

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Welcome** - Chairman of the Parish Council, Simon Stevens welcomed 4 members of the Council, 6 parishioners, County Councillor Brian Iles and Clerk Sonya Dickinson.

**Apologies** were received from Councillors Brenda Jones, Marina Tubby, Ian White, District Councillor David Ward and Parishioners Vivienne and Geoff Deasley.

**Minutes of the last APM**, Had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were read out by the Clerk.

**Matters arising** – None.

**Report by the Chairman** – Simon read his report. In summary, Simon was concerned that there are only 8 out of a possible 12 Councillors, with 4 casual vacancies. Thanks were given to the volunteers.

– Please see attached report.

**Adoption of Chairman's report** – proposed by Mr Richard Morton and seconded by Mr Ian Chapman.

**Reports from County and District Councillors, Local Clubs & Organisations.**

County Councillor Brian Iles read out his Report – Summary attached.

Chris Gates – Burlingham Cottage Gardeners have had another good year. There are 3 events, the open gardens, apple day and quiz and chips. Thank you to the Parish Council for continued support.

**Questions from the floor** – There is a drive for a footpath to Acle, there are 300 signatures from North of the A47, which goes some way to show that as well as North Burlingham residents, holiday makers, cycle clubs and walkers wish for it. Why are Highways England continuing to say it's not needed? Sustrans are seconded to NCC to get a National Network where 75% of the Public are no more than 2 miles from a path network. Hopefully this will have a positive outcome. Blofield to Dell Corner Lane footpath been put in. The more unified we can be, the better. Parish, District, County and MP Keith Simpson.

It would be useful if Lingwood could join the signatures as they say there's no proof it's needed. We only need from South Walsham Road to the Lay by.

Can it be on the Agenda to get unity from the Council for an underpass from Lingwood Road? They need to maintain existing links and have taken off the bridge from Panxworth Road to Lingwood Footpath. It will be twice the distance to get to the Station from North Burlingham.

**Decision:** Put on next agenda ref a small sub-committee to discuss NB to Lingwood. Get aims and propose tactical spreadsheet. The Sub-committee should be fairly small. Ask Ben if can have a petition sheet in the bar.

**Closing Remarks** – Simon thanked all for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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