

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7.30pm.

Present were: Simon Stevens – Chairman, Giles Mack – Vice Chair, Ian Chapman, Brenda Jones, Richard Morton, Roz Simpson, Marina Tubby, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

18/12. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Chairman Simon Stevens introduced himself and welcomed everyone. He asked if Highways England could present the proposed A47 junctions first and have questions from the floor, this would mean they could leave if they wished, as they had been present since 6.15pm. Public Forum should be kept to around 10 minutes but everyone would get to have a say. Apologies were received from County Councillor Brian Iles.

18/13. Declarations of interest: Clerk -Sonya Dickinson, Finance a) ii).

18/14. Public Forum: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation): We were joined by 21 members of the Public along with 5 people from Highways England including the designers from MacDonald Sweco and the supply BECG.

Johnathan Donlevy from Highways England: Stage 3 of the design stage takes @ 12 Months.

Statutory Consultation, which will be @ May, responses to go direct to Highways England, after that it goes to the Planning inspectorate @ November/December, then the responses should be sent to them. Early Spring 2019 will be the examination of Public response. Surveys are being conducted at the moment, Geophysical etc., don't be alarmed, the work is not being started yet.

Q. Will the Blofield Road be widened before the commencement of the A47 works so that when the Lingwood Lane and Road get blocked off, there isn't a problem with getting to Blofield.

A. NCC Highways Dept are in charge of side Roads but if the side Road is affected by the volume of traffic caused by the A47, then Highways England would pay towards improvements. The old A47 will be handed over to NCC Highways from Highways England when the new Road is opened.

Q. South Walsham Road is currently 60mph, when the new slip roads etc. are put in, can it be reduced?

A. The red line boundary is extended and hopefully will be able to reduce the speed limit there. NCC Highways will have the say as it is their road but recommendations for speed reduction from Highways England will be given. The dual Carriageway will be 70mph, over the bridge will be 40kmph (24.85mph) and the slip/side road 50kmph (@ 30mph). Highways will have responsibility for the over bridge once it is finished.

Allotment: The rat traps need re baiting. Request for a key padlock for the right hand gate, never had problems before the combination locks, these have been no good and have needed replacing a few times. A. There are so many allotment holders it would be really expensive to provide all with a key and the left hand lock has had no problem, apart from someone accidentally changing the code. Perhaps a Key safe could be put there, will look into the costs. The original lock got lost so it went to combination as a cheaper option, the only trouble was that it gets grit in it from being dropped on the floor or muddy hands. One has gone missing too as it wasn't locked to the gate or post.

Ben: It was discussed at the Village Hall Meeting about running the Post Office there. The Post Office is not at threat at the moment but for the future. The Village Hall Trustees and Committee say it would be useful to retain the Post Office as a facility for the Village. The income does not cover the wages and they wanted to make the Parish Council aware so a subsidy could be discussed. It was roughly estimated the worst case scenario would mean a £4,000 shortfall. **Decision:** Put on the next agenda for discussion.

Highways A47: Have they considered a bridge instead of a roundabout? A. Yes there is not going to be a roundabout now as it was over capacity.

Q. Is traffic going to be diverted through the village? A. The road is being built alongside the current Road so it won't have any traffic management until the junctions are connected. The start of works will be @ 2021, some pre construction will be done prior to that. It will be @ 18 month build process and open in 2022.

Q. Will the tie ups happen at the same time? A. It goes into Planning at the end of this year and it will have to show diversion routes etc. and that disruption is kept to a minimum.

Q. Will it be monitored properly? A. There will be a plan in place but at the end of the day, people will take their own route.

Q. Can we be sure the access for sugar beet lorries will be open at the right time and not shut at the busiest time. A. It will be looked at and arranged at the best time.

Highways will put more info on websites for you to look at and contact, search for A47 improvements. <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham-dualling/> There will be a consultation at the Village Hall, a preliminary booking has been made for Weds 28th March, 3-8pm.

Q. What about people with no computer? A. There will be plenty of opportunities as consultations you can attend will be advertised in local papers, there is a freepost address you can respond to, there will be information put in a letter drop.

GNLP – Why is there no consultation in Lingwood? There is one in Acle and other Parishes. A. When we met on 16th January, the Consultation letter had only just come in and could not go on that agenda for discussion. Chairman Simon Stevens apologised as he didn't realise the importance of the document. The nearest meeting is at Rackheath Village Hall, it will be attended by the Parish Council and Councillors will bring the information back. Q. What about people that can't get out to outlying Villages? A. The Clerk will ask why there isn't a consultation in Lingwood, although there never has been a consultation about land allocations in the past and it gets discussed @ every 4 years.

The CPRE advice is that we need to promote a phased approach and build on current Joint Core Strategy brown field sites before any new green field sites get used. Q. What about the Sewerage and drainage that would need upgrading before any more houses get built in Lingwood. A. Anglian Water would have to upgrade the drains etc. Q. Before any houses get built, infrastructure needs thinking about, if there is any spare land a medical centre is needed first. Q. What are the Council's views on the Buckenham Road to Buckenham Lane piece of land put forward? A. As with previous years that land has been discussed, traffic should be discouraged from travelling through the village and this is the wrong side of the village Highways wise. The Buckenham Lane and Road are also too narrow to support that amount of vehicles. This is a good argument against the development.

