

## **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Lingwood Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**Present were:** Mike Bredbere, Brenda Jones, Tony Gould, Giles Mack, Roz Simpson, Simon Stevens, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

N.B. Due to the absence of a Chair and Vice Chair, it was resolved unanimously that Giles Mack stand in as Chairperson.

**16/14. Welcome & apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chair, Ian Chapman and Richard Morton.

**16/15. Declarations of interest:** Giles Mack – Finance c) as on the BADCOG Committee. Simon Stevens and Brenda Jones – Finance d) as on Burlingham Cottage Gardeners Committee.

**16/16. Public Forum:** We were joined by 4 members of the public, District Councillor David Ward and County Councillor Brian Iles.

Public; Allotment holder – There is a problem getting cars onto the allotment site as the grass is so long and with lots of trailers dumping green rubbish, the track has been churned up.

The cars are axle deep in mud, there needs to be a path maintained. The original 11 allotments had it in their contract that they could use the green fill waste site but all of the other allotments and Parishioners seem to be dumping their rubbish too, it has now been used, with permission, by BADCOG but it is now so full it has spread across the car park. It is to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting which is 1<sup>st</sup> March, to discuss the path, grass cutting and clearing of the Green waste site. If the green waste site is cleared then it will be taken away completely as it is encouraging fly tipping and since Norse cleared it and stopped using it a few years ago it will fall to the Parish Council to clear it each time.

Brian Iles: NCC budget discussions – 80% of budget rejected but a compromise has now been reached.

The top slicing can only be done for so long but cannot go on forever and it has reached the stage that no more top slicing can be done without affecting services.

Local issues 1) pot holes – get them done as soon as possible before funding runs out.

2) The DEFRA grant has come to an end so some farmers, who leave paths around the edge of their fields, are now closing some of these permissive footpaths.

3) 30mph bin stickers – Brian attended a photo shoot at Beighton.

Councillor Simon Stevens asked if NCC is affected by the Government removing another grant for rural Communities thus making rural Council tax more expensive than City Council tax.

Brian; there are not enough voters in rural areas for Government to take notice of and it will mean that City Council Tax will be less also as it is divided between more people.

Councillor Giles Mack said that on the pot holes issue, they are hard to claim against for tyre damage etc. as negligence is hard to prove. Brian; Take pictures of the pot hole with a ruler in the hole.

David Ward: Devolution is the big topic at the moment. This means Norfolk will probably be joining Suffolk and may mean a Mayor needs appointing but this is not a certainty. David will get some more information and handout leaflets from the next meeting he goes to.

Councillor Mack; are there any websites people can look at to find out more? Not at the moment as it is still in the early stages.

Pest Control – After March Broadland District Council are withdrawing the free household service. If you know of anyone that has a rat problem, you can report them and they'll have to pay.

Public; It's extortionate for a person to have to pay for the service.

David is meeting with Davina Gallaway of the Highways Agency regarding overpasses and roundabouts for the A47, David would like someone from the Parish Council to go along and put the Parishes point of view across. It would be in the next 2 or 3 weeks at the Blofield Court House.

He also telephone Highways about the layby which was removed on the A47 and they told him it was an illegal layby as it was not large enough to turn into and out of. They have still to come back to the Clerk.

Councillors Simon Stevens and Giles Mack would like to attend the A47 junction meeting – David will let Sonya know when it will be.

Brian said the original design at the White House was a dumbbell design with 2 roundabouts either side of the A47 with a road over.

Public; It was asked if the Orchard Trees had been ordered. Councillor Ian White said he had left a voice mail for Ernest but not spoken to him yet.

Maureen; checked it is ok to purchase fertiliser for the Millennium Green planters. Yes.

*N.B. NCC Brian Iles left at this time. 8.10pm.*

**16/17. Minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** Were signed as a true record by Councillor Giles Mack.

**16/18. Matters arising from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Meeting:**

Sundial - Mr John Peters has donated £500 for the Millennium Green Sundial project, which is much appreciated.

**16/19. Action Log:** David has ordered the granite from Abbey Memorials and they are sending the VAT invoice to the Clerk.

**16/20. Correspondence:** a) There have been a couple of e-mails from allotment holders regarding having the grass cut and the green waste cleared. The grass has never been cut by the Parish Council, it has always been maintained by Norse as they were allowed to use the area for a Green waste site, since they no longer use it they have stopped maintaining the area. **Decision:** It has been decided to put this onto the next agenda.

b) E-mail from a resident of Chapel Road, Strumpshaw, ref the flooding on the Road, near the Orchard Site School area. The Clerk went to take pictures but there was no flooding at that time so the resident has e-mailed the Clerk pictures and they have been forwarded to Highways.

**16/21. MUGA:** To consider quotes for MUGA. Four quotes have been received, prices varied from @ £97,000 to £165,000.

Smiths Sports & Civils £96,724.30, Play Innovation £117,471.20, Jupiter Play £126,000 and Sovereign £165,119.65

The cheapest quote, Smiths, was the only one who has specified drainage but they say 20 x 40m is not large enough for some FA guidelines so have not quoted for football goal ends or markings, the Clerk estimates these would probably come to no more than £250 for the markings and £1700 for the goal ends but will get a proper estimate tomorrow.

**Decision:** It was resolved that Councillors Ian White and Simon Stevens will look at the quotes carefully to make sure there are no large specification differences and let the Clerk know in the next couple of weeks, then if the adjustment to the quote from Smiths Engineering comes in under £105,000 then the Clerk can give the go ahead.

**16/22. Bus Shelter Norwich Road, Nr Homelea:** (Enough space on footway for 2m wide with ¼ panels). Nothing more to report ref planning application £97.50 and grant.

*N.B. District Councillor David Ward left at this time. 8.45pm*

**16/23. Highways:** The Clerk has not yet heard back from AMEY as to why the layby has been taken away without consultation or study into its use, or about the letter of complaint that was forwarded to them, which was received from the resident at the old Post Office site. Flooding reported to Highways between No 7 – 11 Chapel Road, Strumpshaw/Lingwood boundary.

Green Lane, North Burlingham still floods. Clerk to report to Highways.

A47 Committee - David Ward to contact the Clerk with the date for Councillors Simon Stevens and Giles Mack to attend.

**16/24. Finance:** a) Authority to pay: i) Methodist Chapel Rent for April 2015 to end of March 2016 £208. (Chq No. 966).  
ii) Came & Company Insurance renewal @ £1,068.36 – tied in until March 2018, (Chq No. 967).  
b) Retrospective payments: i) Anglian Water – allotments £45.17 (Chq 963).  
ii) Councillor S. Stevens – mileage for attending NALC £8.82 (Chq 964).  
c) BADCOG donation for Pond work and petrol for grass cutting some of the Parish footpaths. (last year £230 for the pond work and £75 toward petrol). **Decision:** It was resolved to donate the same as last year. (Chq No. 968). *N.B. Councillor Mack did not vote.*  
d) Burlingham Cottage Gardeners Donation for mowing Burlingham Green 2015 Season (Paid planning permission for 2014 season but gave £50 2015). **Decision:** It was resolved to donate the same as last year. (Chq No. 969). *N.B. Councillors Jones and Stevens did not vote.*  
e) Grass cutting contractors for Millennium Green, Verges and Cemetery, Note from Feb 2015 meeting; if the amounts remained similar for the 2016 season there would be no reason to re tender. EAS 5% increase, Garden Guardian 2% increase and K. Monsey 1% increase. **Decision:** It was resolved to not re tender but to keep with the existing contractors.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55 -*  
*Next meeting is on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016*  
*At Lingwood Village Hall.*