

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday March 27th 2012 at 7.30pm.

Welcome - Chairman Ben Bethell welcomed 8 members of the Council, 6 parishioners, Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles, Steven Farrell from Greater Anglia and Clerk Sonya Dickinson.

Apologies were received from Councillor Hannah Paul and Shirley Peters.

Minutes of the last APM were read by the Clerk.

Matters arising – None.

Report by the Chairman – Read out by Mr Bethell, copy attached. Councillor Ray Britt arrived during the report @ 7.40pm.

Adoption of Chairman's report- proposed by Councillor Ian White and seconded by Councillor Tony Gould, all in favour.

Reports from County and District Councillors, and any Local Clubs & Organisations:

Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles read his report – copy attached.

Brian also found out an answer to a question asked at the previous Parish Council meeting regarding the privatisation of the Police, he has found out there is to be no privatisation of the Norfolk Police.

Q: It was asked if Brian knew when fibre optic would be coming to the Acle exchange as South Burlingham are on that exchange and South Walsham Exchange as North Burlingham are under that exchange, Lingwood are on the Brundall Exchange which has been updated. A: Brian will find out.

Greater Anglia Customer Relations Advisor Steven Farrell: Steven reported that Dutch company Bellio Railways own Greater Anglia and are investing in Revenue protection and making travel safe, their officers are in green jackets patrolling the stations. Other big features are customer services. Rural stations have been neglected and Steven thought it would be good to have a liaison between us and James Steward, who is in charge of @ 50 rural stations, so Steven is our Customer Relations advisor.

There are lots of offers on leisure travel but as Lingwood is an unmanned station, we do not hear about them but Steven will keep us informed from now on.

Greater Anglia has no plans to get rid of conductors or have automatic ticket barriers.

Q. Sylvia asked if the parish Council is still involved with ENTUA. A. Yes.

Q. The footpath adjacent to the railway is full of rubbish and covered with brambles which has built up over the years and when the brambles die down the rubbish looks awful. Each year the Parish Council has to ask for the brambles to be cut back as they encroach on the footpath. A. This may have to be reported by Steven to Network Rail.

Ben told Steven that the Parish Council does not wish to have automatic crossing barriers and although this is a Network Rail issue, Ben asked if Steven can keep us informed if he hears anything.

Richard mentioned that when the football is on passengers increase but no extra carriages are put on, the same applies to the 8am, a single carriage on at the busiest time. More rolling stock is needed.

Councillors are to think of any other concerns and let Sonya know, so Steven gets one consolidated e-mail.

Questions from the floor None.

Closing Remarks: Mr Ben Bethell thanked all for coming.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.