

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

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

12/38. Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Ian Chapman.

12/39. Declarations of Interest: Cliff Fountain, 12/50.iii) As lives opposite South Burlingham Church and Item 12/48. As Village Hall Treasurer. Ben Bethell item 12/48. As Village Hall Chairman.

Krisy Little arrived at this point, 7.35pm.

12/40. Public Forum: We were joined by 3 member of the public along with County Councillor Brian Iles and Broadland District Councillor David Ward, PCSO Wally Oldham and PC Ian Kennedy.

Allotment holder – The track to the rear allotments is not fit for purpose. He has put hard core in front of his allotment and suggested in a letter some hardcore can be delivered and allotment holders can distribute it along the track.

This was discussed at the last facilities meeting and Councillors did not think it viable as the track is for occasional use but it has been looked at again since the letter was received and it has now been found to be impassable. It will be put on the next facilities Committee Agenda.

Brian Iles – The Police Budget – there were 2 options either to take 3% Government Grant or to increase the precept by 3%. As there is to be a new Chief and Government Grants for next year are unknown they have decided to increase the precept by 3% to give stability.

A question was asked about the Police being privatised, Brian doesn't know but will find out. Icelandic bank owed County money and so far 2.5m has gone back into the system, as more money becomes available it can be added back in.

Permission from County Council Farms for land swaps are at a stalemate at the moment.

David Ward – The Joint Core Strategy – The Stop Norwich Urbanisation Group said that the strategic environmental Report did not explain the Norwich growth triangle (Rackheath and Broadland Business Park). The GNDP have got to assess that claim and if it doesn't go through then other plots will have to be found, which will be bad for villages as 2,000 houses are needed.

Police – PCSO Wally Oldham Wally explained that due to Julie Swift leaving he has been allocated our area again. Wally reported that in January the Acle SNT was restructured and 2 are now at Sprowston. There were 3 reported crimes for February. There is a SNAP panel meeting on Weds 7th March at the Reading Rooms as advertised.

As always, call the Police if you see anything happening.

12/41. Minutes of the Meeting 7th & 28th February 2012: Were not signed as some Councillors said they did not receive the minutes. To be put on the next agenda.

12/42. Matters arising from the Minutes 7th & 28th February 2012: To be discussed at the next meeting.

12/43. Action Log and Reports from Facilities and Comm Comm Committees: Facilities Committee: The pond is coming along, 40 tonnes of large cobbles have been put in the walkway, Tony has taken some photos and will take some more when completed. Ray thought he had negotiated an extension to the grant but it hasn't happened so an invoice needs to be sent in before the 16th March.

Comm Comm: Marina has sent the £500 Jubilee Grant application off. Some items such as the bouncy castles have been booked, the ice cream man is coming and a burger van has also been booked and subsidised by the Parish Council, to make the burgers a bit cheaper. The bar is still being negotiated.

The Olympic torch is going through North Burlingham on its way to Acle but the Parish Council

has not got any plans to organise anything.

The Beacon steel has been ordered and the wood is being ordered next week. The beacon post will be encased in concrete underground and a small tier around the bottom to stop the soil and grass rotting the post at ground level. It should be ready to be erected in May and can be built without a base/tier for now and if we don't like it without a base or plinth one can be added later.

12/44. Correspondence: Other than in circulation to Councillors or requiring a response. There has been a compensation claim against a hole in the turf by the dish roundabout at the Millennium Green. Sonya has filled in the holes to stop further claims and sent the relevant documents to the insurance Company to deal with.

12/45. Projector/ability to show things electronically: Although a projector would make it easy to show plans and when discussing the layout of the Millennium Green, the cost would be approximately £500 upwards, so at this time, when weighing up the cost versus the benefit, it does not seem a good use of Public funds for the amount of time it will be used.

12/46. Clarkson Triangle: Kent & Co. have had the details for this for over 4 years now and we are not much further forward. Ray said he could try and negotiate with the treasury over the land. **Decision:** It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Kent & Co. to let them know the Council does not wish them to proceed any further with this project. Ray can take the paperwork received so far and try to negotiate with the Treasury.

12/47. Best In Broadland: Ben has completed 2 out of 3 parts of the application form and the closing date is 31st March. **Decision:** It was resolved that the application form be completed by the Comm Comm Committee and sent off before the deadline.

12/48. Village Hall update: The Village Hall had a £7,500 income over expenditure for 2011. There is to be a new build team formed from Parish Councillors, Village Hall Committee members, the Schools and Broadland District Council will also attend.

A petition was dropped off at the Clerk's house tonight. It complained that the vote was not advertised enough, even though it was in the newspaper, advertised in the Hall, on the outside hall notice board, on the large advertising board on the corner of Station Road and Norwich Road, flyers were put in the chip shop, Spar and Post Office, notices were put up at the Station and on telegraph poles and Parish Council Notice boards, notices went home in the Children's book bags from School and via parent mail and a house drop was done to the houses bordering the Village Hall. Broadland helped with the project and sealed and counted the ballot box.

There was a question about it being held at night time as the elderly weren't able to come out and vote but when the Homelea Residents were asked most were in favour anyway.

Decision: Put the petition on the next agenda and Ben Cliff and Marina will leave the room whilst the Parish Council discuss. The petition is also being sent by the petitioner to District Councillor David Ward, when he has received it he will call a meeting with the people along with a representative from the Parish Council, Ray Britt and the Village Hall, Ben Bethell and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

12/49. Highways: Dog fouling is again being a major issue, the Environmental dept at Broadland District Council, complaints line is advertised on the first page of the Parish Council website as they say they do not get enough complaints to warrant a grot spot warden to be sent out. BDC has a stencil we can borrow to spray the footways but permission needs to be granted by Highways first. **Decision:** Put the BDC environment Dept number on the notice boards and ask Highways for permission to spray the footways. Marina has 10 laminated signs she will put up at the park.

It was reported that a ditch by Burlingham Green has deteriorated into the road making the road much narrower. **Decision:** Clerk to inform Highways.

It was noted that the hedges on Station Road and the corner of St Peters Road with Chapel Road have both now been cut.

12/50. Finance: a) Request to Pay: i) Mrs P. Clark, Delegated function 2nd instalment Nov 11 to March 12. No invoice yet, put it onto the next agenda.

- ii) Lingwood Methodist Chapel 11/12 room hire £ 308.00 (Chq No. 676).
- iii) Miss A. Bone - 2nd half of litter warden honorarium. £50 (Chq No. 677).
- iv) Newsletter printing. £168 (Chq No. 678).
- b) Donations and annual subscriptions: i) NPFA annual subscription. (was £25.00). **Decision:** Keep it £25
- ii) NRCC annual subscription. (was £25 last year). **Decision:** Keep it £25
- iii) Churchyard grants for Sth Burlingham, Nth Burlingham and Lingwood Churches. (previously £125). **Decision:** Keep it £125
- c) Financial Standing Orders. **Decision:** E-mail Councillors the current one to be updated.

12/51. Projects in progress: (to be discussed if time permits & if not covered in previous items)

Pond, A47, Parish resilience, Local schools Safer Routes to School– 20 mph limit, Speed guns.

12/52. Lingwood Reading Rooms:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05 – Next meeting Tues 27th March 2012
APM followed by a Parish Council Meeting and Facilities Committee Meeting.
Next Comm Comm meeting Wednesday 14th March at Lingwood Reading Room.