

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road,
Lingwood on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

14/140. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Ian Chapman, Brenda Jones, and Ian White.

Ben thanked Anne for bringing mince pies for everyone.

14/141. Declarations of interest: Sonya Dickinson, Cliff Fountain and Krisy Little, Finance- They have children who attend Acle Academy.

14/142. Public Forum: We were joined by 5 members of the public along with County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian Iles – The Committee Brian is on has been fighting against Highways cuts.

Ref the Chapel Road, Orchard Site, County is not opposed to Supported living (which is the new name for Residential Care) but any land purchaser would have to apply for relevant permission.

Broadband – by the end of 2015 they say 98% of homes should have reasonable Broadband. Lingwood is good but South Burlingham is not (Acle Exchange) and North

Burlingham/Burlingham Green is not (South Walsham Exchange).

Maureen apologised for the fact she hasn't kept the flower bed up at the moment, Councillors acknowledged that it is winter and they did not expect it to be.

Tony Grosvenor informed Councillors that the website has @ 500 hits per month. He asked if the Village Hall facebook page could inform people of the Website like the Parish Website directs people to the Village Hall facebook page? Ben said that if there is something pertinent to the Parish then it could be put on the facebook page to look at the website.

14/143. Minutes of the meeting 4th November 2014: Were signed as a true record.

14/144. Matters arising from 4th November 2014 Meeting: Ben attended the meeting at the Railway Crossings with Brian Iles, David Ward and the Railway Safety Officer and it is suspected the accident was down to human error. Ben asked again about the possibility of having a pedestrian bridge installed, they have said no in the past but there is no harm in asking again.

14/145. Correspondence: a) Broadland District Council – Neighbourhood Plan Workshop, 7th January 2015, 10am – 4.30 pm, response by 19th December. **Decision:** Councillors to inform Clerk if they wish to attend.

14/146. Action Log: Ben has been to the School ref the time capsule and will finalise in Jan. The Sundial beacon attachment is to be installed then David is to be contacted so he can come and work out where the ground markers go for a work party to install.

The land swap agreement has been signed and the Solicitors have come back with a quote. Football wall, Ben has no time at the moment, it was resolved to ask Herbie to do it.

Tree sponsor certificates will be done in Dec/Jan.

Bins and planters to be ordered once the fixings required have been agreed with Herbie.

Cemetery benches, fence and Lych Gate, Herbie has been given the go ahead.

Telegraph pole on footway on Station Road, Brian Iles spoke to them and they should be moving it next week.

Avondale grass area to be cleared – Kevin Monsey has been asked to quote.

14/147. Formal Risk Assessment and Review of Internal Control: It was resolved to adopt the formal Risk Assessment and Review of Internal Control prepared and circulated by the Clerk.

N.B. The Clerk is to give bank balances to Councillors on a quarterly basis.

14/148. Highways: The Councillors have talked in the past about a speed limit by the School and not had much success due to lack of Street lights etc. The new School on Station Road has the same problem with speeding and the added problem of inconsiderate parking. Blofield has a 20mph limit without streetlights but on a time limit, i.e. when the School starts and finishes. A time limit such as this on the Lingwood School may not be a good idea as it is in constant use throughout the day by the Children.

Highways should be asked about all avenues of speed control and parking. **Decision:** It was resolved that a meeting be set up with Brian Iles, Highways, the School and Parish Council to discuss options available. Brian will get dates that he and Highways can do and let Sonya know so she can arrange with the School and Councillors for a meeting to be held at the School.

Richard informed the Council that Highways Bedford should be written to regarding the A47 Road closure from Acle to Blofield on 10th to 17th November, as no notice was given to residents. The Highways dept obviously also did not know that North Burlingham is land locked by the A47 and residents were blocked from getting to their homes and had to get out and move cones in order to access their homes.

Decision: Clerk to e-mail Highways Bedford and copy Brian Iles in.

Brian – The dualling of Burlingham section of A47 should be ‘shovel’ ready but they’ve asked for another feasibility study.

Tony reported the footpath from Chapel Road to Station Road is being used more now the new School is open and it is really muddy. **Decision:** Clerk to email ref Parish Partnership and safer routes to School.

N.B. it was mentioned for info that the Queen Elizabeth Bridge/Dartford Crossing has a new toll system, with fines for non payment. The toll is payable from mobile phones but also pre payment cards can be purchased before travelling and are definitely available from Brundall Post Office.

14/149. Finance: a) Authority to Pay was given for:

i) K. Monsey Nov Cemetery Grass £ 144 (Chq No. 202).

ii) Bighton Builders – Reading Room renovations £8,513.09 + VAT. (Chq No. 872).

iii) CGM Grass Cutting. **Decision:** It was resolved that the Clerk works out with the final cut what is to be paid.

iv) Play Inspection £108.05 inc VAT (Chq No. 875).

v) Rogers Norton Solicitors 1st Payment on account of £500 to transfer Nursery School Building. (Chq No. 876). The Solicitors fees will be @ £3,500 as clauses will have to be built in to any purchase contract to protect the Parish Council from buyers of the rest of the site potentially ‘land locking’ the nursery building.

b) Retrospective payments: i) Royal British Legion Wreath Donation £50 (Chq No. 873).

c) Footpath Report £150 (Chq No. 874).

d) ENTUA Subs, £10 (Chq No. 880).

e) Acle Academy funding request for Composting equipment. **Decision:** Acle Academy is the feeder School for Lingwood and Burlingham. It was resolved that £50 be given toward their project. (Chq No. 877).

f) Norfolk Rural Community Council, Community Fuel Scheme, Membership fee £20 p.a. or £60 lifetime membership. **Decision:** It was resolved to pay for the lifetime membership. (Chq No. 878).

g) Solicitors fees, quote for land swap at Millennium Green @ £600. **Decision:** It was resolved to go ahead with Rogers & Norton Solicitors for the Land Swap.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50 – Next meeting Tues 13th January 2015.