**INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Ingworth

held on Thursday 19th May 2016 in the Reading Room, Ingworth.

Present: A Gibbons (Chair), P Riseborough, G Chambers, B. Northey, B Nicholson.

 3 parishioners.

1. Annmarie Gibbons welcomed all present and apologies were noted for A Houghton. A minutes silence was held for Cynthia Browne, a long-time resident of the village, who had recently passed away.

4. (iv) Report from Mr John Timewell, Norfolk County Councillor

 It was agreed JT could present his report first, as he had another Parish Council meeting to attend.

 JT queried the current position regarding parking in the village. It was agreed that it is much better recently. He asked if there are many problems with HGV vehicles going through the village. It was agreed that the main issue is with large tractors pulling heavy trailers. JT confirmed that this issue was discussed at the last Environment, development and Transport committee meeting he attended. Many parishes have reported significant problems, so NCC are looking to do trials. JT feels this is often caused by satnavs directing large vehicles onto unsuitable roads.

 JT reported that there is no further information regarding devolution at this stage. There will be a full public consultation before any changes are made.

 JT left the meeting at 7:15pm.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were taken as read.

3. Chair’s report –The Chair read the following report:  I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank my fellow parish councillors and our clerk Kirsty for all their hard work and energy this past year.

We have had a good year so far. The new playground equipment has been used by lots of children last year and this spring - with lots of laughter being heard by surrounding houses - which is a joy to hear. Families have been spotted having picnics. Visitors from neighbouring villages - Erpingtham, Calthorpe, Alby, Thorpe Market and even Aylsham - either cycling/walking past and stopping to have some fun.

I would like to thank Heather and Peter Riseborough, Andrew Houghton and Gill Chambers for their continued efforts with the voluntary community speed check.

We continue to be in talks with the Highways regarding speeding in the village. An electronic device and speed strips were placed on the road for 10 days by the Police Area Traffic Management Officer. The findings showed that we have a very low compliance level and recommendations have been made. The Highways have been aware of this report but have decided not make any changes at this stage.  We have been asked to report any future issues/accidents by telephoning the police on 101 who will collate any information for any future reports/statistics.

4. Other Reports –

(i) Ingworth Parochial Church Council, Belinda Northey – BNor reported that the churchyard is being managed as a wildlife area, so is being cut twice a year. There is still no boiler in the church. The PCC are looking for a church warden, and a temporary treasurer for a one year term. Please contact Rev. Paul Thomas if you can help, as help is greatly needed.

 (ii) Norfolk Police – None

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 (iii) Norman Smith, North Norfolk District Councillor – There is a lot going on currently at NNDC,

mainly centred around devolution. This could lead to parish boundaries being rearranged, as there could be a reduction in the number of Councillors. This could present difficulties, as the County is growing, but changes will be based on current sizes, not considering any future building. The planning system is changing to online only, to reduce costs. Planning permission was recently granted for a number of social housing properties in Erpingham, which is one of a package of five developments. Only one of the five, in Binham, was turned down, and this one will be resubmitted. NS reported that he has recently received an email from a parishioner who has raised concerns about a storage container.

AG thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting closed at 7:38pm

Signed:………………………………. Date:………………………………..

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