

## **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Lingwood Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present were:** Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chair, Ian Chapman, Cliff Fountain, Tony Gould, Brenda Jones, Giles Mack, Richard Morton, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

**15/032. Welcome & apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Mike Bredbere, Krisy Little and Roz Simpson.

**15/033. Declarations of interest:** Richard Morton, Ian Chapman and Brenda Jones, Item 15/039. As they are all members of Burlingham Cottage Gardeners.

**15/034. Public Forum:** We were joined by 2 members of the public.

**15/035. Minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015:** Were signed as a true record.

**15/036. Matters arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 Meeting:** Dropped curb; Ben tried to get in touch with the person they suggested on their e-mailed response to the Clerk but he wasn't there, Ben will try again tomorrow.

**15/037. Planning:** a) 20150297 – 2 No. Illuminated Advertisement Boards, Land along A47, Lingwood, NR13 4ST. **Decision:** Unanimous objection on the grounds that the signs would be distracting on an already dangerous stretch of the A47.

**15/038. Correspondence:** a) VE Day 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beacon lighting, 9.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May, it was suggested that a Veteran and a young Scout or Cadet be present and perhaps a trumpet or whistle salute and speech precedes the lighting. **Decision:** Ben will ask the Scouts if they wish to be involved, the evening could run from 9.15pm to 9.45pm.

**15/039. Burlingham Green storage Building:** Richard read out a letter from Chris Gates, Chairman of Burlingham Cottage Gardeners. The Cottage Gardeners have been raising funds for the new storage building for Burlingham Green and quotes have come in higher than originally thought. The building is £5,060, the Slab base is £1,420 and the compost toilet is £1,100 = £7,580 as opposed to the original estimate of £6,100 this has taken £1,480 out of their replacement marquee fund. Burlingham Cottage Gardeners members have pledged to underwrite the Open Gardens event if it is a wash out.

Burlingham Cottage Gardeners have been going for @ 5 to 6 years now.

It was asked what happens to the storage unit if Burlingham Cottage Gardeners disbands, Brenda said Chris suggested it would be donated to another group such as a Scout Group. Ben would rather it came to the Parish Council so it could continue to be a Parish Asset and used by any group in the Parish that wished to, only if the Cottage Gardeners disbanded. If this is a contingency for the Marquee, how can it be justified?

The other funds have come from their own bank accounts and open gardens. The Parish Council pledged £1,000 at the start, if £1,500 added and it was used towards the purchase of the building, Section 106 could be used to purchase it.

North Burlingham hasn't had anything from the Parish Council yet as the Park equipment that was suggested by the Parish Council was not in demand. Burlingham Cottage Gardeners would maintain the building as they would be the only users. Burlingham Cottage Gardeners have already paid half of the £5,060 as a deposit.

At this point Richard Morton, Brenda Jones and Ian Chapman left the room.

The Parish Council would not be comfortable just handing the money over for a contingency fund. £2,500 towards the purchase of the building + insurance for the building could be given if ownership of the building was given to the Parish Council, who would then lease it back indefinitely for free, as long as it was maintained by the Cottage Gardeners. **Decision:** It was resolved to offer Burlingham Cottage Gardeners £2,500 towards the building plus the buildings insurance as it would be part of the Parish Council's property portfolio.

At this point Richard Morton, Brenda Jones and Ian Chapman re joined the meeting, they will take the decision back to their Chairman for discussion.

**15/040. Highways:** It was reported that the Anglian Water pipes on the South Walsham Road, North Burlingham burst on a fairly regular basis, leaving residents without water.

**Decision:** Clerk to ask Anglian Water if any improvements can be made to the pipes to stop this occurring.

It was reported that there were 3 accidents at the junction of Lingwood Lane with the A47 last week and it was asked if this should be a no right hand turn into it to alleviate this. Ben said it will probably all be sorted when the A47 improvements happen.

**15/041. Finance:** a) Cheques agreed at 3<sup>rd</sup> March Meeting, to be signed.

i) Churchyard Grants £130 each as agreed in March for April 2015 on, for St Peters, St Andrews and St Edmunds. (Chq. No's 898, 899 and 900).

b) NALC Subs £355.48 (Chq No. 901).

c) SALC Subs £118 (Chq No. 902).

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00 – Next meeting Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015, after the Annual Parish Meeting.*