

8th February 2023

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingworth Parish Council held on Thursday 8th February 2023, at 7:00pm, in the Reading Room, Ingworth

Present: Gill Chambers (Vice Chairman), Fran Whiting, Belinda Northey
John Toye (District Councillor)
Saul Penfold (County Councillor)
0 members of the public
K Cotgrove (Clerk).

23/01. Apologies for absence –welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted for I Simms & A Gibbons.

23/02. Declarations of Interest & dispensation to speak – B Northey - Item 17 (Church) Non pecuniary interest only.

23/03. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022 – The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 10th November 2022 were approved and signed.

23/04. Matters arising, not on the agenda – None.

23/05. To receive reports:

(i) John Toye (North Norfolk District Councillor) – Next group meeting will be on 7th March in Aldborough, two Planning Officers will attend. Several people have raised highways issues, so a larger campaign will be looked at. Battery recycling has now started. Small electricals can be recycled from March. The Reef is doing very well, and a solar panel roof will soon cover the car park. Sheringham Little Theatre is being refurbished, and Cromer Pier work has been approved.

(ii) Saul Penfold (Norfolk County Councillor) – The County Deal for Norfolk is being discussed, which is part of the Government's devolution plans. The leader of the Council is minded to accept it, but it will need to be agreed at Full Council. This would mean £20 million per year for 30 years (not index linked). There is currently a public consultation open for people to respond to. Budget setting is in progress, but the Council is currently running a £900 million deficit. Children's Services received a Good Ofsted rating, up from Requires Improvement.

J Toye and S Penfold left the meeting at 7:31pm.

23/06. To adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation: - None.

23/07. Finance

(a) To approve the financial statement and budget update – The cash book was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was duly approved.

(b) Payments – The following payments were approved (prop. B Northey, sec. F Whiting).

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£ 250.00	Kirsty Cotgrove – clerk’s salary for February meeting
£ 5.92	Valda Energy – electricity direct debit (12.12.22)
£ 5.46	Valda Energy– electricity direct debit (09.01.23)
£ 35.00	ICO – registration renewal direct debit (14.12.22)
£ 13.95	B Northey – bench plaque

23/08. To note planning applications received – None.

23/09. To update on the renovation of the milestone and to approve any actions necessary – B Northey has not been able to obtain any grants. The Clerk will pass a list of people who donated to B Northey to return the grant money.

23/10. To update on the defibrillator – This has been installed and is registered. Partridge Electrical kindly installed this free of charge. The Clerk will write to thank them. Training for the use of the defibrillator will be considered. The Clerk suggested training a core of people in the village for use, and their contact details distributed to everyone in the village.

23/11. To update on the wind farm projects – Nothing to report.

23/12. To update on Highways issues and to approve any actions or payments necessary – The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Justin Le-May for 2nd March at 10am. The Clerk will purchase the software to download the SAM2 information. The road surface on the railway bridge near Bushey Place in Aylsham is very poor. The Clerk advised that this can be reported online at [Report a problem - Norfolk County Council](#)

23/13. To update on Environment Agency work on the River Bure – Nothing to report.

23/14. To discuss the Village Green – Nothing to report.

23/15. To update on the Reading Room, and to consider further action – Decorating is due to be carried out soon.

23/16. To discuss the Friends of Ingworth Church group – There is a meeting on 2nd March with the Rev’d Butcher, to look at options for fundraising. The church is expensive to run, when very little money comes into the church. Funding is going to be investigated.

23/17. Correspondence – None.

23/18. Any other business, for information only – None.

23/19. Date of next meeting- Thursday 11th May 2023, 7pm in the Reading Room.

23/20. To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Signed by:

(Chair)

Date: