

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road,
Lingwood on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chair, Mike Bredbere, Ian Chapman, Tony Gould, Krisy Little, Giles Mack and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

14/66. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies received from Councillors Cliff Fountain and Ian White. Richard Morton has informed the Clerk that he will be approximately 15 minutes late.

14/67. Declarations of interest: None.

14/68. Public Forum: We were joined by 3 members of the public along with County Councillor Brian Iles and District Councillor David Ward.

A resident asked if the wild flower area on the green was still going to go ahead? At one point seeds were going to be sourced from North Burlingham but they could not be sourced there, then the triangle area got left to concentrate on the raised bed area. This could be put back onto the agenda for next year. It was suggested wild flowers be put around the edge of the green but the grass has grown so much that they either haven't grown or cannot be seen. It is not something that can be 'just done' it would have to be done properly. Mrs Simpson said she would find out more about how to go ahead with a wild flower area.

It was reported that people are using the ditch on Mrs Simpson's land at the corner of the Millennium Green as a toilet and she has asked if she could fence another section off to try and stop it. The Council sees no reason why the next section, to the agreed land swap area, cannot be fenced. Fencing from the gate to the ditch on the corner is going in next week and the land swap will be restarted.

It was asked if there could be some barrels for planting purchased and put next to the benches, Maureen said she would not mind planting them and taking care of them. Ben said he would meet with Maureen to discuss the options and costs but could not see why not. Perhaps the new bins could be purchased to match?

It was asked if the seats on the green need to be re varnished? May not need to be varnished but oiled with Danish Oil, Ben has done them once but they can be done again as there is a bit of oil left.

David Ward – Broadland Community Training Centre has started NEET training (not in employment or education training) and 71 people are on the programme.

Brown Bins for garden waste, Broadland have seen an increase in the amount being leased out to residents.

Councillor Richard Morton arrived at this time 7.48pm.

David Ward said that NCC have decided that next year the local tip at Strumpshaw is going to charge £2 each time it is visited, which is possibly the only one in Norfolk. At present only 1 ½ days per year are taken up by fly tipping collectors but this may increase when the charge comes into force. The only way to perhaps change the decision is to write in for a referendum to complain. Hedges may suffer as people will replace them with fences so they don't have to pay to get rid of hedge refuse each time.

Next Agenda: Strumpshaw Tip – New charges to come in 2015. David and Brian will find out the facts and Councillors are to look up details to make sure the Council knows all of the facts. Richard Block is the Head of Environmental Health and is the Broadland Contact for Councils.

David suggested that everyone looks around to see what fly tipping we get now, then it will be known and we can say if it does actually get worse.

Brian Iles – The new committee system started this week, one of them is ETD (Environment, transport and development), Brian will ask them about the tip.

Cut backs – County were going to take £1 million out of the Highways fund but are applying for a Government Grant to do the potholes that would suffer as a result.

14/69. Minutes of the meeting 13th May 2014: Were signed as a true record.

14/70. Matters arising from 13th May 2014 Meeting: 14/58. Complaints about the M. Green grass being scruffy and Clarkson Road not being cut at all. The Millennium Green is now looking ok but Clarkson Road has only had 1 cut and not good yet, the cuttings that are left may be dangerous when dry but too many to clear as the grass was allowed to get too long.
Decision: Clerk to e-mail CGM to see if they can take the cuttings away.

Ben wanted to mention that the Village Hall has got a contract to buy the land off of County Farms, the hedge between the two fields will be taken out before bonfire night so the cuttings can be disposed of on the bonfire.

Persimmon will start soon and would like to use the Village Hall electricity before the generator comes, they will only take any hedging down once an ornithologist has said ok. Most user groups will move to the Chapel Road School when the Hall is closed and move back when the new hall finished, if they come back some fees will be refunded.

Containers will be on the new village Hall site where the MUGA will eventually go as this won't be built in phase 1. Tenders are still being sorted which may delay the start date.

The new cleaner will have a broader roll once the new hall is up and running, she has proved very efficient so far in setting things up.

Ben also wanted to mention that his planning application had some non material amendments that required no special planning but just wanted to let people know that the drop kerb and doors are being moved.

There is currently 1 Councillor position but 2 possible candidates so far.

