Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in the Village Hall, Erpingham

Present: Mr D Clayton, Mr G Cox, M/s B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mr N Smith (Chairman), Mr A Witham, and five members of the public.

1. Chairman Norman Smith welcomed all those present, with apologies received from Mr R Goodliffe.
2. Declarations of interest – DC re item 6.4 (payment).

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on January 9th 2019 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC - Highways matters/Lodge Lane – a meeting with NCC was being arranged to share the idea of a footpath to resolve the flood restriction. The Clerk would go back to the contractor about the missing grit bin at the A140.

4.2 Erpingham Church (signage) – the Clerk had advised NCC about the need for signs and proposals had been shared with the PCC – the PCC were put in touch with NCC.

4.3 NNDC – nil further.

5. Planning

5.1 Alby F/stn, hand car wash (18/2337) – the Council has no objection but stressed its concern that waste water be correctly disposed of.

5.2 Barn south of Manor Farm (PF/1935) – the Council has no objection.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report – the Clerk advised that the ICO had confirmed the Council’s registration for the next year. The Clerk had renewed the Council’s domain name for the website. He had requested the contribution for grass cutting from the Football Club, which was expected shortly. A review of the electricity pricing is in hand.

6.2 To consider support for the Village Hall sports shed/container – the Clerk read the request and following a proposal from the Chair the Council agreed to pay 1/3 of the total cost including laying a base, all agreed.

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6.3 To consider membership for 2019 of Norfolk ALC, Norfolk PTS – the Council agreed to remain with Norfolk ALC, and join Norfolk PTS.

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

- E.ON, electricity £87.16 (cheque 0567) \*

- Erpingham PCC £100.00 (0568)

- NNCT £50.00 (0569)

- Churches Trust (Calthorpe) £500.00 (0570) \*

- Clerk’s Expenses (Sep-Feb) £262.17 (0571)

- HMRC, paye £189.60 (0572)

- D Clayton, village hall materials £38.97 (0573)

- Clerk salary, (Feb,Mar) £270.72, £270.72 (SO’s)

- Standing Order amendments (March, April) (Letters to bank)

The cheques/letters were signed. (\* signed outside the meeting)

7. Reports

7.1 Clerk’s report – the Clerk had given Clarke Telecom permission to survey the parish land for a mast. The Clerk advised his holiday dates and reminded all those present that the timetable for the Parish Council elections is available via the Council’s website. He had been notified of a new regulation affecting the Council’s website which would relate to mobile and disability access.

The First Meeting of the Council is scheduled for **May 8th.**

7.2 Members’ reports –

GC reported that the telephone box had now been removed.

WG gave his SNAP report, advised that he had placed the SAM2 in School Road, as requested and thanked the Council from Calthorpe Church volunteers for the £500 donation.

AW advised that the hedges in School Road had been cut back and that a high failure rate in the new tree planting had resulted in a replacement scheme so that the bulk had now been reinstated.

BG reported an overhanging tree opposite the school which the Clerk would contact NCC about; she asked that a clothes bank be installed at the village hall.

In open meeting the Chairman indicated a small rise in Council Tax at NNDC and there was general enquiry about the allotments at Calthorpe.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed ......................................................Chairman Date......... July 2019