

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Erpingham with Calthorpe held on Wednesday 14th March 2012 in the Village Hall, Erpingham

Present: Mr D Clayton, Mr R Daniels, Mr B Foord, Mr R Goodliffe (Chairman),
Mr A Witham, and 7 parishioners

1. With apologies being received from G Thorne, N Smith, Cllr D Clarke (NCC) and Cllr S Arnold (NNDC), Rob Goodliffe took the Chair and welcomed those present; he wished NS a speedy and complete recovery from illness.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 9th 2011 were taken as read.

3. Chairman's Report

Rob Goodliffe, in his report, described the year as typical for a Parish Council dealing with highways, footpaths and planning matters. A grit bin had been provided, acquisition of land for an extended car park at the Village Hall, a footpath monitoring initiative, a successful representation at the Trosh and progress towards new Village Signs in Erpingham and Calthorpe had all contributed to a busy year. He highlighted the widely varying events at the Village Hall as depicting a vibrant community in which large sections of the village were actively involved. He looked forward to 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee events and the completion of the Village Signs project, as well as the productive use of the recently acquired Section 106 monies. The Chairman concluded by thanking all those involved with the Parish Council over the past twelve months.

4. Other reports

4.1 Norfolk Police – no report

4.2 Erpingham Village Hall

Stephen Green described 2011 as a satisfactory year defined by expenditure on improvements coupled with greater use of the Hall. Income increased from £5000 to nearly £8000. Income generators included fund-raising, coffee mornings, theatre events as well as grants from the Norfolk community Foundation and the Townland Trust as well as recycling receipts and the 200 Club. Improvements included new heaters, chairs, a PA system, tablecloths and the extended car parking area. The play area has a top-up of surfacing bark. The strength of the Village Hall is reflected in the support of committee members.

4.3 Erpingham Football Club – no report

4.4 North Norfolk District Council– no report

4.5 Norfolk County Council

Cllr D Clarke, in a written report described her parish work as being focussed on Highways, through the engineer Phill Reilly, Broadband and individual's issues. She is available to help with any other matters and tries to help wherever possible particularly if 'cuts' are impacting the villages.

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4.6 Erpingham WI – no report

4.7 Erpingham PCC

Fr Brian Faulkner reported that both Erpingham and Calthorpe churches remain open throughout the year, working as one congregation and his ministry is supported by lay readers, Churchwardens and Church Councils. Some events in 2011 included twinning of the Scarrowbeck Group with St Giles Church in Norwich, very well attended Harvest Supper and Christmas Carol Service, the successful Trosh and the continuation of the monthly Messy Church involving Erpingham School. 2012 will see visits by The Bishop of Lynn in early May and The Archdeacon of Lynn in December. There will be a Jubilee service on June 3rd and a Church Garden party on July 14th.

4.8 Erpingham V C Primary School

In a written report the school had enjoyed a positive year working hard to address the challenge of maintaining standards whilst tackling falling role, school viability and long term sustainability. Successes have seen the role double to 27 with children in every year group, Stay and Play sessions, completion of the Log Cabin project within the Forest School development which has enhanced our reputation. Flexi-schooling allows a combination of Home education and school placement. Increased and embedded Church and school links have seen the messy church and a successful Easter pilgrimage. The school enjoys strong support from staff, parents, Governors and members of the church and parish resulting in the a teaching approach which is designed to meet each child's individual needs. The school's 150th anniversary on May 1st will be celebrated with a visit by the Bishop of Lynn and members of the parish will be able to join in.

4.9 MUGA Group

A Witham reported that applications had been made to secure funding for the project, with one of £1000 having just received this month.

4.10 Bellringers

R Goodliffe reported. Following a 'clapper' repair the group is thriving and would welcome any newcomers to join them on a Tuesday at 7.30 pm at St Mary's.

5. Open meeting

5.1 Community Speedwatch – the Chairman explained the scheme and awaited more volunteers to make it viable.

5.2 Section 106 award of £3000 – The meeting heard about bids to receive some or all of the available monies; the carpet bowls group needing £1060 to obtain new mats; the Village Hall looking to enlarge the storage area and to upgrade the changing facilities for the Football Club (an initial £300 'seed' money was requested); the MUGA group seeks any additional support as they will have a large target to achieve; a petanque pitch had been proposed requiring approx. £500. The issues associated were aired and the Parish Council members there were therefore well briefed on each request.

5.3 Electors items – in this section the Parish Council were asked to accurately reflect the current climate of limiting Council Tax increases when reviewing the precept.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 19.50.

Signed..... (Chairman) Date 2012