

## **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm.**

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

**12/200. Welcome & apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Ian Chapman and Richard Morton.

**12/201. Declarations of interest:** Marina Tubby, anything to do with the Primary School. Mike Bredbere, Millennium Green (neighbour).

**12/202. Public Forum and reports from Committees (including Reading Room and Village Hall):** We were joined by 20 members of the public and District Councillor David Ward.

Most of the Public were here to express their view against the proposed exception site at South Burlingham for Beighton and Moulton St Mary Residents.

The residents present represented 10 of the 11 dwellings near the proposed site. They got wind of a major development planned for South Burlingham and came to express that they would not like it to go ahead. Ben explained that the Government have an exception site scheme where low cost homes can be built on farm land not normally classed as development land, it is purchased from the land owner at a lower price. Moulton St Mary and Beighton Parish Councils carried out a housing need assessment and a need was identified. They sent out a call for land which resulted in Norfolk County Farms identifying a piece, they thought to be in Beighton, Broadland District Council informed them it was in South Burlingham and not in Beighton, which is why they then came to this Parish council for permission. Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council did challenge the call for land as it seemed there should be land in their own parish, it is back with Beighton and Moulton St Mary Parish Council at the moment.

The residents re iterated what the Council thought, South Burlingham is a small Hamlet which should not be developed as the infrastructure is not there. Some of the residents present are Beighton Residents and said the Beighton Parish Council minutes did not show a need for housing but this is not up to Lingwood and Burlingham Parish Council to question the need. The residents said this is not a sound proposal because what hard up person wants to travel a distance to shops etc.

The plan was for 6 to 8 homes originally and they said they never put more than 15 on a site. Ben said there is a challenge whenever you wish to put new homes.

The residents are going to the next Beighton Parish Council meeting but just wanted this Parish Council to know their strong feeling against the proposal.

A large proportion of a small community turning out shows there is a high feeling against the exception site.

It was reported that the Millennium Green bin lids are blowing around – Tony Gould will research new bins.

**12/203. Minutes of the meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012:** Were signed as a true record.

**12/204. Matters arising from the Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012:** None.

**12/205. Rackheath Youth Council presentation:** Rackheath Parish Council put an appeal out for young people to come forward and form a Youth council which resulted in 6 young people from age 9 to 12 starting the Rackheath Youth Council.

The Youth Council talked and dealt with what they wanted to sort out in their Parish, speeding cars, dog poo etc. They campaigned for a pedestrian crossing and got together a petition and sent it off, it has taken a few years but one has since been installed earlier this year. They canvassed to get a youth club started. They planned an open day at the old

military base in the woods at Rackheath, they cleared the woods and organised displays of war time vehicles and @ 600 people turned up. They have been on 2 day study courses and a 6 week course set up by bright sparks, art and culture. The Parish Council have let the youth Council drive the choice for the play equipment but the things they chose came to @ £80,000 so some serious fund raising is to be done to achieve their aim. They organised a Jumble sale and a Jubilee Celebration with live music event, all of which has had support from Broadland District Council. Coming up they have a film show about the war plane "Diamond Lil" and a Christmas Variety show. There is also support from the 02 think big project. The Youth Council is good for the Community.

Broadland District Council have shown the Youth Council plans and explained the difference between good plans and bad so they learn so much but meetings do have to be fun. They have monthly meetings before youth club but every week when planning an event.

It was asked if they would be an advisory group to any youth council set up in this Parish, they said they would.

There are 7 on the Council at present 3 boys and 4 girls. There needs to be a dedicated adult to do stuff the children cannot do, at Rackheath there are 2 Parish Councillors and one parent volunteer. If the Youth Council has a bank account linked to the Parish Council and run by the Parish Council they are covered by the Parish Council Insurance. Lots of volunteers helped at the events once organised by the Youth Council such as the Scouts and W.I., Broadland District Council have been a great support and sometimes the children stand a better chance than adults getting some grants from BDC and 02 grants.

Since the council was started there has been less antisocial behaviour. The 1<sup>st</sup> thing is self development for youths and gives them ownership of the Village knowing they can have a say. – Youth Council can achieve sometimes more than the Parish council.

The original council started with 9-12 year olds but the youngest now is 10 years old, 15 – 16 year olds are too old to start. It is useful to have a mixture of ages perhaps at 18 they may wish to become Parish Councillors. As the youth Council get older they get lots of homework and exams so they cannot do as much. At first a parent clerked the meetings but now Youth Councillor Sophie takes the notes and types them up but it is flexible.

Youth Councillors handed leaflets out on the School bus to advertise the new Youth Club which was more successful as more people heard about it. The Youth Council communicates via the School Bus or Facebook. A Parish councillor does attend Youth Club Meetings and reports back to full Council. The only thing the Rackheath Parish Council donated was a lap top, the Youth Council are under the Parish Council's wing. The Youth Councillors realise they may not get on with everyone on their Council which is a good lesson to learn, you sometimes have to work with people you don't like.

**Decision:** Clerk to put it on the January agenda for Councillors to discuss after giving it thought. The Rackheath Youth Council to be asked to come to the first Lingwood & Burlingham Youth Council Meeting or the Lingwood & Burlingham youth Council can go and sit in on a Rackheath meeting. An adult, perhaps a parent, who is not a Parish Councillor is probably best to help on Youth council but a Councillor should also attend and report back to Main Council.

The Youth council left at 8.25pm.

**12/206. Correspondence:** other than in circulation to Councillors or requiring a response.

a) Climate team at BDC to visit Community Groups about fuel efficiency. **Decision:** Ask if they can come to the APM in March and do a presentation.

b) Homewatch request for donation. **Decision:** This is now run by the Police Direct. Find out if there is one in Lingwood and put it on finance next month.

c) Citizens advice bureau request for donation. **Decision:** This does not meet the criteria so is not eligible.

d) Age Uk request for donation. **Decision:** This is not local enough and does not meet the criteria to be eligible.

**12/207. Millennium Green:** Due to a complaint about aggressive dogs being off the lead it was discussed whether all dogs should be kept on leads on the Millennium Green. Even if a friendly dog jumps up a child or adult, scaring them, it is not acceptable that there is no

control, even more so when the owner is just rude and not apologetic. There have been times when owners cannot get their dogs to come back and cannot control them. It would be hard to make people be responsible dog owners. Dog mess has even been found in the toddler area. There could be a bylaw to keep dogs on leads or could start with a sign asking people to be responsible but it is hard to solve the problem in practice. It shouldn't take a child getting attacked to try and sort it out, again it is the minority spoiling it for the majority.

**Decision:** Get a sign for the Toddler area "No dogs allowed".

It was decided by majority to put signs up at entry points to the Green "Please keep your dog on a lead".

Trim Trail - Still only received one quote back for the path. Ben presented a map of the proposed 500m track which also joined the current entrances to the Millennium Green.

**Decision:** Councillors decided that it should be curved at the junctions to keep a natural flow as there will be mixed traffic, it should also be slightly wider at 1.2m which will increase the price slightly. The time scale is likely to be February. The Council voted with the majority in favour of progressing this once this price has been tested.

Trim trail equipment and benches: benches at South end facing the Church. Cost 1 bench in the same material as the current picnic benches this will be placed facing up the avenue of trees towards the church. (Benches with backs as previously agreed).

Think about the trim trail items for another meeting.

**12/208. Highways:** Nothing to report.

**12/209. Planning:** a) 20121604 – Hybrid Planning Application for 1) Outline Planning Permission for the redevelopment of the Village Hall Site for Residential Development (39 dwellings) and Erection of New Replacement Village Hall on Adjacent Playing Field Site and 2) Full Planning Permission for the change of Use of Agricultural Land to Recreational Land/Playing Field. Land at Norwich Road/Station road, Lingwood. For information only.

**12/210. Finance:** a) Payments received from: i) BDC Glass Recycling April – Sept. £644.67

b) Request to Pay: i) Tony Bowyer Footpath report - £150 (Chq No 745).

ii) Reimburse Ben Bethell for Blackrow Nursery Invoice for tree ties - £19.20 (Chq No 746).

iii) CGM – Verges cutting 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October - £333 (Chq No 747).

iv) Viking Stationery & stamps £124.95 (Chq No. 748).

v) Garden Guardian - Oct Cemetery £184.00 (Chq No 184).

c) Cemetery Fees April 2013 – 2014. **Decision:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

d) To consider donations: **Decision:** To be put onto the Jan agenda.

**12/211. Next Years meeting dates:** To be e-mailed to Councillors and be put onto the website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.32 – Next meeting Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013