

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 5th June 2018, 7.30pm.

Present were: Simon Stevens – Chairman, Marina Tubby, Roz Simpson, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

N.B. Cathy Pye joined the Council at 7.40pm.

18/60. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from, Ian Chapman, Giles Mack – Vice Chair, Richard Morton, Marina Tubby (who was able to be present at 7.40 onwards) and District Councillor David Ward.

18/61. Application letter from Cathy Pye for Parish Councillor Co-option: (As circulated). From the application e-mail, there is a lot of experience, the Council would be lucky to have Cathy as a Councillor. **Decision:** It was resolved to co-opt Cathy Pye onto the Council. Cathy signed the Declaration of acceptance and joined the Councillors at the table (7.40pm).

18/62. Declarations of interest: None.

18/63. Public Forum including Network Rail Q & A.: We were joined by 9 members of public along with David Taylor and Nick John from Network Rail (NR) who came to discuss the CCTV remotely operated crossing gates on Station Road and Chapel Road. They were also at the Village Hall this morning and approximately 70-80 people attended.

There was a short video showing the proposed gates.

Simon – Pleased to see full width barriers and skirts, there was a worry about the School Children getting around a standard barrier.

Q. The pole with lighting, how high will it be? This is a dark village and we don't want unnecessary lighting. A. The lighting will be as designed, directional and lux levels will be monitored.

Q. Will the light go off in the day time and after the last trains have gone through? A. The light will be on all night.

Q. 40 Lux ordinary standard – Cambridge dark village found 20 Lux was good enough can these be the same? The tracker no. 36420 is for the Cambridge crossing – can we have cowl on the floodlights? A. Network Rail will minimise as much as possible.

Public – The lights will shine into the houses and the farm if not directed down.

NR – We will monitor.

Public – Chapel Road, those lights will shine into bedrooms of the railway house.

NR – We will make every effort to monitor and make lighting as low as possible. Cameras are more sensitive these days so will be able to minimise the lighting as much as possible.

Public – This is a dark Village so when driving towards the crossings we don't want to be dazzled by the bright lights.

NR – Contact normal Network Rail customer Service if have any issues.

Simon – There are lots of different people/contacts, so the best people to contact is customer services?

NR – Going forward John will be the overall manager, David will be the Senior delivery manager and any queries may get lost if they are sent to an engineer and then they get moved or leave, so it is best to go through customer services.

Simon – We just want to make sure there is no way anyone can get through the barriers.

NR – CCTV operator would open the barrier and stop the train.

Simon – What would happen if both barriers locked down and emergency services needed to get through?

NR – The train will hit a trigger point which turns the road lights to orange then red, both barriers won't go down and up at the same time.

Q. What about a power outage? A. There will be a generator back up on site.

Q. Is it noisy? A. I don't know how many decibels and hopefully we won't need to find out but if it does need to be used it won't be on for long as the recovery team will be out quickly.

Q. Ref the School Children and the School on the Road, do you have any say on the speed limit for this Road and Chapel Road? It would be better if it were 20MPH coming up to the new crossings. A. No, Network Rail cannot change the Road speed limit.

Sonya – Previous requests for 20mph have been turned down due to no street lights in the Village.

Marina – The School asked Highways and they came out and done a traffic Survey but refused a 20 mph limit.

Cathy - 8 to 10 years ago automatic barriers were said not to be appropriate so close to a School.

NR – we have been charged with raising safety near Schools and this is what they've come up with.

Cathy – Dec to April there were 9 instances in Norfolk and Suffolk of barriers locked down, 1 was even locked up last year. What safeguards are there to stop this happening?

NR – At these crossings, the only way the train is released is when barriers have gone down and locked.

Cathy – The decibel level is @ 85?

NR – About normal but will monitor and change the tone and settings and tune them as best they can to minimise noise. The yodel sounds for 7.5 to 8 seconds, only when the barrier is engaged, (being lowered).

