

## LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7.30pm.

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

**17/78. Welcome & apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Simon Stevens and County Councillor Brian Iles.

**17/79. Declarations of interest:** Sonya, finance a) ii). Ben Bethell, finance a) iii).

**17/80. Public Forum:** We were joined by 5 members of public along with District Councillor David Ward.

Public: Lingwood Lodge has been renamed Lingwood Hall by the owners, can the Council ask that they change it back? A. Historically it is a real shame, the Council was informed by Broadland of the change and the Clerk asked at the time if it could be stopped, as the Road past it, into the village, is called Lodge Road because of the Lingwood Lodge. Broadland said there wasn't anything that could be done.

Allotments: Have we heard anything about No 19? A. Yes the allotment holders have given it up. The 2 allotments now vacant are 19 and 30. It was agreed at the last meeting that the wood could be collected by Ben and John will trim and spray the weeds. Richard was going to ask if Owen could cultivate it.

Have the allotments been advertised in the Parish News? The deadline is 24<sup>th</sup> July. A. Not yet. Ben said that a meeting should be called for allotment holders.

Public: Someone approached them regarding the hot weather and the fact that people are using the ditch and trees as a toilet, it's not only children but a couple of ladies were seen taking toilet paper into the ditch area. Could the Council do something about putting toilets on the green. A. The problem is that toilets cost a lot to put in and maintain and there would need to be a cleaner, someone to open and lock them etc. and there is not the money for it at the moment. There are other parks in the area that don't have toilets, people go home if they need the toilet when using those parks.

Q. The trees on the green don't seem tight in the ground, is this normal? A. Clerk to ask Ernest.

Q. A tree on the triangle needs looking at. Ernest looked last week and said to wait until the end of the season.

**17/81. Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** Were signed as a true record.

**17/82. Matters arising from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Meeting:** Both Post Masters of Strumpshaw and Lingwood Post Offices wanted to make it clear that they are not stepping down and there are to be no immediate closures, it was just discussed that there may be potential opportunities but nothing will change if there are no suitable alternatives.

**17/83 Action Log:** No changes.

**17/84. Planning:** a) 20170987 – Single Storey Front Extension. 4 Saint Peters Road, Lingwood, NR13 4LX **Decision:** Unanimous support.

**17/85. Correspondence:** a) Chairman of Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme, suggestion to start up a Lingwood & Burlingham Scheme and an offer to come and speak at our next meeting. **Decision:** Ask if he could come along to the September meeting.

**17/86. Dog Bin:** Request to move a dog bin to near the Village Hall entrance as dog waste bags are being left on the Rec. It seems ridiculous that people pick up after their dog and then throw the bags into the hedgerow or over the hedge to the School or into the compound but this is happening. The dog bin at the end of the Norwich Rd/Buckenham footpath is not close enough obviously but it is well used so this one should not be moved closer to the problem.

The suggestion is that the one moved from the allotment site to Buckenham Lane a few years back, should be the one moved as this one is in open countryside, on the boundary with Strumpshaw and not as well used as some of the others.

**Decision:** Clerk to ask Broadland if we can move it. Councillors to take a look at the most suitable place and inform the Clerk at the next meeting so she can get the Parish Handyman to move it.

**17/87. MUGA - Storage for tennis net and posts:** When the Village Hall isn't open there is a problem with access to the tennis net and posts. As it is, the current storage area is quite a distance and the items are heavy, it would be better if there were a lockable waterproof storage by the MUGA. Hirers could be given a key and once they have had instruction of how to put the net up it will be easier for the Village Hall staff. Tony pointed out that the Tennis association has ¼ million pounds in grants available to improve access to tennis, we could apply for a brick built storage facility. The grant is probably for the actual court, not storage but should be checked. The rough costs of a steel chest, @ 5ft long by 2ft x 2ft plus concrete pad and lock is @ £250. The key holders should be over 18. The use of the tennis court is not free at present.

**Decision:** It was resolved that the steel chest is purchased and a concrete pad put in.

**17/88. Highways:** The corner of Post Office Road and Chapel Road, dropped kerb application is still under query and the Clerk has contacted John Cotton at Highways who is looking into it.

**17/89. Finance:** a) Authority to pay was given for: i) K. Monsey Cemetery (June) Grass £200 (Chq No. 227, for £280 - retrospective £80 next meeting).

ii) Clerk's Expenses April/May/June. £ 208.88 (Chq No. 2080).

iii) British Gas – MUGA Electricity £41.23 (Chq No. 2079).

b) Policies and procedures. **Decision:** It was resolved that the Councillors take a look and bring back any alterations, if any, at the next meeting, if there are no alterations, they can be signed off for another year.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35 -  
Next meeting of the Parish Council, 5<sup>th</sup> September, at Lingwood Village Hall.*

*N.B. A confidential meeting 'on the Pink' followed the meeting which closed at 21.35*