

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ingworth Parish Council held on Thursday 11th February 2021, at 7:00pm, via Zoom (online).

Present: Annmarie Gibbons (Chair), Belinda Northey, Peter Allen-Jones, Fran Whiting, Liz Elsdon, Gill Chambers

0 Parishioners

K Cotgrove (Clerk).

21/01. Apologies for absence – A Gibbons welcomed everyone. There were no apologies.

21/02. Declarations of Interest & dispensation to speak – None.

21/03. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2020 – The minute of the meetings on Thursday 12th November 2020 were approved and signed (prop. A Gibbons, sec. B Northey, all agreed).

21/04. To note a Councillor vacancy due to resignation and, if necessary, to consider co-option – Due to Bill Foster's resignation, a vacancy has arisen. Thanks were given Bill for his time on the Parish Council, and for all his work with the SAM2 project. Councillors will approach Parishioners to co-opt.

21/05. Matters arising, not on the agenda – Flooding issues – L Elsdon was aware of very high water levels, highest for 32 years, which was particularly bad over Christmas. A Gibbons was in touch with the Environment Agency (EA) on Christmas Day. A Parishioner has gathered information, and has passed it to A Gibbons to discuss further with the EA. There was supposed to be a new automatic system to open the Mill gates with an alarm to the EA, to remove the homeowner's responsibility, but it doesn't look as if this has been happening. Concerns were raised that the system currently requires human intervention, and that the threshold for the alarm is set too high. The river also needs to be kept clear, along with the channels. A fallen poplar is currently blocking the river, along with a willow which has collapsed into the river. The National Trust (NT) need to be told, as they are the landowners. A Gibbons has had numerous meetings with the EA over a number of years, but little has been done. It was agreed L Elsdon will get a report together with A Gibbons, to send to the EA, the NT & the taskforce, to see what they can do. Concerns about the health of the river were also raised. It was agreed to also contact the Upper Bure Society.

21/06. To receive reports:

(a) John Timewell (Norfolk County Councillor) – None.

(b) John Toye (North Norfolk District Councillor) – None.

21/07. Planning – None.

21/08. 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:

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| (i) | £ 250.00 | Kirsty Cotgrove – clerk's salary for February meeting |
| (ii) | £ 54.00 | R Slaughter – grass cutting |
| (iii) | £ 250.00 | R Pearce – crowdfunding for judicial review |

(c) To appoint a new signatory for the Parish Council accounts – L Elsdon will be added to the Bank signatory list. The Clerk will prepare the forms. It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange internet banking at the same time.

21/09. To update on the Vattenfall wind farm application and others – The Clerk reported that the judicial review has been held, and a ruling is due soon. Local MPs are looking into ways to mitigate the disruption and to progress the offshore ring main.

21/10. To agree a grass cutting quotation for 2021 – Two quotes have been received. Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the quotation from Robert Slaughter (prop. B Northey, sec. A Gibbons, all agreed).

21/11. To update on the Blickling half marathons in 2021 – The Clerk has heard from the organiser, who has confirmed that they will not come through the village for the May event, but will in October. They have confirmed that residents' access will be maintained throughout the event. The Clerk will ask the organiser if they would like to make a contribution to the village.

21/12. To consider wildflower planting on village verges – Last year in lockdown, it was apparent how good the verges looked, as there was less traffic. L Elsdon asked if the Parish Council could maintain some areas in the Parish with wildflower planting. Various organisations are promoting protected verges. L Elsdon has been in contact with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, who work with Norfolk County Council to see how the Parish Council could go about this, and to get Parishioners' views on this. It was suggested that some planting could take place on the Green, possibly around the village sign. A strategic planting plan was suggested, with a scheme of how it could be developed. It was considered that the churchyard could be a good site for wildflowers, but concern was raised that there may not be enough volunteers to maintain the churchyard. It was agreed to start with a few verges, and around the village sign. A questionnaire was discussed to ask Parishioners if they would like to take part.

21/13. To update on Highways issues, and to discuss village boundary signs – The possibility of village gates was discussed. There is a Parish Partnership fund with Norfolk County Council, where Parishes can apply for 50/50 funding to buy the gates. It was agreed that the Parish will need to be consulted before going ahead with a scheme. The questionnaire could ask this too. The Clerk will speak to the Highways Engineer to discuss costs and locations for gates. The possibility of what could be done in the Reading Room was discussed. The NT are due to come in and conduct a survey on the building.

21/14. To discuss the Village Green, the possibility of a bench and wildflower planting – The meeting with Highways on the Green has not yet taken place, due to the pandemic. It is hoped to reinstate the area which has been degraded by vehicles parking and possibly to replace the posts. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged, to coincide with the meeting

for village gates. The NT can supply a large log for a bench, but the Parish Council will need to find someone to carve out a seat on it.

21/15. Correspondence - The following items were noted

- a. GNLP Regulation 19 publication.
- b. Aldborough newsletter – Aldborough Parish Council are happy to include Ingworth in their newsletter. It was noted that there is a newsletter in the village.
- c. Parishioner request for additional road signs – A Parishioner has written to ask for larger signs. It was agreed that the SAM2 unit in the village, with additional locations will be sufficient. It is not thought that larger 30mph repeater signs would be effective. The Clerk will reply to the Parishioner.

P Allen-Jones left the meeting at 8:26pm

- d. Low flying aircraft complaints – Complaints were made to the RAF and Duncan Baker MP about a series of evenings of low flying by the RAF. The RAF advised that low flying is allowed in the area, as there is a low population. However, since the complaints it has stopped.

21/16. Items for discussion at the next meeting – Gates, Village Green, River Bure, Wildflowers in the Parish.

21/17. Date of next meeting- Thursday 13th May 2021 7:00pm, either via Zoom, or in the Reading Room.

21/18. To close the meeting - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:33pm.

Signed by:

(Chair)

Date: