

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH

The Annual Parish Meeting for Erpingham with Calthorpe

Wednesday 28th April 2021 held VIRTUALLY

Present: Mr R Goodliffe (Chairman), Ms B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mrs J Holmes, Mr A Witham and one member of the public.

1. After welcoming those attending and receiving apologies from Mr G Cox, Cllr J Toyne (NNDC), Cllr J Timewell (NCC), Chairman Mr R Goodliffe opened the meeting with the following -

Good evening and welcome to the Erpingham with Calthorpe Parish meeting, if you have not met me before my name is Rob Goodliffe, I have stepped into the Parish Council Chairman role this year with the support of fellow parish councillors, I am also the Tower Captain for the Erpingham bell ringers who have been sadly quite this year. This meeting is very much for the village, not just the parish council and in normal times we are able to get together, in the village hall, or the Spread Eagle and not only have the formal meeting, but also have the all-important mardle and chat with one another, hopefully next year o after a Parish Council meeting in the near future! Looking back this last year has set challenges and changes that we could not have imagined only 18 months ago. Many of us have provided and received support from our families, friends, neighbours and also those we did not know before, I think we can all thank each other for this and it really shows the strength and goodness at the heart of our community, village and beyond.

Many of us know of people who have passed away over the past year and we all mark this in our own ways. I would just to take this moment to remember one member of our community and our previous Parish Council Chairman, Norman Smith who passed away. He always sought to do the best for the village and I will always remember, as a 'point of fact', that we were able to meet one evening on the playing field to commemorate him, thanks to those who arranged this. Over the past year we have all got more used to meeting online, the Parish Council is no exception and has continued! We have continued to support good local causes, many of these services have been more valuable than ever. We have continued to pass on local concerns, reports, requests and queries when they are raised by parishioners so that they can be considered by the relevant organisations. Please remember many items, such as potholes can be reported directly to NCC online – it should mean they are fixed more quickly!

The Parish Council also took on the Play Area, a much loved resource to local families and young people. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee who took responsibility for this for many years, I hope we can continue in your footsteps and thank you to those who continue to do the day to day things to keep the area open. On taking on the play area the Parish Council initial completed safety work and are now looking to upgrade the play surface and boundary, we also have some 'volunteers' who will be looking into wider upgrades and improvements. Alongside the Playing Field, MUGA and Village Hall, we have through the hard work of the village some amazing facilities to be proud of.

Before I get back to the point of the meeting, can I challenge you all to a small, fun, activity? Take a look at an Ordinance Survey map of the parish and follow the parish boundary around the whole extent of the parish – you might be surprised how far you can go and still be in Erpingham with Calthorpe! Just try it. So, going back to the Annual Parish Meeting, thank you to those local group who have provided reports, these will all be included in the record of this meeting. As we have limited time this evening on Zoom, and before I open the floor, just a good luck to everyone on finding the new normal, let's make it even better than before. So, if you would like to speak please either raise your hand either virtually, or on the screen, we can then gauge how many wish to speak and then we can allot a period of time for each, sorry if you don't have long enough as I will stop you!

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2. OPEN MEETING –

Jon Payne – candidate at the forthcoming election – introduced himself and referred to the two issues he had encountered recently – the pig farm development; and work to improve the play area. He advised that NCC would be co-ordinating a community renewal fund which may allow the play area refurbishment to qualify.

The meeting heard about a proposal to place picnic benches near the MUGA, that the ‘book swap’ was now active at Calthorpe Church and included CD’s. The Churchyard there had been kept in good order by the Friends of Calthorpe Church. A like comment was passed about Erpingham church.

In closing comments the Chairman was thanked for taking on the role mid-year and thanks were extended to the work of the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 19.55.

