Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in the Spread Eagle PH, Erpingham

Present: Mr G Cox, Mr R Goodliffe, Mrs J Holmes, M/s B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mr N Smith (Chairman), Mr A Witham;

in attendance: Cllr J Timewell (NCC), Cllr J Toye (NNDC) and 10 members of the public.

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 November 12th 2019 were approved and signed, proposer BG, all agreed.

*The meeting was adjourned to allow public comment about the road changes to Eagle Road and NS outlined the history leading to the alterations. Cllr JT gave his proposals to address the problems and public comment covered the width, priority, damage, safety and footway size. Another item was the prospect of tree planting at the new development. The meeting resumed.*

1. Matters arising

4.1 NCC Highways – the Clerk had reminded NCC about the outstanding item (overhanging tree) and added the 30 mph sign near the village hall, which were in hand; NNDC had undertaken the street sweep in School Road. The Chairman, re the complaints about Eagle Road thanked WG, who had prepared an analysis of the changes and once he had updated it to reflect the public comment the Clerk was asked to submit this to NCC.

4.3 NCC – footpaths; the Clerk had asked NCC to look again at the damaged footbridge which was in hand.

4.4 Dog bins review – members had been considering additional locations and the Clerk initially would explore if a new location on NNDC land was possible between Chapel Road and Eagle Road.

5. Planning

5.1 Clarke Telecom, mast proposal for recreation ground – the Clerk had asked the agent to provide dates when a site meeting could take place.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report - the Clerk presented the latest bank statements for initialling and advised that he was seeking a new Internal Auditor for 2020.

6.2 Review of Council grants and awards – the Council reviewed the history of grants against the current budget and agreed to award the following:

NNCT £50 and CAB £50, proposer RG, all agreed.

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6.3 The following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer RG, all in favour:

- ICO, annual fee £40.00 (cheque 0594)

- NNDC, uncontested election fee £138.24 (0595)

- Epingham Leisure Hub, storage shed contrib. £236.89 (0596)

- HMRC, paye quarterly payment £194.20 (0597)

- SLCC subscription (50%) £53.00 (0598)

- Erpingham w/Calthorpe Village Hall, hire £120.00 (0599)

- Clerk’s pay (Dec, Jan) £276.92, £276.92 SO’s

The cheques were signed ( signed outside the meeting)

7. Play Area

7.1 Reports inc H & S - JH and BG reported no issues with the play area and NS gave an up date on the ‘hub’ being formed to fundraise for new equipment.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk’s report – the Clerk advised the Council about the NNDC plans for VE Day celebrations in May 2020; a meeting was to be held at NNDC on 20.1.20; he advised the Council about a police meeting to be held on 24.2.20. The Clerk gave the next date for a North Norfolk Forum Meeting. The next meeting would be at 7.30 pm on 11.3.20 at the Spread Eagle PH.

8.2 Members’ reports –

JH asked about verge damage by large vehicles.

AW advised that the ‘Agincourt’ group had replaced 100 of the original 600 trees in the village.

WG gave an update on the SAM sign use indicating compliance of 62-75%.

BG reported a damaged drain cover on The Street, east of the Village Hall; the Clerk would notify NCC.

NS told the meeting that a new priest would be licensed shortly.

In open business the Council heard further concern about the tree opposite the school and inadequate white lining; the Clerk would contact NCC.

The meeting closed at 20.25.

Signed ......................................................Chairman Date......... March 2020