

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road,
Lingwood on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chair, Mike Bredbere, Cliff Fountain, Tony Gould, and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

14/78. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies received from Councillors Giles Mack, Richard Morton and Ian White, District Councillor David Ward also gave apologies. Ben has received a note from Hannah Paul, informing him that she would like to resign as Councillor, she has enjoyed her time on the Council but is struggling to get to meetings.

14/79. Declarations of interest: Cliff Fountain, Planning a) Redevelopment of Orchard Site School, his sister's property backs onto the site.

14/80. Public Forum: We were joined by 4 members of the public along with County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian Iles- Committees are running NCC, Economic development is a sub-committee which seems to have a lot of power considering there is only 6 on the Committee, this needs to be made a full committee if it is to have this power. The sub Committee has made 1 decision already that County Farms are not allowed to sell any land, which may be a problem for any land that is going through at the moment and has not completed.

Highways budget was reduced by £1 million but they applied for and received a grant of £3 million from the Government which was required for pothole repairs.

A resident was horrified at the size of the zip wire, she knew where it was going but not the size of it. When the workmen were there they were swearing and she had to take children inside because of the vicinity. Ben said that the size of the zip wire was not fully realised from the plan and pictures but a hedge could be put along the mound to lessen the impact. There is @ 9 metres between the path and hedges and then the zip wire is the other side of the path. The decision to have a zip wire and the placing of it was made for the right reason because of the slope and perhaps when it is weathered it may blend in a bit better. The Council appreciates residents taking the trouble to come to meetings and letting them know when there is a problem.

John checked with the Clerk that she had put the new fly tipping sign on the allotment gate and asked if a lock could be put back on as a few people are still fly tipping their garden rubbish on the site. A new law has been passed and there is now up to a £90,000 fine for fly tipping. Broadland used to lend cameras to catch fly tipping the Council could put them at the allotments if it gets bad. The Clerk will get a new weatherproof lock for the gate.

Litter picking- there are lots of McDonalds wrappers on the green and on the Village Hall Green, people have also been seen having a BBQ in the middle of the Village Hall Green. Cars on the Village Hall Green are the main problem.

The Bottle banks are moving when the building starts they have generated a lot of income but created a lot of mess when people just dump other rubbish by them.

It was asked if it was known who cuts the grass at the end of St Andrews by the Green?

Broadland has always cut the end of St Andrews Road for at least the last 20 years so Maureen telephoned them but they said to ask the Parish Council, she rang them again and they have since been and cut it. This piece of land is definitely Broadland District Council's responsibility but they could be asked if they want to delegate it.

Are there going to be instructions on how to use the new park equipment? Yes

The footpath from the Church Road to Post Office Road is really overgrown. The Clerk will inform Highways, it borders a County Farm so they may be responsible. Brian said that it may have been left by mistake as Highways has had problems with their grass cutting contractor this year.

Maureen asked if she could have some money for more plants and ongoing maintenance.

The Council appreciates Maureen looking after the plants and said that she can purchase the items needed.

At the Railway Station on the left hand side there is an area which gets planted up and maintained by a volunteer, Pat would like more volunteers to help with this as it has been 25

years since the award for best kept Station has been won. There are 4 beds for plants, plants have already been sourced.

Tony has upgraded the website to Serif X7, it is not quite complete as the Village Hall groups are not there much longer and he needs to know where they are going so he can put the new info on. The site will go live tomorrow evening. Ben said the Council thanks and appreciates all of Tony's hard work.

Ben reminded everyone that the Public Forum should only take @ 10 minutes and recently it has taken @ 40 minutes, although the Council does like input from the Community, if there is a large agenda then the Public Forum will have to be capped to the 10 minutes. Any issues that the Clerk can deal with or that can be passed onto Councillors prior to the meeting for them to bring up should be done outside of the meeting.

Ann said she would like to see anything that has been dealt with in this way on Correspondence.

14/81. Minutes of the meeting 10th June 2014: Were signed as a true record.

14/82. Matters arising from 10th June 2014 Meeting: Ref Strumpshaw tip – Ann wrote to NCC/BDC to ask if there is going to be a charge at Strumpshaw tip and if so when. They said that due to having to make £189 million savings they will have to charge, the charge will come into effect 1st April 2016 and will be £2. Strumpshaw is 1 of the 9 recycling sites to have this charge but the other 11 will remain free of charge, the free ones are miles away from this Parish. They may close the centres if they cannot afford to run them. Perhaps a £1 per trip but at all 20 centres would be better than a £2 charge at the selected 9. Clerk to e-mail

14/83. Correspondence & Action Log: a) Broadland District Council - Training at the Eco Cube letter, was read out. **Decision:** Discounted rates for Broadland Residents - put a link onto the website for the Community.

Action Log – Fly tipping sign at allotments completed. Cemetery Benches and fence posts re fixed, being done this week. A47 signs to Dell Corner Lane have been put back.

14/84. Planning: a) 20140979 – Redevelopment of Site for Residential Development and Retention of Existing nursery Building for Community Use (Outline). Lingwood Primary School, Chapel Road, Lingwood, NR13 4NX.

