

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 2nd October 2012, 7.30pm.

Present were: Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chairperson, Mike Bredbere, Ray Britt, Cliff Fountain, Tony Gould, Richard Morton, Hannah Paul, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

12/167. Welcome & apologies for absence. The Meeting opened for 10 minutes at 7.30 to 7.40pm before the Reading Room Meeting for PCSO Wally Oldhams Report, the meeting then re-opened at 8.20pm with apologies received from Lauren Bean, Ian Chapman, Krisy Little and District Councillor David Ward.

8.24pm - Ray Britt left the meeting at this point along with Mr Mike Marshall of DJ Designs.

12/168. Declarations of interest: Ben Bethell Planning Item a). Sonya Dickinson Finance Item b) iii) Marina Tubby, anything to do with the Primary School.

12/169. Public Forum and reports from Committees: We were joined by 3 members of the public including Clerk Pauline James, County Councillor Brian Iles was also in attendance.

The meeting opened temporarily before the Reading Room Meeting so that PCSO Wally Oldham could report and leave early. Wally informed us that there were 2 crimes in September, things have been fairly quiet with a few items being taken from Sheds and garages. At Halloween all 5 SNT's will be working. There has been a complaint about unsafe parking on a junction and Wally is checking it out and will ask the person not to park there in future. Wally left at 7.40pm and the Reading Room Meeting Commenced.

The Reading Room viability needs to be discussed, funding can be found. It is not going to fall down today so an urgent refurbishment is not needed but it is important to do a DDA assessment and prioritise what needs doing first. It would be silly to have a beautiful building that no-one will use so the Council has got to be realistic about the money spent on it. It will be put on the next agenda and the Management Committee should be invited along to be involved in the discussions. When the Council is clear on the way forward grants can be sourced.

Brian Iles reported that: 1 the incinerator has been called in by government. 2. The Broadband timescale is divided into 2 parts, part 1 being Commercially viable at Norwich and part 2 all rural areas will have access to better broadband. 3. Apprenticeships going ahead. 4. Saving money – County Hall needs repairs which was estimated at 16 million over 3 years but because of redundancies there are offices available for outlying offices to be brought back into County Hall thus savings on rent can be made.

A member of the Public asked Brian if there will be enough parking at County Hall for new personnel? Brian replied there probably will be restrictions on parking.

A member of the Public asked the Council if the land swap on the corner of Post Office Close and Post Office Road had been settled yet? Ben replied it is still in progress.

The Village Hall deed of trust has been looked into and the Trusteeship can be moved, a revised deed of trust would have to be drawn up moving forward. A copy of the current deed was e-mailed to Councillors.

One hybrid application is to go in for the Village hall site, change of use of agricultural NPS land to recreational use, middle piece of recreation ground to put new Village Hall and old hall site for residential. As previously agreed the Parish Council can lend money until the sale of the plot on Norwich Road goes through.

Tony asked about an archaeological survey as the one done on the new School Site found pottery and relics on the site. Ben said there has been a survey and the site the current hall is on shows nothing. The recreation side and School site has an old Parish Boundary running through it but the new hall will be away from this area. A local dig can be organised next year if there is interest from residents.

12/170. Minutes of the meetings 4th September 2012: Were signed as a true record.

12/171. Matters arising from 4th September meeting: Sewerage issue, Neves Close – District Councillor David Ward is now on board trying to get something sorted out.

12/172. To discuss the proposed exception site at South Burlingham for Beighton and Moulton St Mary residents:

The meeting opened up to allow visiting Clerk Pauline James to participate on the exception site proposal.

At the last meeting Kate DeVries and Mark Walker came to speak about exception sites and the Council is to decide on the site chosen for Beighton and Moulton St Mary in South Burlingham, Kate did say that all 3 Parishes could benefit from this one exception site. Pauline explained that Beighton and Moulton St Mary Parish Councils wrote to all the land owners they knew about and 3 pieces of land in Moulton St Mary were put forward by land owners but got turned down by Highways. The 4th piece of land was Norfolk County Farm land and accepted but it wasn't realised until later that it was just over the boundary of South Burlingham.

