



Congham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 28th January 2019

19011	Welcome to the meeting. Linda Grange (Vice Chair) Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
19012	To receive apologies and reasons for absence. Members Attending:- Linda Grange, Jeff Compton, Harold Frost, Norman Grief and Billy Williamson. M Roper (Hudson Fen) also attended. It was reported that L Rust had handed in his resignation.
19013	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 26th November 2018.
19014	Declarations of Interest. No one declared an interest.
19015	To receive reports from the County Councillor S Dark and the Borough Councillor T Tilbrook. Cllr T Tilbrook gave a report on the KLIC building which the Borough Council financed. Unfortunately no monies had been received so the building has been returned to Borough Council ownership. This will involve a public enquiry. Cllr T Tilbrook explained that "Lilly" now includes all age groups. www.lilly.org. 01553 616200. The Borough Council also funds a Night Shelter for 24 beds including 2 years funding for a psychiatric nurse and a doctor for the homelessness. County Cllr S Dark apologised for his absences at meetings due to his promotion to Chair of Children's Services Committee. The Committee has a budget of £185 million as part of the County Council's operating budget of 1.4 billion During the next 3 years new schools will be built. The Early Years budget of 10 million will be reduced to 5 million. A further 65 million will be invested in 0-5 years. Small local services were considered poor value for money and would be combined. Local Issue:- A149 Camera safety management and speed cameras will be installed with a 60 speed limit and some junctions will be redesigned.
19016	Public Participation Mary Roper (Hudson Fen) updated the Parish Council on the new equipment which had been added to the Play Area. Monkey bars have been installed and a new picnic table. The pétanque area is being replaced as it is not being used for its original purpose.
19017	Parish Council response to the potential developments along the Route from Knights Hill to the Docks and specifically the development opposite Bepak. <i>We have received a request for support from South Wootton particularly re access to Kings Lynn centre.</i> It was agreed to support South Wootton Parish Council regarding new housing developments along Edward Benefer Way.
19017	To consider the Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Lorne Green, public consultation on the county's policing budget for 2019/20. This consultation closes on the 30th January. Congham parish council discussed the request for increased expenditure. It was resolved to support an increase of £24 per year.

19018	Finance <i>It was resolved to agree the Budget for 2019 -2020.</i> The Precept for Congham will be £6023 (amended after discussion with the Borough Council). There will be no Borough Council grant next financial year (2019-2020). To consider the suggestions made by residents and councillors for the CIL contribution Two suggestions were put forward 1. Benches 2. Congham village signs. <i>The following payments were agreed.</i> a) Congham Hall £14.00 b) Clerk's salary and expenses. £362.40. HMRC. £78.80 c) Norfolk ALC £36.00 for election 2019 training.
19019	Neighbourhood Plan distribution of booklet progress. H Frost. Harold explained that the Neighbourhood Plan committee were investigating the cost of data analysis compilation following the return of the responses. Harold will seek an update on the costs and The NP budget for 2019-2020.
190110	Borough Council and Parish Council Election Planning. There are two sets of elections this year. As a result of the change in the size of wards there will be a change to the ward grouping Congham now falls within the Gayton and Grimston Ward. Residents will also have the opportunity to vote for their Borough Councillors. The Parish Council members are also up for re-election. The Clerk will bring nomination papers for completion, to the next Parish Council meeting. The final date for nominations to be submitted is the 3rd April.
190111	To receive correspondence. Chair 's Resignation. L Rust was thanked for all the valuable time he had given to the Parish Council as a member and as Chair.. Highway Rangers issuers included Mud on roads gullies to be cleaned out. Request that the signs be cleaned. Highways:- Pot hole on Grassy lane near junction with St Andrews Lane and a pothole on St Andrews lane near the junction with the B1145. Discuss with Sally Bettinson the hedge near the Anglian Water site.
190112	Dates for 2019/2020. The dates for the forthcoming year were presented and agreed.
	Signed..... 25th March 2019