Someone asked why the land could not be given to the Community but as previously discussed, something has to help pay for the new Primary School, at least, after negotiations, there is a significant piece being given to the Parish for a possible Doctors Surgery. The fact that the Nursery Building and room for a parking area is being given to the Parish Council, along with the fact that the trees are staying are all good news. The front piece will be open space and drainage and the bus bay as it has been left outside of the boundary of this planning application means it may be able to be kept as a Community piece or adopted by Highways and the possible site of a new bus stop.

Decision: Support.

Councillors would like to state that the support is for the plan as it is, i.e. the bungalows where there are bungalows, the trees to stay as per the plan and the adoption of the Nursery Building by this Council to go ahead.

N.B. Councillor Cliff Fountain did not vote, declaring an interest.

b) 20140574 – Live Work Development including Independent B1 Office Space, Land at Lodge Road, Lingwood, Amendment to the plans, these can be viewed if you go on www.broadland.gov.uk/plans and insert the above application number.

Some of the research was out of touch as the Railway they quote hasn't been there since the 1920's. Many details are assumptions such as, "could be demand" and "would consider Lingwood". Other schemes similar across the Country have failed and the units then turned into residential.

Decision: The Council is still unanimous in its Rejection of this application and would like to put all of its previous comments forward along with the comment that Savilles and Roche

were paid to find a demand for the units and clearly struggled, a Rectory or Farm House with outbuildings is not the same as these units and definitely not the same as an office block. The scheme still appears to provide no tangible benefit to residents of the Parish, is of the wrong scale and location.

N.B. The Clerk, Sonya Dickinson lives adjacent to the proposed development but does not speak or vote at Parish Council Meetings.

14/85. Millennium Green: a) To discuss planting some hedging along raised bank beside the Zip wire. There is going to be a small mound between the zip line and the path, to stop people accidentally riding into the path of the zip line, should small hedging be put along there or possibly something the other side would be advisable to soften the impact of the zip line but with 3ft stock fencing around it to keep it contained as well as protecting it. The BMX hedge is taking a long time to grow. **Decision:** It was resolved to get costs for Stock fence and hedge for the Western side of the zip line.

b) To discuss another dog bin for Badger end of the Millennium Green. It was also noted that the brambles at that end need to be cut back.

Ben has a spare Dog bin given by a resident so this does not need to be purchased but the cost of emptying is £3.85 per week, @ £200 pa. The problem is you could put 10 bins on the Green and still some people wouldn't pick up after their dog. **Decision:** It was resolved that the bin be put into place, Ben will let Sonya know when in place and she will let Broadland Know that there is an extra bin on the Millennium Green to empty. Councillors would also like the Clerk to inform Broadland that they would like the bin on the corner of Station Road and Post Office Road reinstated.

c) To choose new bins and planters. The new bins need to be the same size if not larger than the current bins because Ann the Litter Warden has to empty them between the weekly bin emptying. The last bins were of thin metal and did not last due to the lids not being put back on properly, the Durapol ones seem robust and started from @ £365 + extras and fitting but the cast Iron ones, although a lot more expensive, would last far longer, 2 planters of similar appearance would look nice. **Decision:** Spend the 'new homes' bonus on the 3 to 4 new bins and 2 planters. The expected cost is £5,500 + VAT, Clerk to ask if would fit for free.

d) Complaint about an overhanging tree on the green. This is ref the memorial tree planted by Mrs Simpson, the Council has spoken to the Tree Warden when first complained about and the Tree Warden said that this is not a vigorous growing tree, the tree could also be pruned and kept at a manageable size and the roots will not be a problem as they grow to the size of the canopy.

The tree on the avenue of trees has broken but looks like it will survive. The gate has been left open twice this week so it should have a new lock bought for it.

14/86. Verge Grass Cutting: To discuss cutting Avondale Close corner and Church Road if found not to be Highways responsibility. ~Church Road has since been cut and as Brian Iles had mentioned previously, Highways have had problems with their contractors this year, missing areas that need cutting etc.

Avondale is land that the builders of the Close left for recreation, like the Clarkson Triangle. This area has a hedge to be cut which could be done at the end of the Bird nesting season and before the Village bonfire this will minimise costs. The area will need to be cleared before it can be mowed as there may be debris. **Decision:** It was agreed that the area be cleared and that it be put onto the grass cutting schedule for next year.

14/87. Highways: Nothing new to report although there was a telephone query regarding the overgrown hedge along the new footway on Station Road. The Clerk has reported this to Highways, although, as it is still Bird nesting season, it may just be that they cut the brambles that are poking out.

14/88. Finance: a) Payments Received from: i) BDC, Glass/textiles Recycling £602.

b) Authority to Pay was Requested for: i) K. Monsey - June Cemetery Grass £240. (Chq No. 192).

ii) CGM June Millennium Green Grass cutting and weed spraying & June Verges. Invoice not yet received.

iii) Re imbursement to Clerk S Dickinson for Credit card purchase of £82.07 inc VAT for Web Plus Version X7. (Chq No. 838).

- iv) Clerk's expenses for April/May/June. £ 195.22 (Chq No. 839).
- v) NPFA 2014/15 subs £30. (Chq No. 841).
- vi) Viking Printer ink and file dividers. £83.82 (Chq No. 840).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35 – Next meeting Tues 22nd July 2014.

N.B. Following the meeting there was a short Personnel Meeting.

Cleaner for Reading Room and Village Hall, a job advertisement will be circulated and then put onto the website.