14/71. Correspondence & Action Log: a) NRCC invitation to their AGM – inform Clerk if you wish to attend.

14/72. Planning: a) 20140775 – Single Storey Rear Extension to provide Garden Room, Glee Barn, Acle Road, Lingwood, NR13 4ER.

Decision: Object by majority (6 to 2) on the grounds that it would be an overdevelopment of the Barn, which was originally given planning permission with a condition, that no further development was to be allowed so the character of the Barn was maintained.

b) 20140815 – Erection of Single Storey Conservatory to Front, 2 Phoenix Drive, Lingwood, NR13 4FB.

Decision: Unanimous Support.

14/73. Retention of Nursery Building as Community Space: NPS said that if planning is gained on the Orchard School Site, when the contracts go through, the Nursery Building and surrounding curtilage for parking etc. could be signed over to the Parish Council and would, without ransom, have the services put back on when the Road gets put in.

This has been talked about previously but not pigeon holed for any particular uses but the Council would like to encourage a Doctors Surgery.

This is @ ¼ acre site, the question is, does the Parish Council want to be responsible for another building?

It would be a long term asset which is what was said of the Reading room which is costing the Parish Council money to upkeep. The Reading Room is different as it is a historical building etc. and people are invested in it but the Nursery, if nothing came of it and it started to cost too much money then no one would be upset if it got sold or knocked down. The buildings are in decent condition and 2 surgeries have said they would possibly be interested in leasing it but needed more information. Financially it is an asset but potentially a small cost would be involved annually.

Decision: It was resolved that the Parish Council would like the Nursery and Curtilage. Ben will inform Andy Scales at NPS.

N.B. Councillor David Ward left at this time, 8.40pm.

14/74. Burlingham Green Amenity Space: New Lease to October 2035. As previously agreed the new lease will be signed to allow the certainty for a storage building to be put up.

14/75. Millennium Green: A parishioner from Post Office Close complained today about the placing of the zip wire as it will upset her dogs and in turn annoy the neighbours who already complain about the dogs barking.

It has been in action for the last 3 years and so not a snap decision, she made the point that no letter was sent to each household but Councillors thought that everyone around the Green had heard about the new equipment and that the equipment was placed far enough away to not upset anyone.

It was asked if there could be an additional dog waste bin at the Badger Homes end of the Green. Put onto the next agenda for decision.

14/76. Highways: The A47 signs to Burlingham House and Dell Corner Lane are still missing and this is an accident waiting to happen, residents even find it hard to see the junction without the signs and cars are braking at the last moment which may in time cause an accident. The Clerk has been asking about this since February and it was passed to a different department as it is the A47. **Decision:** Clerk to chase again.

Telegraph pole on Station Road - Highways have said nothing can be done but now the hedge has grown there is not enough room between the hedge and pole, as predicted.

Decision: Tony to take photos and Clerk to enquire again as to what can be done.

Has North Burlingham Bowls Club been written to regarding the parking on both sides of the Road, making it narrow and dangerous? No but the Clerk will write a letter to ask that members park on one side of the Road and enclose a copy of the photo sent to the Council.

Highways to be informed that St Peters Road has also suffered sinking and the surface being spoiled from the big lorries that went to the Badger site on St Edmunds Road.

The footway drop kerb at the corner of Post Office Road and Chapel Road. – Clerk to ask Highways why this has not been sorted and stopped even though they said they had written to residents.

14/77. Finance: a) Payments Received from: i) BDC New Homes Bonus 2012-13 £4,857.67 & S106 payment for park equipment less £28,380 for path we received twice = £1,537.38

b) Authority to Pay was given for: i) K. Monsey - May Cemetery Grass £240. (Chq 196).

ii) CGM April and May Millennium Green Grass £128.71 + VAT. May Verges £167.14 + VAT. (Chq 835).

iii) P. James Internal Audit. £67.50 (Chq 836).

iv) Web Plus Version X7 @ £90. Authority to purchase given.

iv) A Bowyer footpath report £150. (Chq 837).

c) To sign off annual accounts for External Audit.

The accounts had been internally audited and it was resolved to sign the accounts to be sent to the External Auditors, Mazars.

N.B. the Reading Room Accounts do not get sent off to the External Auditors but were checked and found to be ok, the Reading Room lost £319 last year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35 – Next meeting Tues 1st July 2014.