

## **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm.**

**Present were:** Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chairperson, Lauren Bean, Mike Bredbere, Ray Britt, Cliff Fountain, Krisy Little, Richard Morton, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

**12/01. Welcome and Apologies:** Ben welcomed everyone, wished them a happy new year and thanked them for being involved with the Council and Community, he also thanked the Clerk, Sonya for sticking with it through all of the changes. Apologies were received from Tony Gould and Ian Chapman.

**12/02. Declarations of Interest:** Sonya Dickinson 12/10. B) ii).

**12/03. Public Forum:** We were joined by 1 member of the public along with Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian Iles said it's a new year and there are lots of positives to start it with. County has the funding for the NDR, they are getting the credits for the Kings Lynn incinerator and Government are giving £8.5 million extra funding this year. The theme of spending for the extra funding will be on young people to help them get apprenticeships.

Local issues:- We are still waiting to hear from NPS regarding the scheme in Lingwood.

There is more funding for repairs to holes in the roads.

Although Brian is not a District Councillor he said that Broadland District Council is one of the only Councils that still have money for grants.

**12/04. Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011:** It was noticed that on item 11/213., the declarations of interest made at the meeting had not been put on the minutes, the Clerk corrected this and the minutes were then signed as a true copy with the alterations being initialled.

**12/05. Matters arising from the Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011:** Fran Cousins has informed Ray that the pond cannot be completed by 16<sup>th</sup> March, Ray has informed Ed Stocker who gave the terms of the grant and he said that as long as the vegetation is cut back before the bird nesting season then other work can carry on in spring and summer.

The BMX signs arrived before Christmas but with some incorrect spelling, replacements have still to arrive.

**12/06. Action Log:** All works in progress to stay on but anything completed to be moved to a completed list.

Next facilities meeting: - Allotments: The track to the rear allotments is very muddy and the turning area at the far end is being used for manure and storage by allotment holders.

Wild flowers for the corner of the millennium Green.

**12/07. Correspondence:** Other than in circulation to Councillors or requiring a response.

a) BDC reply regarding moving the bin from Post Office Road Sign area to St Peters Road denied but it can be moved to the corner of Post Office Close by the dog bin. **Decision:** To be moved when the sign gets moved.

b) NPS informal car park proposal for the new orchard/woodland. **Decision:** It was resolved to accept. Clerk to ask if there is any chance a post that bikes could be locked to could be put on this area.

**12/08. Highways:** There has been a complaint from a resident from the Island, North Burlingham that BDC came and cut their hedge without warning.

Clerk to write letters to the following regarding overhanging conifer trees/hedges: 30 Station Road and the corner of St Peters Road with Chapel Road, to be cut before the bird nesting season.

**12/09. Planning:** a) 20111872 – Extension to Rear, Glee Barn, Acle Road, Lingwood, NR13 4ER.

**Decision:** Resolved to approve, 8 for and 1 abstention. **Full approval.**

**12/10. Finance:** a) Payments received from: i) None, NCC are no longer paying £150 towards the monitoring of the Parish Footpaths.

b) Permission to Pay: i) Mazars – External Audit Work £550 + VAT (Chq No. 661).

ii) S. Dickinson – Expenses Oct/Nov/Dec. £320.02 (Chq No. 662).

c) To consider Parish 'Handy man'. **Decision:** Put on Feb agenda to allow more time for replies to poster advertisement.

b) Budget and Precept for 2012/13. **Decision:** From the Budget it was clear to see that there will be a £1450 deficit if there is no increase in the precept.

It was resolved to increase by inflation + 4% which is 9%, this is an increase of £1,185 p.a. making the total precept £14,352 p.a.

It is worked out on Band D properties of which we have 908, the new precept is the equivalent of £15.95 per band D property, the national average last year was £45 per Band D.

Our population is @ 2580, which is £5.56 per person.

As, percentage wise, this seems a high increase a newsletter will go out in March to explain the increase, the new newsletters will include North Burlingham.

**12/11. Projects in progress:** (to be discussed if time permits & if not covered in previous items)  
None were discussed.

**12/12. Lingwood Reading Rooms:** Ray will look into a grant from BDC for refurbishing the Reading Room.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10 – Next meeting Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012.*

(The next Facilities Committee Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.30pm at Lingwood Methodist Chapel).