

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 5th February 2019, 7.30pm.

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

19/13. Welcome & apologies for absence: Brenda Jones, Cathy Pye, Marina Tubby, Ian White, District Councillor David Ward and County Councillor Brian Iles.

19/14. Declarations of interest: Giles Mack – Finance c). As a BADCOG volunteer.

19/15. Public Forum: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation):
We were joined by 4 members of the Public.

19/16. Minutes of the Meeting 15th January 2019: Were signed as a true record.

19/17. Matters arising from 15th January 2019: None.

19/18. Correspondence: a) Phone calls and e-mail complaints about the amount of dog fouling on the footways, footpaths and Millennium Green. This is the same every winter. Are we in need of a dog warden scheme as some people think because they can't be seen, due to the dark nights, they don't need to clear up after their dog. Cathy had some ideas, she can let us know at the next meeting.

b) E-mail ref Carers matter Norfolk. Giles read out the e-mail. It was resolved to ask if there are posters that can be put up in the notice boards and on the Website. Ben asked if Hug a Mug could be involved. Inform Carers matter about Hug a Mug, it could be a good meeting place.

19/19. Planning: a) 20190058: Erection of Garage & Boundary Wall. 28 Granary Close, Lingwood, NR13 4EP. **Decision:** Unanimous support.

19/20. Action Log: Nothing to report or add.

19/21. Village Hall MUGA Report: The meeting was adjourned for Ben Bethell – Village Hall Chair, to give a report. The MUGA income for the year was £753 less £100 for admin (previously £1 per booking) = £683 which Kerry will transfer over when the Account details are confirmed. (The Council pays the electricity costs). The football and netball are the main income. Tennis players hire it on a Tuesday morning and are complimentary about the court. Overall, hirers like the facility.

There has been damage to the playing surface, it looks like it's been picked at, particularly at near the gate area. The litter problem comes and goes, it is worse at the weekend. The electric meter box is damaged, the main structure has moved in the foundations, short term this is not a problem but needs attention to stop it getting worse.

The lack of hirers is a negative.

There has been a little bit of misuse i.e. bikes and dogs on there and people climbing the fence. Ben's thoughts: Do we push for hirers? Do we control access? There previously wasn't anyone there to unlock and lock but now there is someone there from 8am Mon – Sat and in the evening the bar is now open from Tues – Sun.

The price is quite fair, not expensive. £5 for community groups, £7 non Community, £3 ad hoc and £3 for lighting. All prices are on the Village Hall hire sheet. (Freethorpe charge £8 non lit and £10 lit). The definition of Community is it is run and used by locals, non profit. If it is a Village Hall group it's a different story as they would be happy for them to look at their accounts so as non profit is proved.

Should we advertise it further afield on Face book or the Village Book? Richard will speak to Blofield Tennis Club as they don't have floodlights so may wish to use it in winter. We could encourage groups by short term funding? This may defeat the object spending money to encourage more wear. The rent for the groups could go up a bit as there is more wear with 10 people using it than 2.

19/22. Highways: Burlingham Road, horse and bend sign still turned the wrong way.

- 19/23. Finance:** a) Authority to pay was given for: i) Came & Company Annual insurance £1,160.40 (Chq 2195).
- b) Retrospective payments i)) Anglian Water – allotments £205.69 (Chq 2186).
ii) Play Inspection Company £180.00 (Chq 2194).
- c) BADCOG Annual upkeep of pond 18/19, donation usually at £250 and the upkeep of some footpaths 19/20 usually £75 for petrol. **Decision:** It was resolved to keep to the same amount (Chq 2197), but the Parish Council will also pay for the hire of a chipper when next needed for the Pond.
- e) Grass cutting contractors for Millennium Green, Verges and Cemetery, Note from Feb 2015 meeting; if the amounts remained similar for the next season there would be no reason to re tender. **Decision:** It was resolved to re-tender in 2020.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 5th March 2019, At Lingwood Village Hall.*