

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Erpingham with Calthorpe held on Wednesday 8th May 2013 in the Village Hall, Erpingham

Present: Mr D Clayton, Mr R Daniels, Mr B Foord, Mr R Goodliffe (Chairman),
Mr A Witham; in attendance: J Timewell (NCC) and 3 parishioners

1. In the absence of the Chairman Rob Goodliffe took the Chair and welcomed those present; apologies being received from Mr N Smith, Mr R Daniels and PCSO A Spinks.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 9th 2012 were taken as read.

3. Chairman's Report – RG gave Mr N Smith' report: This past year has proven quite interesting. The Council met on six occasions. The most controversial planning proposal was a wind turbine in Alby and being an adjacent Parish we had to be consulted. There are those who think that wind generated electricity is the way forward and of course they are entitled to their opinion and there are others bitterly opposed who also are entitled to their opinion. The application was withdrawn following questions raised in connection with aviation. The Jubilee celebrations seem to be light years away. I must most sincerely thank those involved for all that happened over the four days which was considered by all involved to be well worth the months of planning. Sir Thomas Erpingham accompanied by a trusty Monk put in an appearance and unveiled the new Village sign. This proved to be a fitting finale to the celebrations. There has been a group of local people working over the past six or seven years in order to try to raise funds to construct a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). In October last year the Parish Council received the first substantial grant to be followed in December by the award of an even larger grant to enable the project to go forward. The project will be managed by the Parish Council with the MUGA team undertaking day to day running of it. I know that I speak for all the Parish Councillors when I congratulate all those involved in the fund-raising as their belief and dedication to their project paid off. The interesting fact is that the funding became available in the year of the Olympics when we were all encouraged to promote and provide more sporting facilities; again I know that I speak for all my fellow Councillors when I express the wish that the new games area will provide facilities for the younger and more energetic members of our community and encourage them to become more involved in Village life. May I conclude by thanking all the Parish Councillors for the time they give for the benefit of all those living in our area and for the unstinting support given to me. Unfortunately Gilly Thorne, after considerable thought, decided that involvement with the Parish Council was not for her. May I thank her for her enthusiastic support since becoming a Parish Councillor; we shall miss her bubbly personality at our meetings. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to extend our gratitude to our Parish Clerk for his contribution to the smooth running of our Council and his very professional guidance.

4. Other reports

4.1 Norfolk Police – in a written report PCSO A Spinks advised of six offences over the previous month.

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4.2 Erpingham Village Hall Management Committee

During the year the Hall and grounds have been put to good use for parties, community meals, musical and theatrical performances, quizzes and educational meetings as well as regular use by the Coffee Club, Café Church, WI and Carpet Bowls, the School and Erpingham United Soccer Club. In particular in this Diamond Jubilee Year the Hall and grounds were used for village events in association with the Parish Council. Overall some use was made of the hall on 55% of the days since the last report. All necessary risk assessments and safety checks have been completed with regard to both the village hall and the playground. Repairs have included a new gas heater (thanks to funding from the Townlands Trust) repainting the external front and west end of the hall, improvements to the electrics, repair to the concrete steps and altering the entrance to the ladies' toilet. The Management Committee has to generate its own funds in order to sustain and develop this community resource. Income from Hall hiring was a record £4,119, 18% up on last year – it was encouraging to see the Hall so well used by the community. The 200 Club remained a most valuable source of funds, bringing in £1000. Significant expenditure included £1284 for the supply and fitting of the gas heater; £850 for Calor gas; utility bills totalling £2155 and £482 for Play Area bark. The cost for repairs to entrance steps and treatment of timber cladding had been kept down by members of the Committee providing voluntary labour. The closing balance was £11201.

4.3 Erpingham Football Club – no report

4.4 North Norfolk District Council – no report

4.5 Norfolk County Council – Mr J Timewell introduced himself as the recently elected member for Erpingham and indicated to be contacted on any NCC matter for assistance.

4.6 Erpingham WI – in a written report the WI had held 10 meetings and use the Village Hall for entertaining and informative events, including the birthday meeting and a Christmas lunch. The WI took significant role in the Jubilee events supporting the Open Gardens day. The membership is 23 and the new notice board gives information about future events in 2013.

4.7 Erpingham PCC – no report, but RG confirmed that the bell ringers continue to meet on Tuesday evenings and will always welcome new members.

4.8 Erpingham V C Primary School – no report

4.9 MUGA Group – Graham Gladden advised that the Project Team awaited the commencement of the construction.

5. Open meeting – in the absence of further business the meeting closed at 19.16.

Signed..... (Chairman) DateJuly 2013