

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Erpingham with Calthorpe held on Wednesday 14th May 2014 in the Village Hall, Erpingham

Present: Mr D Clayton, Mr R Daniels, Mr B Foord, Mr N Smith (Chairman),
Mr P Watson, Mr A Witham and 1 member of the public.

1. Chairman Norman Smith welcomed those present, apologies being received from Mr R Goodliffe, Cllr J Timewell (NCC) and PCSO A Spinks.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 8th 2013 were taken as read.

3. Chairman's Report

In my last report I mentioned Sir Thomas Erpingham unveiling the Village sign. Next year it is the 600 anniversary of the battle of Agincourt when Sir Thomas took the English archers into battle. With this in mind work has already started to mark the occasion. It is at early days but a number of events are envisaged which we trust will involve all within our community. Again last year I mentioned that funds had been raised to construct the Multi-use-games-area. This is now completed and used most days. I know that over the years many hours must have been spent by a few dedicated people endeavouring to get this village facility to completion and congratulations to all concerned. It is very gratifying to see people using the area who would not otherwise be involved with Village life which must be good for the future. The area is managed by your Parish Council with the MUGA committee responsible for the day to day administration. As regards Parish Council Business obviously we don't always have 100% agreement on various issues but I think it fair to say that by the end of each meeting any controversial issues have been dealt with. May I thank all my fellow Councillors for their support which makes my life easier and my particular thanks Martin, our Parish Clerk, for the professional way in which he guides us when dealing with what are occasionally complex issues.

4. Other reports

4.1 Norfolk Police –in a written report PCSO A Spinks advised of the ten offences recorded during the last twelve months.

4.2 Erpingham Village Hall

Chairman of the Management Committee Tony Moore reported on a year when the Village Hall and its grounds continue to act as a valuable focus for much village activity. Agreements have been established with the Bowls Club and with the Parish Council for the running of the MUGA. Following a fall in membership the committee is now once more well up to strength and plans a full and varied programme for the coming year. Financially, 2013-2014 resulted in a small deficit of £483 reducing balances to £10,718. The hall continued to be well used during 2013 with 50 Wednesday Coffee Clubs averaging about 50 customers. Carpet Bowls, the Parish Council and the WI all use the hall most months. A Pudding and Quiz evening in May and a Ghost stories and supper event were successful. Other users are Café Church (renamed Community Church for 2014) and the School. Private

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events have also increased and even the car park has been hired out rambles. The Play area continues to be well used by children of the village. There are currently 4 'teams' who carry out the weekly inspections which are a necessary requirement of our insurance and represent good Health & Safety practice. Repairs have been undertaken and more will be required. A great many people play a role in ensuring the on-going success of the Village Hall and their efforts are very much appreciated. A warm thank on behalf of everyone who benefits from our Village Hall to all our kind volunteers.

4.3 Erpingham Football Club – no report

4.4 MUGA – A Witham reported on the year when the MUGA was opened and was now used by four schools, for 'walking football', football training and tennis; user range in age from about 13 to 60ish.

4.5 N Norfolk District Council – Cllr N Smith reflected that Council tax was not increased.

4.6 Norfolk County Council - in a written report Cllr J Timewell reported a change in Highways personnel, the new governance at NCC and the expected solar park deal at Coltishall.

4.7 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.

4.8 Erpingham PCC – no report

4.9 Erpingham V C Primary School

In a written report the School had enjoyed a successful year with 35 on the roll. Collaboration with Gresham Primary and the Church, the school's specialism in Forest Schools learning and involvement of pre-school children all come together to give a recent Ofsted report that this is a Good School. Teaching, learning, leadership and management is strong and supported by able Governors and a committed parent body.

5. Open meeting – in the absence of further business the meeting closed at 19.25.

Signed..... (Chairman) DateJuly 2014