Feedback should be given and Public opinion taken into account.

Q. The Brineflow site on Lodge Road GNLP 0067, is different to the planning application, it is enlarged are they trying to get residential?

Q. e-mail regarding the signalling lights on the Railway being bright LED signal lights? Can they be objected to before they are done as can ask for less bright lights. A. There was a consultation at the Lingwood Village Hall on 19th January and a member of the Public who attended answered: At the consultation, they said they would be low and directional lights and should not be a huge problem.

Q. Nov 14th I sent a letter to a Network Rail Chief Executive. Have they contacted the Parish Council?

A. They held a Public Consultation on the 19th January so that Parishioners could attend and ask any questions. It was advertised on the 6 Parish Notice Boards as well as the website.

18/15. Minutes of the meeting 16th January 2018: Were signed as a true record.

18/16. Matters arising from 16th January 2018 Meeting: None.

18/17. Correspondence: a) Norwich Western Link Consultation Autumn 2018. **Decision:** It was unanimously resolved to support the Western Link, ask if there can be assurances that a large overspend like on the NDR won't happen again.

18/18. Millennium Green: (Request for BMX/Skate park). The humps and bumps were put in as it was thought at the time it was a fad and that spending too much money would be a waste and when they don't use it anymore it would not be an eyesore and at least it would integrate back into the field. The grass is not worn and hasn't been used in years. The track around the green was for cycle, skate board and scooter practice. Wooden ramps would make a horrendous noise for the people living along the side of the green. Concrete ones would be an eyesore on the green. The Parish is small and the cost would be too much, the Parish money and precept is for people in this Parish and not for surrounding areas. Acle is a large Parish with a BMX/Skate park area, and is only down the road, if that is what people are interested in doing they can go there, it is not too far to travel. **Decision:** It was unanimously resolved not to provide a BMX/Skate park, the Parish and precept is small and we already have a large park and MUGA to upkeep.

18/19. GNLP Consultation: Decision: Ask why they are not having a consultation in this Village. GNLP0067, is its purpose changing, are they asking to expand the site? The brown field, old 1st School site should be next rather than agricultural land outside the Planning boundary. Check that we have already had our allocation at the old Village Hall site. The Chapel Road and Post Office Road sites have been agreed before but all of the others remain unsuitable.

18/20. Village Hall Trusteeship: The Village Hall Committee would like the Parish Council to be Trustee. Councillors are to discuss how they could be more a part of how it is run. Are the Councillors in favour? Marina said there is a need to be involved as they have done so well it would be a shame if things went wrong and the Parish Council couldn't step in. The level of involvement is the question. The Post Office bit is a concern. The thing Simon took out of the Village Hall Meeting was that being there was the first step towards being more involved. In 2011 the Councillors at the time said they would consider being trustee once the build was complete. Is that still the opinion of the Parish Council?

Decision: It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council has more involvement with the running of the Village Hall by attending meetings.

18/21. 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 Chaymerhall Lane and Rickety Hill. Pot holes near the drains on Norwich Road near Homelea, also on Station Road near the Kings Head. There is a hole in the drain cover that is in the middle of Post Office Road by the Lingwood Gardens Junction.

Can Highways be asked what they are doing about the access to the property on the corner of Post Office Road with Chapel Road as the corroding verge near the drain is making the drain protrude and dangerous.

Report the Sth Walsham Road Speed limit is too high.

18/22. Reading Room: SENSI will be vacating in March. Advertise for a tenant or go back to hourly rate? The rent is £450 pcm and the hall can be used in the day and evening, there is no parking.

Decision: Advertise for a tenant.

18/23. Finance: a) Payments Authorised: i) Play Inspection Co. £ 126.00 (Chq No. 2116).

ii) Reimburse Clerk for Extension lead £7.99 (Chq No. 2117)

iii) Broadland – Emptying 3 bins and 1 dog bin on the Green £684.32 plus 3 dog bins at North Burlingham, South Burlingham and Peters' wood, (from 18th September) £276.36 =£960.68 (Chq No. 2118).

iv) Parish Footpath Report £150. (Chq No. 2119).

b) BADCOG Annual upkeep of pond 17/18, usually at £230 and the upkeep of some footpaths 18/19 usually £75 for petrol. **Decision:** It was resolved that the upkeep of the pond donation should increase to £250 and the £75 petrol for the footpaths stays the same. Total = £325 (Chq No. 2122).

c) Came and Company Insurance -Annual Premium: Inspire/AXA Premium: £1,010.18 Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) at the current rate: £121.22 Total amount payable: £1,131.40 + £50 Admin = £1,181.40. For a 3 Year Long Term Agreement Premium: £959.67 Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) at the current rate: £115.16 Total amount payable: £1,074.83 plus £50 Admin= £1124.83 Should you wish to enter a 3-year Long Term Agreement, the annual premium will be £1,124.83, including insurance premium tax and an Administration Fee of £50. **Decision:** It was resolved to take the 3 year plan to guard against an increase. £1124.83 (Chq No. 2123).

d) Brain Tumour Research donation request. **Decision:** It was resolved that the current grant policy should stand and that only local donations will be given.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35 -
Next meeting of the Parish Council, Tuesday 6th March 2018, at Lingwood Village Hall.
Followed by a Reading Room Trustee Committee Meeting.*