

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Wednesday 10th January 2024

Present: Mr Glen Carr, Mr Gerry Cox, Mr Rob Goodliffe (Chairman), Mr Bill Goreham, Mr Stephen Green, Mr Alan Witham; in attendance – Cllr J Toye (NNDC) and 29, then 12 members of the public

1. In the chair Mr R Goodliffe welcomed all present; apologies were accepted from Mr Richard Reeve and Cllr S Penfold (NCC)
2. Declarations of interest - none
3. The Council approved minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on November 8th 2023, proposer WG all agreed, and these were signed.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation and the Chairman outlined the background to the Council's involvement in applications for a telephone mast, including the most recent consultation in January 2023, which would come forward at the Planning Committee on March 7th. There was general public concern that a mast is needed to improve mobile signals since power outages and the planned removal of analogue landlines appears already to have started. The health and safety aspects of this issue were stressed. Some attendees left and the meeting resumed.

4. Matters arising
 - 4.1 Highways matters – NCC were reviewing their approach to the Eagle Road priority and further info is awaited. The Clerk would chase NCC on this.
 - 4.2 Paths – further advice from NNDC is awaited, and the Clerk would liaise on this with the County Councillor as well.
5. Planning
 - 5.1 8 John Franklin Way, Erpingham, s/s & 1st floor extens (23/2554) – the Council has no objection.
 - 5.2 Orchard Farm, Eagle Road, agric buildings etc (23/2513) – the Council has no objection.
6. Finance
 - 6.1 Report – the quarterly PAYE payment is due this month; NNDC had acknowledged the Council's precept for next year.
 - 6.2 To review the current year Parish Council grant support payments – the history of these payments had been circulated to members and the Council decided to make grants as follows, proposer GC, all agreed:

<i>Erpingham PCC</i>	<i>£250</i>	<i>Friends of Calthorpe Church</i>	<i>£250</i>
<i>NNCT</i>	<i>£100</i>	<i>Norfolk CAB</i>	<i>£100</i>

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6.3 The Council approved en bloc the following payments, proposer WG, all agreed:

- HMRC, paye	£284.80	letter
- E.ON, electricity	£48.15	(cheque 0220)
- ICO, annual fee	£40.00	(0221)
- Erpingham Village Hall, hall hire	£92.00	(0222)
- Mark Eade, bus shelter maintenance	£90.00	(0223)
- SLCC, annual subscription	£105.00	(0224)
- Clerk's salary [Nov, Dec]	£364.10, £364.10	SO's

The letter/cheques were signed.

7. To receive an update re placing a bicycle rack at the bus stop on the A 140, and agree expenditures required. The steps taken so far were reported and, whilst permission and quotes were still awaited, the Council approved the payments for a bicycle rack and groundwork for its installation, proposer WG, all agreed. The Clerk would advise the insurers to include the existing bus shelter on their list of assets.

8. Play Area

8.1 Health and Safety report/inspections update - GCa reported on the regular checks and the record book was signed. The general waste bin is not being emptied so the Clerk would contact NNDC.

8.2 To review the minor repairs needed as identified in the inspection report WG would coordinate a response to these with fellow councillors.

9. Reports

9.1 Members' Reports

WG gave an update on SAM signs, and the defibrillator; SNAP; he had represented the Council at the remembrance service, as well liaising with allotment holders and MUGA inspection issues.

AW asked about the 'dog field' planning applications.

RG raised concern that FP5 was blocked on the Erpingham/Blickling boundary. The Clerk would follow this up.

9.2 Clerk's Report – the Clerk advised that D Baker, MP was arranging a 'Teams' meeting about local mobile 'phone reception on 31/1/24 and members could contact him for the link. The APM was set for March 13th 2024 at 7.00 pm followed by the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council. The Clerk confirmed that his telephone line had now been restored.

10. Open meeting – a short discussion ensued about potholes and how to report them to NCC. With no other business the meeting closed at 20.55

Signed Chairman March..... 2024