

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road,
Lingwood on Tuesday 5th April 2011, 7.30pm.

Present were: David Moss – Chairperson, Sylvia Nelthorpe – Vice Chairperson, Ray Britt, Krisy Little, Richard Morton, Kelvin Myhill, Shirley Peters, Rodney Quantrill, Marina Tubby, Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

11/060. Welcome and Apologies: Were received from Ben Bethell and Ian Chapman.

11/061. Declarations of Interest: Shirley Peters anything to do with District Council and the School. Krisy Little, anything to do with the Police.

11/062. Public Forum: We were joined by 12 members of the public including Justin Miller and Neil Lewis from Comm-Tech.

The toddler area swings are being pulled aside and the frame is being used by older children as a goal post. The Parish Council could look into a smaller 5 a side goal post for practice but football is to be kept at the Village Hall site.

It was asked by an allotment holder what was happening with the water tap at the allotment as 1 tap between 30 allotments is not enough. Quotes are currently being sought but in the meantime John Burton has said he could put a hose from the original tap through to the back to help those furthest away.

Justin Miller from Comm-Tech gave some background into his company which was started in 1986 by his father. It is a Telcoms company which was originally based at Martham but has expanded to 2 other sites also but he needs to move the 3 businesses to one building which he is hoping will be carbon neutral.

Neil Lewis said Comm-Tech is in the process of purchasing the Island Site at North Burlingham. Drainage treatment is to be kept on site and they will be adding a new sub station. Broadband is to be upgraded in the area as it is particularly bad at the moment and they are hoping to have 2 extra lines put in. The business is a modern one and is reflected in the Modern building.

The reason they are coming to the Parish Council is to answer any questions and listen to any concerns before the plans go into Broadland District Council.

Q: Is it nearer to the West side than the original plan that was passed and will it overshadow the neighbouring property. The neighbouring residents should be consulted about it.

A: It is in the early stages and they will go and see the neighbours in about a month when the plans are more solid. It is no closer and the height is a little bit lower than the original plan.

Q: Is it offices or manufacturing. A: Offices.

Q: How many people and cars? A: The site is big enough for an articulated lorry to turn around in and has @ 38 parking spaces. Comm-Tech currently runs a car sharing scheme at it's Rackheath property and could do the same here.

Q: Why here and not at Broadland Business Park? A: It's more expensive there and the only plot available has issues regarding a road that may or not be placed through the site.

Q: As the other sites have been outgrown will you outgrow this site? A: Possibly but not for a while.

Q: Could it be screened from the A47, the last planning application was considered to be an eyesore by this Parish Council. A: They could look into screening it.

Q: What sort of hours will it be used. A: Normal day working hours of @ 8am – 7pm.

Q: Will there be neon signs? A: No.

Q: Will there be masts or towers? A: No.

Q: It is hard to get out onto the A47 from Main Road, has this been considered. A: They have had no problems so far when visiting the site.

Q: Has there been an accident assessment? A: Traffic assessment being done and they are also talking to Highways.

Tony Gould – Litter Warden, there has been dumping of rubbish again at the Village Hall car park next to the bin and recycling bins. A sign may be needed to say “Glass and recyclables only”. The Village Hall Committee would be informed.

It was asked if there has been any more done about the signs on the Millennium Green. The Clerk has not ordered any other signs yet as it was hoped that a Community Notice board could display some of the signs so that the Green was not taken up with signs, the notice board will be on the June agenda.

11/063. Correspondence: Placed in circulation.

11/064. Planning: 20110401 + 2, Conservatory to Rear, Manor Farm Barn, Church Road, Lingwood, NR13 4PR.

Decision: Full Support.

N.B. Councillor Shirley Peters abstained from voting, reserving her right to speak and vote at District level.

11/065. Finance: a) Permission to Pay was given to: i) K. Monsey – inv 1393 Cemetery Grass March £135.00 (Chq no. 161).

ii) K. Monsey inv 1392 Sign Grass March £40.50 (Chq No. 608).

iii) NALC Subscription 2011 £344.60 (Chq No. 609).

iv) SLCC Subscription 2011 £95.00 (Chq No. 610).

11/059. Projects in progress: Sylvila Nelthorpe said that as this was possibly hers, David’s and Rodney’s last meeting that she would like to say that she has appreciated working alongside them and the Parish Council would not have achieved half as much without David as Chairperson.

11/067. Lingwood Reading Room: David Moss received a letter from Mrs Kent saying that the Land Registry had approved the application but she is wanting to know if the Parish Council would like her to ask, at a cost of @ £100 - £200, for a record of the right of way over the adjoining property to maintain the back of the Reading room. **Decision:** It was resolved to turn down the offer by Kent & Co. and address this with Land Registry directly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35 – Next meeting Tues 10th May 2011.