Ben asked Pauline if anyone has gone back to Norfolk County Council or NPS to ask if there is any more land as NPS may find some other land more suitable. The problem is that Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council has tried to centre affordable or social housing around Lingwood for the Services and it would be difficult to say to our residents that the new homes put up are in an area not previously deemed suitable for our Parish. Ben suggested that Beighton and Moulton St Mary Councils ask Broadland housing and NPS to look at the maps again and see if there is any more suitable land available because they may have stopped looking when they thought they'd found the perfect site.

The Councillors agreed they will hold off making a decision until Broadland housing and NPS have confirmed they have looked again and no other land has been found.

Pauline said she was happy to ask Broadland and NPS to look at the maps again.

9pm - Pauline James and Brian Iles left the meeting at this point.

12/173. Correspondence: other than in circulation to Councillors or requiring a response.

a) BDC- Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area in Strumpshaw by Strumpshaw Parish Council, comments to Broadland by 22nd October **Decision:** Apart from Chapel Road not much of the Strumpshaw plan is going to affect us, no comments to be made.

b) Norfolk Mineral Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document, by Norfolk County Council – Comments by 12th November on the Soundness and legal compliance of the focused changes. **Decision:** This has been professionally drawn up and no sites affect our Parish, no comments to be made.

c) Community Construction Fund – Norfolk County Council – Closing Date 19th October and now additional ones in March. **Decision:** Look at this for Reading Room and put on agenda next month.

d) BDC Annual Meeting Weds 17th October 7.30pm. **Decision:** Ben, Sonya and Marina have booked to go to this meeting if anyone else wishes to go let Sonya Know. Best in Broadland is being announced at the Meeting.

12/174. Planning: a) 20121238 – Single Storey Rear Extension, 36 Clarkson Road, Lingwood, NR13 4BA. **Decision: Unanimous Support.**

N.B. Ben Bethell left the room whilst this item was discussed and voted on.

12/175. Highways: a) Letter of complaint about the Oak Tree on Chapel Road, near the Corner of St Peters. **Decision:** Clerk has already reported this to Highways, if nothing heard back shortly Clerk to ask Tree Warden Ernest Hoyos to look at the tree's safety. Clerk to write a letter to the resident letting them know that Highways have been informed.

The wall at the Pond Site School still needs repairing instead of the Council sending a letter to Dr Tanner, Marina will ask him when it will be repaired or if there is anyone he wishes the Council to contact to get it sorted.

There is an overgrown hedge on Lingwood Lane, this is believed to be part of Mr Medlar's farm land, Home Farm, Blofield Road, Lingwood. **Decision:** Clerk to ask when it will be cut.

The bumps on the A47 after the Brundall roundabout, Blofield are now dips. **Decision:** Clerk to write to Highways.

- 12/176. Finance:**
- a) Payments Received: i) BDC 2nd half of precept £7,176
 - b) Payments Authorised: i) CGM Verges 6th & 20th August £222.00 (Chq No. 735).
ii) A. Bone – Litter Warden Honorarium £50 Sept 2012 to March 2013 (Chq No. 733).
iii) S. Dickinson Expenses July/Aug/Sept £199.67 (Chq No. 734).
iv) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass £230 (Chq No. 179).
 - c) To consider a donation request from Children's pre-school group Mucky Ducks, Lingwood.
Decision: The Council cannot fund tea or coffee = £50 donation for equipment only (Chq no. 738).
 - d) Subscription for NPFA Norfolk Playing Fields Association £30 (Chq No. 736).
 - e) To consider a grant to 4 x 4 Response Network as per letter circulated. **Decision:** The Council has decided not to give a grant to this group at this time, as this was an emailed circulation request via NALC no response necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35 – Next meeting Tues 23rd October 2012.