food. There are 7 food banks in Stafford.

Unfortunately, homelessness is everywhere, some people want to be on the street - this is where they feel safe, as home is not a safe space for them. These people are homeless by choice.

They work closely with the Police and Recovery Services and volunteers. Support both men and women. Café 43 on Browing Street, is a safe space for all, everyone is welcome.

Will directed those who are interested to learn more the website: [www.hobstafford.co.uk](http://www.hobstafford.co.uk)

**Questions:**

Do you accept donations?

Yes, we are happy to accept donations – we are supporting SCC with re-homing families and donations are always helpful. If we can’t use something, then we can share it with other agencies via re-purposing.

Chairman thanked Will for coming along and providing an insight into what the House of Bread do and invited him to remain with us for refreshments at the end of the evening.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved as a correct record.
2. Chairman delivered his Annual Report – which is attached as **Appendix A.** The Finance Report, as prepared by the Clerk/RFO was made available – attached as **Appendix B**.
3. Chairman delivered the Tixall Village Hall Annual Report, on behalf of the Chair, Keith Palmer – which is attached as **Appendix C**.
4. Clerk read Report for Tixall Church, as provided by Nicholas Bostock, Treasurer – attached as **Appendix** **D.**

There were no questions raised on the above items.

1. Sue Haenelt delivered Report for Ingestre Church – attached as **Appendix E.**

**Questions:** regarding raising funds, do you receive money when the Church is used as a polling station? Yes, we do. We are always interested to hear ideas for raising funds and if you have any please share these.

Chairman advised that following the success of previous Quiz nights, held in Tixall Village Hall, there will be another Quiz and Supper night – watch this space and details will be circulated.

**OPEN FORUM**

Resident raised fence along Ingestre Park Rd and referenced a communication that has been sent to SCC, shared with the Parish Council, to raise concerns that the matter would appear to not being taken seriously by the powers with authority. Resident believes there is a significant safety risk, which has been highlighted by the two recent road traffic accidents.

Thanks was given to the Parish Council for their actions regarding the planning consultation. However, the approval of the Lawful Development Certificate (LDC), by the agreement of the owner to reduce the fence height to 1metre, appears to be a ‘way round’ the planning process. Resident is keen to establish if any risk assessment has been carried out and has made enquiries of SCC in this regard.

Chairman asked if residents have spoken to the owner? Attempts have been made, with limited success. Will the Parish Council support a challenge being made to the planning authority for the granting of the LDC? It was acknowledged this will be considered by the full Council at the next meeting.

**Q.** Was there a fence in situ before the newly installed fence?

**A.** Yes, there was, it was a post and wire fence but had rotted away and was located further back away from the road.

**Q.** Is your primary concern for safety?

**A.** Yes, it is.

It was noted that speeding along Ingestre Park Road is also an issue. It is understood that landowners are able to place fencing on their land wherever they want, however, if there is any doubt as to where the boundaries are, Land Registry should be able to clarify this.

**Q.** Would the owner have to apply for a change of use if the intention was to use the fenced in area as a garden?

**A.** This is unknown.

Chairman thanked the resident for raising the concerns about the fence and advised that this matter will be considered by the Parish Council at the next meeting in May, when we hope our SCC and SBC Cllrs will be present.

Another matter – has there been any update on Lion Lodges? Clerk advised that this has previously been raised with HS2 and an update had been provided in the Parish Newsheet. It was agreed to raise the matter with HS2 again and include the response in the next edition of the Parish Newsheet for information.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for bringing matters to the attention of the Parish Council.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Refreshments were enjoyed by attendees.