INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingworth Parish Council

held on Thursday 5th September 2019, at 7:30pm, in the Reading Room, Ingworth.

Present: Annmarie Gibbons (Chair), Gill Chambers, Peter Allen-Jones, Bill Foster, Fran Whiting, Phil Conyers, John Toye (District Councillor), John Timewell (County Councillor)

0 Parishioners

K Cotgrove (Clerk).

19/40. Apologies for absence – A Gibbons welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted for Belinda Northey.

19/41. Declarations of Interest & dispensation to speak – A Gibbons (Mill House).

19/42. To sign and agree the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 9th May 2019– The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record (Prop. A Gibbons, sec. G Chambers).

19/43. To receive Members’ Reports- John Timewell (Norfolk County Councillor) – Now the Council has gone over to a Cabinet system, decisions are now made by 9 Councillors, despite a total of 87 Councillors. J Timewell has offered to pay for the Parish Council’s 50% contribution for a SAM2 unit, should a Parish Partnership application be approved. There was a discussion about whether the PC should apply for funding for one or two units. J Timewell advised that he may not be able to fund 50% for two units.

*J Timewell left the meeting at 7:46pm.*

John Toye (North Norfolk District Councillor) – J Toye was welcomed to his first meeting. The Splash project was discussed at length. J Toye reported that he will be available to talk to at Aldborough Farmers Market every other month, the next one being in October. His phone number and email address is available online. The Leader of NNDC, Sarah Butikofer, is available by appointment every Friday afternoon.

*J Toye left the meeting at 7:58pm*

19/44. Matters arising - None.

*P Allen-Jones left the meeting at 8pm*

19/45. Planning – None.

19/46. Finance

(a) To approve the financial statement and budget update – The cash book and budget update were approved (prop. A Gibbons, sec. F Whiting, all agreed)

(b) Payments – The following payments were approved (prop. A Gibbons, sec P Conyers):

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

(ii) £ 24.99 E.on – electricity DD (22nd May 2019)

(iii) £ 24.99 E.on – electricity DD (21st August 2019)

(iv) £ 212.84 Norse – six monthly grass cutting

(v) £ 96.00 David Bracey – annual playground inspection

(vi) £ 180.00 A T Coombes – Tree inspection

(c) Receipts- The following receipt was noted –

(i) £ 160.00 NNDC – hall hire for 2 x elections

19/47. To update on the Vattenfall windfarm application – Details of the scheme have been sent to the National Planning Inspector. There is concern that the area either side of the river is not seen as a special designation for wildlife, but it was confirmed that the traffic should not affect the village, as HGV traffic should use the cabling route. It was agreed that three Councillors will look at the necessary documents online, and highlight any issues.

19/48. To update on Highways issues, including consideration of speed reduction projects – A draft Parish Partnership application was circulated via email to Councillors. B Foster will liaise with J Timewell regarding funding and the number of units which can be purchased**.** Approval ofthe application will be included on the next agenda, so the application can be formalised. A Gibbons will forward the previous speeding reports to B Foster as evidence for PP funding.

19/49. To discuss the Village Green reinstatement, and parking problems- A large area of the Green has been eroded over the years, and used for parking. Options to reinstate it were discussed, including obstructing the area in question, and sign to ask people not to park there. It was agreed that, although it is a small area, the Green is an important focal point in the village. Residents are therefore asked to tell visitors to use the car park on Banningham Road behind the church to park, rather than the Green. It was agreed to see how the situation is in November, when the majority of the work at the Mill will have finished.

19/50. To explore uses for the Reading Room – It has become apparent that rental to the artist who enquired, and allowing public access and usage would not be compatible Foster has been in touch with Matthew McDade, who is keen for the church to be used more for community events. It was agreed to revisit this in the spring.

19/51. To discuss the Environment Agency scheme for the flood plain – A Gibbons has spoken to the lady who was dealing, but she is no longer working on this project, which is no longer going ahead. A Gibbons asked for confirmation of this in writing, but has not yet received anything through. She will chase.

19/52. To update on the Mill House renovation – All is going well, and all major works should be completed by the end of September.

19/53. To consider financial considerations for the November budget- The Clerk reminded Councillors that the budget will be agreed in the November meeting. Any items will need to be sent to the Clerk in advance of the meeting, to be included in the budget.

19/54. To feedback on the annual playground inspection – All low risk, except the need for a tree inspection, which has already been done. There has been two incidents of vandalism at the playground, one in May and one in August. It is thought to be a group of children aged around 10-12 year old, seen around the village on scooters. The incidents have been reported to the police. People are urged to keep aware, and if they see anything suspicious to report to the police on 999 or 101. A Gibbons will send notes to villagers to recommend this. A Gibbons will obtain quotes for a replacement goal, and the Clerk will arrange a replacement sign. The NNDC sign to prohibit dogs from entering the playground has now been put up, but people are welcome to tie their dogs to the outside of the fence while using the play equipment.

19/55. Correspondence- (i) The National Trust new General Manager for Blickling has contacted the PC, and offered to attend a meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact her and ask her to attend the November meeting.

(ii) Fibreoptic broadband in the Village – A Parishioner has been in contact with A Gibbons to advise that he had been told fibreoptic broadband should be installed in Ingworth by the end of March 2020.

19/56. Items for discussion at the next meeting- Precept / budget, approval of the PP grant application for a SAM2. The Clerk will ask the police to attend, regarding speeding and recent vandalism.

19/57. Date of next meeting- Thursday 14th November 2019, 7:00pm.

19/58. To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Signed by: (Chair) Date: