

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 16th January 2018, 7.30pm.

Present were: Giles Mack – Vice Chair, Ian Chapman, Tony Gould, Richard Morton, Roz Simpson, Simon Stevens and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

18/01. Election of Chair: Ballot papers were handed in and Councillor Simon Stevens was voted in unanimously as the New Chairperson.

18/02. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Brenda Jones, Marina Tubby, Ian White and District Councillor David Ward.

18/03. Declarations of interest: Clerk -Sonya Dickinson, Finance a) ii).

18/04. Public Forum (10 minutes allocated for Public participation): We were joined by 2 members of the Public and Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian: Budget – County are to make up its mind whether to increase from 5% to 6%. This would mean 26p per week per Band D property increase. Rural Transport, libraries and road repairs were going to be affected by cuts, the increase would stop some of these cuts.

NDR – There has been a lot of publicity about the extra cost of the NDR but the £19 million extras are still cheaper than if a fixed contract had been chosen. Utilities i.e. the Railway cannot be sued and they were responsible for £11 million of the increase as they changed the specifications needed.

Q. Will the Carillion situation affect it? A. Don't think so as it's nearly finished.

Everyone likes the first section that has been opened, the second section will be equally as good but our section, the third section, seems complicated.

Increase in the allowances of elected members – Of the 1% increase, £3 Million is for Council employees, the other Million is for the allowances, which will bring it to minimum wage. In the past it has only been old codgers and rich landowners that can afford to do the job, the young can't afford to do it. It would be nice to encourage younger people. Councillors stopped the 'weird' allowances and the money saved is the money that will pay toward the increase.

New property dept at County – There are 140 houses being built in Acle which will generate income.

18/05. Minutes of the meeting 5th December 2017: Were signed as a true record.

18/06. Matters arising from 5th December 2017 Meeting: None.

18/07. Correspondence: Firstly, Councillor Tony Gould has resigned as Councillor – Simon said we are sorry to hear that, Tony's diligence as a Councillor will be missed and Councillors would like to thank him for his years of service to the Parish Council and if he wants to return he would be welcomed. Tony wished everyone well and success in the future and would still attend meetings as a member of the Public.

a) e-mail regarding high levels of dog fouling left on the Millennium Green, even on the trim track.

Decision: Unfortunately this kind of antisocial behaviour increases with the dark nights as people can't be seen. It could be sprayed with luminous paint to highlight it. There are already signs up, what else can we do? It would discourage it if someone actually got caught and fined.

b) Anglian Water Road Closure Burlingham Road, South Walsham 22nd January for 2 weeks. - This is in South Walsham but as it will affect our residents travelling this route, it was put onto the Agenda.

c) Concerned resident ref Norwich Road/Station Road corner by Village Hall, drain/ditch blockage with bottles and cans causing a back up along Norwich Road. – Sonya has e-mailed Ben and he said that there is no ditch on Norwich Road and the one on Station Road is not a working drain as it is not connected to the drainage system.

d) Letter from Royal British Legion who raised a record £1,911.91 in Lingwood. – This is for information only but is a fantastic sum raised.

e) e-mail about the Council becoming Corporate Trustee of the Village Hall and a conflict if planning permission was sought. Answer: The Parish Council only comments on applications and does not have a say on whether they pass or fail. If it was the Council's application they just wouldn't comment on it. The precept would not be used for any build work.

18/08. Planning: a) 20172161 - Single Storey North & South Side and West Rear Extensions and Alterations to Roof & Fenestration. Location : The Hollies, Buckenham Road, Lingwood, NR13 4BL.

Decision: Unanimous Support.

b) 20180014 - Change of Use from B1 to D2 on Part of Unit 1 Ground Floor. Burlingham Business Centre, Main Road, North Burlingham, NR13 4TA. **Decision:** The Application has been withdrawn,

Clerk to check this out. The Office is to be turned into a fitness and wellbeing shop. *Note:* There are 3 reserved parking spaces and @ 20 overspill.

18/09. Village Hall Trusteeship: Nothing has moved on this, Councillors will stay after the meeting and have another discussion about questions to ask etc.

18/10. Highways: The A47, the sign when turning into North Burlingham is still not there and is causing a problem.

Pot Holes on Main Road North Burlingham, Burlingham Road near Chaymeryhall Lane and Rickety Hill.

18/11. Finance: a) Payments Authorised: i) National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) subs – £25 (Chq No. 2115).

ii) Clerk's expenses Oct/Nov/Dec 2017 £ 191.05 (Chq No. 2114).

b) Retrospective payments Authorised: i) Garden Guardian – Verge cutting 2017 £1901 + VAT (including £384 for allotments). (Chq No. 2113).

ii) British Gas – MUGA lights. £ 53.49 (Chq No. 2111).

iii) Viking Stationery and Shredder £ 68.16 + VAT. (Chq No. 2112).

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35 -
Next meeting of the Parish Council, Tuesday 6th February 2018, at Lingwood Village Hall.*