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Minutes of Ingham Parish Council

27th November 2019

Present: Mr. D. Ames, Mr. J Deane, Mr. M. Burdett, Mr. F. Piggin, Mr. C. Pestell, Mrs. M. Bennett

Mr. R. Price County Councillor, Ms L. Shires District Councillor and members of the public.

Apologies: Ms W. Stanger, Mrs. S Bush

Minutes of the September 2019 Parish Council meeting: These were proposed correct by Mr. Ames and seconded by Mr. Piggin.

Matters Arising: The cost of the parish council election is £831.

It was noted that Mrs. McClean has proposed giving up producing the parish magazine, another parish resident may wish to take on this project.

Correspondence: Circulated by email

Pocket Park Funding

Briefing notes on changes to bus services in Norfolk. None in this area.

Digging up Norfolk. Windfarm underground cables.

Letter from Clr. Maragaet Dewsbury re Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service.

Temporary closure of Brumstead Road. 14.11.2019

Norfolk Association of Local Councils

Tree planting scheme. NNDC with Woodland Trust. Email to be forwarded for inclusion in parish magazine.

Finance: The £831 cost of the election were discussed with the councillors stressing the need to rebuild the finances as soon as possible to cover any future election and to work towards building a larger balance. It was noted that the parish share of the D band council tax cost was £8.51 in this financial year. It was further noted that it will not be possible to pay all grants fully, as budgeted, in this financial year due to the election costs.

It was proposed by Mr. Piggin and seconded by Mr. Burdett that the Precept for 2020-2021 be raised by 100% to £2,600. This was agreed unanimously by the council. It was proposed by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr Deane and agreed by the council that the election costs of £831 be paid. Grants for this financial year will be agreed at the next meeting.

Mr. Price confirmed that there are no costs for the parish council in regard to the 2020 Police and Crime Commissioner Election. It was suggested that NNDC could revert to the system of having a list of election charges given to parishes for reference when setting the precept as the confusion over possible charges and the eventual bill for the election has made financial planning difficult.

Planning: PF/19/1612 Dreamfields, Brick Kiln Road. Retrospective plans.

PF/19/1978 Manor Farm. Mr. Deane declared an interest and left the meeting. Plans received today, comments to the Parish Clerk

Any Other Business:

Councillors Lucy Shires and Richard Price gave reports.

Date of next meeting: 29th January 2020.

Public Question time: Further to the minutes of September 2019 there was a question regarding the Transparency Code. The council confirmed that we are aware of this code.

Mr Rosbottom would like to be notified of dates of the SNAP police meetings in Stalham should the council receive advance notice.

There was a question regarding Dark Skies and the problem of excessive outside lighting from buildings within the village especially on the junction of Mill Road/Calthorpe Street and at the Swan. Discussion took place.

There was a question regarding a caravan on land on Calthorpe Street, the council did not think there is a problem but would monitor.