Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 in the Village Hall, Erpingham

Present: Mr D Clayton, Mr G Cox, Mr R Goodliffe, M/s B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mr N Smith (Chairman), Mr A Witham.

1. Chairman Norman Smith welcomed all those present.
2. Declarations of interest – none

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on November14th 2018 were approved and signed, proposer RG, all agreed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC - Highways matters/Lodge Lane – the Clerk read the NCC view on this flooding issue indicating that there was a plan to alleviate the flood risk. He would revert to NCC with queries raised.

4.2 Erpingham Church – signage. The Clerk had been in touch with NCC and had advised them of requested locations.

4.3 NNDC – School Road – the Clerk has asked for a street sweep which had been done.

5. Planning

5.1 Manor S/stn, canopy, (sales), containers (18/1936) – NNDC had advised the Clerk that the ‘sales’ area had been withdrawn and that they were now minded to approve.

5.2 Any other planning items - the Council were reminded that for a response to be submitted to NNDC all members should react to the notification as sent out by the Clerk.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report – in his report the Clerk confirmed that Jemco’s support would cease in 2019; the electricity charges are to increase; two other parish councils had made payments to support the October training evening, total income £101.55; the Council is committed to support the Calthorpe graveyard (£500); the Council is committed to support the Erpingham Dig project (£5000). NALC had confirmed the Clerks’ pay award for 2019; the increase is 2.5%. The Council confirmed the uprating with no change to the 6 hours per week, proposer GC, all agreed.

6.2 To review the Council’s grants for 2019; the Clerk provided the Council with a summary of previous income and expenditure items and the Council would request an unchanged contribution to grass cutting from the Football Club. The MUGA group would review their contribution to the parish council and the electricity supplier would also be reviewed. The Council agreed to support other bodies as follows: Erpingham PCC £100 towards grass cutting and NNCT £50 for community transport.

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6.3 To consider support needed by the Council (Norfolk ALC, Norfolk PTS) – the Clerk had circulated details of both organisations and the Clerk was asked to defer the item until March.

6.4 To following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer AW, all in favour:

- Erpingham w/Calthorpe Village Hall, hire £100.00 (cheque 0563)

- Information Commissioner, renewal £40.00 (0564)

- HMRC, paye £189.60 (0565)

- NPFA, subscription £20.00 (0566)

- Clerk’s pay (Dec, Jan) £270,72, £270.72 SO’s

The cheques were signed.

7. Reports

7.1 Clerk’s report – the Clerk asked members if any were interested in supporting the Norfolk Local Access Forum; he confirmed the dates for meetings in 2019 are:

**March 13th – May 8th – July 10th – September 11th – November 13th**

7.2 Members’ reports –

GC asked about a tree overhanging the A140 which the Clerk had advised NCC of; no action had been taken by them.

RG asked about the updating of the website, particularly for village events.

BG asked about speeding in School Road; WG agreed to include it in the SAM2 coverage.

NS asked about top dressing for the Village Hall carpark extension and stone would be placed there.

NS asked the Clerk to report a pot hole by Mole End on Eagle Road.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.30

Signed ......................................................Chairman Date......... March 2019