

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingworth Parish Council held on Thursday 12th November 2020, at 7:00pm, via Zoom (online).

Present: Annmarie Gibbons (Chair), Belinda Northey, Peter Allen-Jones, Fran Whiting, John Timewell (Norfolk County Councillor)

1 Parishioner

K Cotgrove (Clerk).

20/45. Apologies for absence – A Gibbons welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted for Gill Chambers, Bill Foster & John Toye (District Councillor).

20/46. Declarations of Interest & dispensation to speak – None.

20/47. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2020 – The minute of the meetings on Thursday 13th August 2020 were approved and signed (prop. B Northey, sec. A Gibbons, all agreed).

20/48. To receive reports:

(a) John Timewell (Norfolk County Councillor) – J Timewell reported that he has resigned from the Liberal Democrat group at Norfolk County Council, but intends to remain as a Councillor and re-stand at the next election. The budget is in discussion, and currently open for consultation. He reported on Covid efforts at County Hall, and urged anyone in difficulty to contact him on 07769 651123. A Gibbons thanked J Timewell for all his help, particularly in helping to fund the SAM2 unit.

J Timewell left the meeting at 7:

(b) John Toye (North Norfolk District Councillor) - J Toye sent his apologies and a report to remind people that the COVID lines are still open and active at the council. 01263 516000 Weekdays only and working hours but will be extended if the situation requires. Email: NNDCCovid19@north-norfolk.gov.uk. The Council still intends to plant 110,000 trees. The winter fuel assistance scheme was covered.

20/49. Matters arising, not on the agenda – The National Trust have confirmed that electrical checks are up to date at the Reading Room. A check was carried out in 2018, next due 2023.

20/50. Planning – None.

20/51. Finance

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

(b) Payments – The following payments were approved:

(i)	£ 250.00	Kirsty Cotgrove – clerk's salary for November meeting
(ii)	£ 90.00	D Bracey – playground inspection
(iii)	£ 26.66	E.on – electricity direct debit
(iv)	£ 9.69	E.on – electricity direct debit

- (v) £ 3886.80 Westcotec – SAM2 unit
- (vi) £ 35.00 ICO – data protection renewal

(c) Receipts- The following receipt was noted –

- (i) £ 1372.00 NNDC – precept 2nd instalment
- (ii) £ 2329.00 Norfolk County Council – PP grant for SAM2
- (iii) £10000.00 NNDC – Covid 19 grant

(d) To consider and approve the 2021-22 budget – The budget was discussed at length. The Clerk asked if Councillors wanted to add S137 funding into the budget, to cover a potential donation to the judicial review for the windfarm application. Differing amounts for donation were discussed, and it was agreed to add £250 for a donation to the judicial review into the budget, and it was duly approved (prop. PAJ, sec. B Northey, all agreed)

(e) To consider and approve the 2021-22 precept – Following discussion it was agreed to request a precept of £2830 (prop. A Gibbons, sec. B Northey, all agreed). As the tax base has risen, the band D payment will remain at £69.56.

20/52. To update on the Vattenfall wind farm application and others, and to consider a donation to the Vanguard Judicial Review Crowdfunding Appeal – A donation of 250 was agreed in the budget discussion.

20/53. To consider co-option of a Parish Councillor – Liz Elsdon was in attendance and has put herself forward to stand as a Councillor. It was agreed to Co-opt Liz onto the Parish Council (prop. A Gibbons, sec. F Whiting, all agreed).

20/54. To feedback on the Blickling half marathon – It was agreed that there was no real impact to the village on the day. A large number of Parishioners had expressed concern that they had hardly any notice, and had been told they were breaking the law if they left their properties in their vehicles. The Clerk has spoken to the race director who indicated that the two planned half marathons next year should bypass the village. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the organisers and ask for dates, routes and closures for the upcoming marathons.

20/55. To update on grass cutting – Robert Slaughter has kindly cut the grass on an ad hoc basis this summer and thanks were given to Parishioners who also volunteered to cut the grass. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the 2021 season. It was agreed for the quotes to cover 16 cuts (Mar – Oct Inc.), and cuttings to be left on site. A Gibbons will ask Robert Slaughter to quote, and the Clerk will obtain other quotes. It was agreed that a tender notice will also be put on the notice board.

20/56. To update on Highways issues, and to update on the SAM2 Parish Partnership application – The SAM2 unit has been received and invoice authorized for payment. Whether to repaint the white lines in the village was due to be discussed, but the lines were repainted a few weeks ago. The Clerk has contacted Highways to ask why they were repainted, and is waiting to hear back.

20/57. To update on the Village Green – C G Chambers is hoping to meet Highways and locals, to establish the boundary of the Green. Due to Covid, this has not yet been possible. It was agreed to defer until February. The Clerk will investigate the possibility of a log bench.

20/58. Correspondence - The following items were noted

- a. Annual Winter Lights Event at Blickling – This event has been cancelled.
- b. Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation

- c. Norfolk County Council help for people who are self-isolating – A helpline is open for anyone who needs assistance on 0344 800 8020
- d. Temporary Banningham Road closure – BT will be carrying out overhead works on 4th December 2020.

20/59. Items for discussion at the next meeting – The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of village gates, to help slow traffic in the village. It was suggested that, if people were to plant flowers and have planters along the side of the road, this will make to village look much better, and may encourage traffic to slow. The possibility of buying seeds for Parishioners was discussed, and will be added to the February agenda. It was agreed that the Clerk will approach the National Trust to ask if they can arrange a surveyor to look at the Reading Room, so a discussion can take place about what improvements can be made.

20/60. Date of next meeting- Thursday 11th February 2021 7:00pm, either via Zoom, or in the Reading Room.

20/61. To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:28pm.

Signed by:

(Chair)

Date: