

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Wednesday 13th November 2024

Present: Mr Glen Carr, Mr Gerry Cox, Mr Rob Goodliffe (Chairman), Mr Bill Goreham, Mr Stephen Green, Mr Richard Reeve and Mr Alan Witham;
in attendance Cllr S Penfold (NCC) pt-time, and one member of the public.

1. In the chair Mr R Goodliffe welcomed all present; apologies were accepted from Cllr J Toye (NNDC)

2. Declarations of interest - none

3. The Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on September 11th 2024, proposer GCo, all in favour.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Highways matters – arrangements had been made with the grass contractor to include the verge on Eagle Road in 2025. The milestone damage had been advised to NCC and they would contact their contractor, Tarmac; the Clerk would follow this up. The grit bin is registered for filling for the winter season.

4.2 Paths – RG had submitted a grant application to fund the path from the sports field to Eagle Road, and asked NNDC to clear the route for the winter. The Clerk would contact NCC to establish whether there is a plan to re-open the Moorgate bridge, copying Cllr SP.

4.3 Bus shelter bike rack – the installation had now been completed.

5. Planning

5.1 Proposed radio base station installation, off The Street, Erpingham – the agent had suggested a 'TEAMS' meeting and the Clerk would seek to arrange for GCo and WG to be the Parish Council representatives.

5.2 In other business NNDC had the enforcement issues in hand; the Clerk would reply to Catfield pc re their questionnaire on NNDC planning, but little information is available

6. Finance

6.1 Report – the Clerk had been advised of a small reduction in interest rates and established that Hinckley & Rugby B Soc had a savings account for councils – the rate was comparable to the bank. The Clerk would investigate alternatives. The grant for the bike rack was not successful as a capital project. NNDC had agreed a £292 reimbursement for bin collections. The Clerk had received requests for funding from both churches (Jan agenda item). The 2nd half precept had been received.

6.2 To confirm the 2024 Clerk's pay award – the Clerk had circulated details of the review and the Council confirmed the award, proposer GCo, all agreed. The new Standing Order was signed.

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6.3 To review the current year budget (24-25); and proposed budget for 2025-2026 – increases next year to ‘village’ and ‘play area’ were agreed and the budget was confirmed, proposer GCa, all agreed. The next agenda would include an item to begin to establish a ‘long list’ of amenity improvements that the Council would work towards.

6.4 To set the **parish precept for 2025-2026** – the Council decided to set the precept for 2025-2026 at **£13970**, an increase of 8%, motion carried

6.5 The Council approved en bloc the following payments due, proposer WG, all in

favour - E.ON, electricity	£54.10	(cheque 0745)
- M Eade, bus shelter grass	£90.00	(0746)
- M Newland, bike rack installation	£1182.00	(0747)
- Clerk, back pay	£91.98	(0748)
- Norfolk PTS, training RR	£52.00	(0749)
- Play Inspection Co, annual inspection	£108.30	(0750)
- SLCC, annual subscription	£110.00	(0751)
- Royal British Legion, donation	£50.00	(0752), see item 8.2
- Clerk's salary [Sep, Oct]	£364.10, £364.30	SO's

7. Play Area

7.1 Health and Safety - the bins were now being collected as per the agreement. The Inspection report had been circulated to members and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from the contractor for rectifying the three ‘moderate’ risk’ items.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk's Report – the Clerk had sent members details of the change to NCC recycling centres from 18/11; the Village Hall had advised that they were required to remove part of the gas tank surround. The next meeting will be on **January 8th 2025**.

RG left the meeting and GCo continued in the chair

8.2 Members' Reports –

AW reported flooding in the Erpingham lodge area, from irrigation.

GCa reported flooding at Scarrow Beck.

WG reported that the SAM signs would return in the New Year, that the defibrillator was operational, that MUGA report issues were in hand and that he had laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Parish Council – the Chairman allowed a return to item 6.5 and the Council agreed to make a £50 donation to The Royal British Legion.

With no other business the meeting closed at 21.10.

Signed Chairman January..... 2025