INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingworth Parish Council

held on Thursday 14th November 2019, at 7:30pm, in the Reading Room, Ingworth.

Present: Annmarie Gibbons (Chair), Gill Chambers, Bill Foster, Belinda Northey, John Toye (District Councillor)

0 Parishioners

K Cotgrove (Clerk).

19/59. Apologies for absence – A Gibbons welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted for Phil Conyers, Peter Allen-Jones, Fran Whiting and John Timewell (County Councillor).

19/60. Declarations of Interest & dispensation to speak – None.

19/61. To sign and agree the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 5th September 2019– The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record (Prop. A Gibbons, sec. B Foster).

19/62. To receive Members’ Reports- John Toye (North Norfolk District Councillor) – J Toye reported that the Corporate Plan, on which all parties were consulted, will hopefully be signed off next week. NNDC have free trees available. If interested, please contact nigel.lloyd@north-norfolk.go.uk, who will put you in touch with the Woodland Trust. A care plan will be required. J Toye will try to find a contact to arrange a meeting with Parishioners to discuss crime prevention tips, and is available to talk to Parishioners at the Aldborough Farmers Market, on the first Sunday of each month.

*J Toye left the meeting at 7:55pm*

19/63. Matters arising – A house on The Street was broken into on Friday 8th November, between 3-6pm. If anyone has any dashcam or CCTV footage taken around this time, please contact the Clerk (details above), who can provide crime reference numbers and contact details for the police. A meeting will hopefully be arranged with the police, so they can provide residents with crime prevention tips.

19/64. Planning – None.

19/65. Finance

(a) To approve the financial statement and budget update – The cash book and budget update were approved.

 (b) Payments – The following payments were approved:

 (i) £ 250.00 Kirsty Cotgrove – clerk’s salary for November meeting

 (ii) £ 316.11 E.on – electricity DD (6th November) (in dispute)

 (iii) £ 29.99 A Gibbons – kettle for Reading Room

 (iv) £ 212.84 Norse – six monthly grass cutting

(c) Receipts- The following receipt was noted –

 (i) £ 160.00 NNDC – precept and grant £1382

(d) To agree the 2020-21 budget- The 2020-21 budget was approved (prop. B Foster, all agreed)

(e) To agree the 2020-21 precept- It was reluctantly agreed to increase the precept by under 2% to £2745, to cover anticipated expenditure (prop. B Northey, all agreed).

19/66. To update on the Vattenfall windfarm applications and others – Decisions on thee three current applications have been delayed by six months, and scoping reports are currently underway on two other projects. There are huge concerns that these will not be all, as Crown Estates are allowing further applications. It was agreed that Councillors will keep alert to any new applications, and that the Parish Council will respond to all applications to push for an offshore ring main.

19/67. To update on Highways issues, including consideration of speed reduction projects – There is a large dead branch overhanging the road from a property in the village. The Clerk will report.

19/68. To approve the Parish Partnership application for a SAM2 unit- B Foster has put together a proposal for a SAM2 unit for Ingworth. John Timewell (County Councillor) has agreed to fund 50% of the cost from his Highways budget, and if successful, the PP grant will provide the other 50%. A quote has been received from Westcotec. Subject to confirmation, there could be a third location in the centre of the village, but Councillors are keen that the view of the church is not impaired. It was agreed to approve the application (prop. B Northey, all agreed). Thanks were given to B Foster for all his hard work on this project.

19/69. To discuss the Village Green reinstatement, and parking problems- Work has finished on the Mill House, so there are fewer vehicles parking on the Green. It was agreed to hold a site visit during the May meeting to see how to return the Green to its original size. Nearby residents will be consulted.

19/70. To discuss the Environment Agency scheme for the flood plain – A Gibbons has heard from the EA, who have suggested that they are concentrating more on the nature on the Bure, rather than flood prevention. It was noted that the river needs to be clear to maintain a good flow and prevent flooding. A Gibbons has asked for a site inspection with an EA representative when they come to inspect the river.

19/71. To update on the Mill House renovation – All internal work is complete and looking great. Councillors welcome the new owners to the village.

19/72. Correspondence- (i) The National Trust Community Stakeholder meetings. B Foster attended the October meeting, which should be quarterly going forward. The conservation management plan was discussed and B Foster has prepared a response to send to the NT on behalf of the Parish Council. This will request that they consider the wider estate, not just the house, gardens and grounds.

(ii) NNDC – use of the Reading Room for 12th December General Election – Noted. It was agreed to purchase 2 oil filled radiators.

(iii) Query re use of Reading Room for yoga class – Someone has asked if the Reading Room would be available for a weekly yoga class. Concerns were raised that there are no toilet facilities, no parking and no good heating. The Clerk will contact her to let her know.

(iv) Bus Changes December & January – The Clerk reported that this will not affect residents, as they are not local routes. It was noted that the bus timetable at the bus stop has been missing for a number of months. A Gibbons has chased Sanders and will do so again.

(v) Mobile Library Poetry Comp – The mobile library department are holding a poetry competition, which is running throughout November and ending on 21st December. They are inviting everyone to write a poem about the mobile library in any capacity. Poems can be given to driver, or emailed to central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk.

19/73. Items for discussion at the next meeting- Bus timetable, date to decorate the Reading Room, burglary update.

19/74. Date of next meeting- Thursday 13th February 2020, 7:00pm.

19/75. To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm.

 Signed by: (Chair) Date: