

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Martin K Campbell, Well Cottage, High Street, Southrepps, Norwich NR11 8AH

Telephone: 01263 834551

E-mail: nnparishes@tiscali.co.uk

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 3rd March 2014 in the Reading Room, Ingworth

Present: R Calvert, A Gibbons (Chairman), A Houghton, P Riseborough, J Steed;
in attendance: Cllr J Timewell (NCC), Steve Blatch (NNDC) and 3 members of the public.

1. The Chairman and welcomed all those present; apologies were received from and M Bunce, Cllr N Smith (NNDC) and PCSO A Spinks. C Cannon had resigned from the Council; the Clerk would notify NNDC.

2. Declarations of interest - none

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 9th September 2013 were agreed and signed.

4. Co-option of a member to fill the existing vacancy on the Council; there was one nomination and Peter Riseborough was duly co-opted on to the Council. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Council.

5. Matters arising

5.1 NCC highways matters – the Clerk had referred the overhanging hedges on Dark Lane to NCC, and had received confirmation that this was now in hand. The Clerk was asked to report to NCC potholes on Calthorpe Lane.

5.2 NCC footpaths – the Clerk had reported to NCC that a path near West end was blocked by barbed wire. He had written letters of thanks to two of those keeping paths in good order and was requested to send a third.

5.3 Highways (police contact) – nil further on parking; the Community Speedcheck in Aylsham now included Ingworth with participants from the village.

5.4 River Bure – the Chairman had relayed concerns over work believed to have been carried out to EA and they had undertaken to investigate; she had circulated their conclusions. The Council heard about plans to alleviate flood risk, led by Nat Trust – the Clerk was asked to request a report of the plan and its progress. He was also asked to invite a talk at the APM from the Norfolk Rivers Trust.

6. Planning – M Pepper, extension, conversion and change of use at Hill Farmhouse, Priory Lane (14/0197); the Council viewed the plans and had no objection but would comment that the ‘party room’ should remain residential.

7. Finance

7.1 Finance report – the Clerk advised that the second half precept (2013-14) had been received. He confirmed that the precept demand for 2014-15 had been submitted to NNDC. NNDC had advised that the grant for parishes would again be made available for those parishes which received it in the current year; however it was not clear if this was

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Martin K Campbell, Well Cottage, High Street, Southrepps, Norwich NR11 8AH

Telephone: 01263 834551

E-mail: nnparishes@tiscali.co.uk

03.03.14

page 2

available for Ingworth. The Council had renewed its registration with the Information Commissioner for another year. Norse had indicated their charges for the 2014 season (year 2 of 3 year agreement). The bank reconciliation was signed off.

7.2 The following payments due were approved by the Council en bloc, with all in favour:

- E.ON, electricity	£22.05	(cheque 0387) *
- The Play Inspection Co, annual inspection	£71.94	(0388)*
- NORSE, grass cutting	£168.02	(0389)*
- Information Commissioner, annual renewal	£35.00	(0390)*
- Clerk's pay (Sep-Nov)	£149.35	(0391)*
- SLCC, annual subscription	£29.00	(0392)*
- E.ON, electricity	£22.05	(0393) *
- Clerk's pay (Dec-Feb)	£224.02	(0394)
- Clerk's expenses (Sep-Feb)	£119.30	(0395)

The cheques were signed. (* signed outside the meeting)

8. To consider the Playground Inspection Company report on the play equipment – this had been circulated to members electronically and the report did not show any urgent actions for repair.

9. The Council welcomed Steve Blatch (NNDC) who talked about the restructuring at NNDC which was part of £1.2m savings. Shared partnerships with other authorities may lead to further savings along with the ending of CCTV and housing development initiatives. Part of the Cromer office is to be let to NCC. He referred to the impact on NNDC of the tidal surge in December along the district's coastline. On Ingworth issues he would investigate at NNDC whether the playground can be ceded to the Parish Council as had happened elsewhere. Housing policy for affordable housing was explained. On Street Naming, he undertook to look again at replacing the Butts Common sign. Whilst it was understood that NNDC did not have a direct responsibility for the River Bure flood risk, he would ask the Civil Contingencies manager to consider an evaluation and assessment to mitigate the flood risk issues. The Chairman thanked SB for coming to the meeting.

10. Reports

10.1 Clerk's report – the Clerk advised that he had notified NCC of the grit bin's location as it did not seem to be on their register. The Clerk had advised NNDC that the Reading Room will be available for the European elections on May 22nd at the usual charge of £80. He advised that AG and AH would be attending the councillors' training day at Roughton on March 15th. He advised that members could attend a Community Transport meeting in North Walsham on April 2nd. He notified the Council of 2014 meeting dates:

April 28th (to include the APM)

Sept 1st

Dec 1st

10.2 Members' reports - nil further

In open session Cllr JT (NCC) talked about the agreement for a budget this year, governance changes at NCC and the Committee systems to be introduced. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.40.

Signed..... (Chairman) Date.....April 2014