

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2009 in the Reading Room

Present: A Burfoot, R Calvert (Chairman), T Chambers, D White and 2 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed those present with apologies being received from C Cannon, J Steed and Cllr P Moore (NCC).

2. Declarations of interest – none.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on December 15th 2008 were approved, proposer RC, all in favour, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Highways matters - DW reported that thanks to J Poortvliet crushed concrete had restored the lane off Priory Road; the Clerk would write a letter of thanks. NCC had been requested to scrape Banningham Road, but this would await the completion of Anglian Water works; the Clerk would check with AW that the playground entrance was fully reinstated. He would alert NCC that a post on the Green was damaged.

4.2 Reading Room/villager consultation; inc allotments - nil to report.

4.3 NCC footpaths - the Clerk had been advised that the stiles on Ringers Lane had been made safe, but the Council heard that barbed wire was still putting unwary walkers at risk at two locations, particularly on handholds. The Clerk would write again to the landowner.

5. To consider one co-option as a member of Ingworth Parish Council - the Chairman nominated Crawford White, and advised that he was willing to stand. The Council approved his co-option nemcon; the Clerk would contact Mr White to complete the formalities.

6. Planning – no business.

7. Finance

7.1 Bank details – the Council agreed that the Chairman and vice-Chairman sign the authorisation for D White to become the third signatory for the bank, proposer TC,

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all in favour. RC and TC signed the mandate and, as D White had provided full details, the Clerk would submit the papers to Barclays Bank.

7.2 The following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer TC, all in favour:

- E.ON, electricity	£16.00	(cheque 0283) *
- Clerk's salary, sundry expenses	£203.69	(0284)
- NPFA, subscription	£20.00	(0285)

The cheques were signed (*signed prior to the meeting).

7.3 Playground finance – the Clerk was asked to contact NNDC to see if there are any funds to assist with the upgrade of the play equipment; a youth shelter would be an appropriate addition.

8. To consider in outline safer links with Aylsham, including a footway – the Council discussed the problems and risks of the route. The Council felt that the 'bridge' was the most difficult section for pedestrians so the Clerk would contact Aylsham TC to see if they had any proposals to improve this.

9. Clerk's and Councillors Reports

9.1 Clerk's report – he advised that the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council would be on May 11th 2009 at 7.30 pm.

9.2 Members' reports

RC raised the issue of the surface of Ringers Lane which had become rutted; the Council would monitor the situation as drier weather may produce and improvement.

RC advised that whilst there was a concerted effort to reduce the rat problem she was aware of one location where the poison could come into contact with children or pets; the Clerk would telephone the gamekeeper.

The meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed..... (Chairman) Date