Q. Will the barriers be manned at first? A. No, once installed they will not be manned.

Q. Will the barriers be closed for @ 1-2 minutes? A. They will be closed for @ 2 minutes (actual 154 seconds).

Q. If the train is at the station does it mean that the Station Road gates are closed whilst it is in the station. A. There is a signal at the platform so the barrier will be up when the train has gone through the station.

Q. What if the train doesn't stop and speeds straight through? A. The speed of a train is monitored so it will lower gates if there's a problem.

Simon – The felling of the track side trees and the debris left behind has caused a rat problem.

NR – This is the off track team and not a project issue but I have passed the complaint on to the off track team.

Simon – Brambles and vegetation is overgrowing from the NR side again.

NR – Again I will pass this on.

Public – I have raised this issue.

Cathy – I have sent photos to Jared.

NR – I will still pass it on also.

N.B. 8.10pm Network Rail and 1 member of the public left the meeting.

N.B. Put 20mph speed limit for Station Road and Chapel Road on the next agenda.

18/64. Minutes of the Meeting 15th May 2018: Were signed as a true record.

18/65. Matters arising from 15th May 2018 Meeting: None.

18/66. Correspondence: a) Letter from Seafarers UK regarding flying an Ensign Flag for Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September. **Decision:** It was resolved not to purchase a flag as there is nowhere to put it. The letter could be passed onto the Village Hall as it is a Public Building.

18/67. Action Log: Time Capsule: Can Ben be asked where he got to with this project. Land Swap: Bruce at Rogers Norton Solicitors has replied and NCC want £600 for a surveyor as there is a covenant on the land that is being swapped. **Decision:** Put onto the next agenda. Corner of Post Office Road with Chapel Road – NCC Highways ENQ900133965 says they are not going to do anything at this time.

Car Park for Burlingham Woodland walks – NPS are looking into it.

18/68. Railway Crossings: CCTV signaller Operated Barriers, lighting and yodels. It was useful to have Network Rail attend the Village Hall this morning and the meeting tonight. One of the points raised in Public Forum was the need to ask again about a 20mph speed restriction on Station Road and Chapel Road, although they have previously turned it down as there are no street lights in Lingwood, the new crossing gates could give us more of a case. **Decision:** Ask

Highways again, there may be a chance with the new crossing gates.

18/69. Millennium Green logs and Play Equipment: There was a dangerous situation last month which was dealt with swiftly. The decision is to spend money on the missing upright posts, replace like for like or with recycled plastic. We could replace them as they go, getting the same ones in the future may be difficult, leaving us with the similar situation. The rotten tree trunk stepping logs should be taken out when rotten and not replaced. The 2 seat Hurricane swing does need the barrier to stop people walking into the path of the fast moving swing but the basket swing area could just be a grass mound on one side, the other side has no logs missing yet. It looks nice as a curve so it would be nice to replace with similar posts, if replace the whole lot we could choose a smaller post which would be cheaper than the ones that are the same size as we have. Wood effect concrete could be an idea although not so eco friendly.
Decision: It was resolved that the Clerk gets prices to replace all with recycled posts, not bothered about the size just the best value.

18/70. Highways & Bus Shelter Post Office Road: The Verges are high on the A47 North Burlingham.
Bus Shelter - The planning permission was granted last Friday and the Bus shelter ordered today. The Parish Partnership now wishes the Council to purchase and claim half as opposed to sending half of the money to them, for them to order. 50% payable on order.

18/71. Finance: a) Authority to pay was requested for: i) K. Monsey – Cemetery May £220 (Chq No. 236).
ii) EAS Millennium Green Grass £412.74 inc VAT. (Chq No. 2149).
iii) British Gas – electricity MUGA lights. The invoice was expected but hasn't been received yet.
b) Signing of Account book reconciliation. The Account book was signed as accurate.
c) Year end Accounts for external Audit. The Year end accounts were authorised and signed for external audit.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 -
Next meeting of the Parish Council, 3rd July 2018, At Lingwood Village Hall.*