Signed(Chairman)

Date: July 2021

Submitted reports:

Football Club - It has been a very stop start year, as we have moved from one lockdown to another, with the initial period allowing only 6 players to practice in a group. So we had 6 kicking a ball into the goal at one end of the field and 6 doing the same at the other!! Once we were allowed to start proper training again, with a maximum of up to 30 people, interest was good. The club continued training at Erpingham until the light began to fade in the evenings, then we moved across to Aylsham High School and their 3G pitch under the floodlights. On Saturday 15th August 2020 we took part in a 5 hour marathon football match, to raise funds for the NHS Charities Together and for Oscar Branston Tilley, who required a Pectus Excavatum Operation. At the end of the day we had managed to raise £370.00 for each of the two causes. The club continued to field 3 teams this season, the First and Reserves taking part in the North East Norfolk League on a Saturday afternoon and the Veterans playing on a Sunday afternoon in the Norfolk FA Veterans league. Results on the pitch didn’t always reflect the efforts that the players put in, but with both Leagues being made null and void for the season after the latest lockdown the Saturday teams are playing out an end of season Charity Cup while the Veterans and playing a number of friendlies. During lockdown the club managed to secure a Grant from the Football Foundation, which will be used to improve the playing surface of the pitch. Once this seasons games are out of the way we will be looking to have work down on the goalmouths and possible over seeding to improve the pitch for next season. Some internal work was carried out in the changing rooms during lockdown, with a partition wall being put up and new facilities being plumbed in to the toilet. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restriction and guidelines we have still not been able to try out the facilities to their full extent! Special thanks go to David Storer and Target Pest Solutions for the work they put into this project. Back to the onfield action and this coming Saturday, 1st May 2021, the Reserves are hosting Norton Athletic Reserves in the Third Round of the County Primary Cup. 2.30pm kick off at Erpingham. If anyone is interested in joining any of the teams please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Quinn, the club secretary.

Village Hall - We held a Quiz night that had 86 attendees in January and a Film night with 40 attendees in February. The hall closed from March till October, it then opened for 6 weeks for regular hirers closing again in early November. We are preparing to hold an opening day on Sat 3rd July in conjunction with the Church Fete. AGM held virtually via Zoom in March and 4 new committee members joined.

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Bowls Club - No activity other than green cutting, hedge-trimming and tree lopping took place last year. We will be opening the green as usual at the end of April this year.

Erpingham Leisure Hub Report - Established in May 2015 through the North Norfolk District Council / Sport England Clubs and Hubs initiative, Erpingham Leisure Hub has been independently run by local volunteers since October 2015, promoting and supporting engagement in sport and physical activities for all members of the community.

Working Practices - The Hub exists to support organised community sport groups with publicity and marketing, as well as providing a number of popular core activities - Carpet Bowls, Short Mat Bowls, Pilates, Walking Football and (when requested) New Age Kurling. The Hub continues to have capacity to assist any individual or group wishing to deliver additional sports within the parish.

Finance - Initially supported by grants from various local organisations, the Hub has become self-supporting through subscriptions and fundraising initiatives.

Current Activities - After a challenging year in which Hub activities were variously interrupted by covid-19 restrictions, it is anticipated that sessions will be able to resume in accordance with Government guidelines. Our core activities remain:

Carpet Bowls: Erpingham Village Hall (Sept to April)

Pilates: Erpingham Village Hall

Short Mat Bowls: Erpingham Village Hall (Sept to April)

Walking Football: Erpingham MUGA and Playing Field
New Age Kurling equipment is available for hire.

For further information contact erpinghamleisurehub@gmail.com

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Report - This award-winning facility has been in place since September 2013, during which it has continued to be well used by community members, whether for organised sport events with local groups or simply as a place where families and individuals can nurture a love of sport.

2020 - Throughout what has been a challenging year for all, the MUGA played a major role in providing an open air venue for permitted exercise. Casual use surged, and there was also a growth in bookings for planned group sessions, within the parameters specified by changing covid restrictions. Activity organisers found new and inventive ways of utilising the facilities, for example outdoor group basketball and socially-distanced Zumba sessions.

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Financial Support - The MUGA remains free to use, with just nominal charges for use of the floodlights (£5 per hour) and the tennis net (£10 per year).

The facility has been self-sufficient through:

- Sponsorship from the following local organisations and businesses:
 - DofyGate
 - Erpingham Leisure Hub
 - The Tax Factory
 - Withams Agricultural Contractors
- Personal donations
- Fundraising activities (e.g. Paper bank)

Governance and Maintenance

Management (both routine and strategic) is provided by a small committee which, in addition to ensuring long-term viability of the MUGA, also undertakes regular inspections and routine maintenance of the facility.