

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Chairman Cathy Pye, Vice- Chair Brenda Jones, Ian Chapman, Roz Simpson, Marina Tubby, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk. *N.B. Declarations of acceptance were signed before the meeting by Cllr Ian Chapman and Cllr Ian White.*

19/58. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Morton and County Councillor Brian Iles.

19/59. Declarations of interest: C. Pye – Station lights as a neighbour. R. Simpson – Millennium Green as a neighbour.

19/60. Public Forum: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation). **Plus a report from Village Hall Chair – Ben Bethell:**

We were joined by 16 members of the Public along with District Councillor Claire Ryman-Tubb. Our New District Councillor Claire Ryman-Tubb introduced herself, her intention is to come and report at most, if not all of the PC meetings. There is nothing to report at the moment and contact details will be made available on the website soon.

Public: The sheep on the old Orchard School site are being a problem, with sheep getting stuck in brambles and breaking fences and bleating loudly at 3am. It is so overgrown they are getting stuck and bleating, they need to be cordoned off so they don't get stuck or close to the boundary fences. Clerk will report the problems.

Public: The hedge on Post Office Road at the North of the Millennium Green is overgrown and you cannot see when pulling out of Post Office Close, the white lines on PO Close are too far back also. Clerk to report it although the hedge may not be able to be done until after the bird nesting season.

Public: Planning - The old Granary - Planning in principle gets put forward first then technical details get put through but BDC could pass the technical details without coming back to the Parish if planning in principle is agreed.

There is no path and no width to put one in to get up to the development by Station approach. The cops is up higher, if they take the level up to that it will be higher than my garden by @ 7ft and even a bungalow will look tall.

The level is 11ft higher than my house, vans driving up can see in my house now. The road will be close to my fence and at the moment there is only 1 van driving down in the morning and then at night, between the hours of 9 – 5, with the development there could be 18 plus cars. It is a bit worrying that the plan shows the road coming in from behind a house on Post Office Close. They have confirmed it is from Station approach, Station Road.

Classed as starter homes but have 3 beds with en-suite = not really a starter home.

The law states a starter home should be 20% below market to a maximum of £250,000.

£250,000 isn't really a starter home price. The timber frame is non standard construction and first time buyers will be lucky to get a mortgage on anything other than brick construction.

On the application they discounted conversion of the Granary to 15 x 1 bed flats.

I bought my house because it is quiet, even with the trains but with all the extra traffic it will be terrible.

Any development, including the road to it, should be 2m away from the Railway boundary also the entrance is 4m but should be 5m. Greater Anglia owns the Railway and Network Rail the track, they should be informed.

If passed in principle it is unlikely it will be stopped later – so something could be built at a later date.

I would rather we all bought the land to keep the nature.

I accept we need housing and need to find areas for houses but this site is compromised, the original building could be preserved.

They consider it a Brownfield site so it is fair game.

The building has been left to deteriorate for over 40 years, bats and owls live there now, it should be left for them.

Ben – Village Hall Report: Marina has offered to come to Village Hall meetings to represent the Council and the Hall will send a representative to PC meetings which is good as we don't want the PC and V. Hall to drift in different directions like it has in the past.

The old hall and Social club had a turnover of @ £40,000 p.a. but the new hall and Social club has @ £150,000, although the turnover is more the costs are more. Staff is paid now and the Village Hall is one of the largest employers in the Village.

The new hall has been open for 4 years.

There are @ 50 volunteers including trustees and Hug a Mug etc. Hug a Mug has been open for 18 months, is now open 6 days a week and going very well.

We have been working with 'Fitness in the Street' to open a gym which has @ 70 members generating income.

Park Run started in March, thanks to donations from the PC, V. Hall and a generous parishioner. East Norfolk Petanque has received a £5,000 grant, from Sport England, to extend the area and supply flood lights.

We are working with the School to do summer fetes.

There is a wedding fayre in September and the Hall supplies a wedding package for £600 to people who live or have parents in the Parish.

The upstairs room is the most underused so needs to be promoted.

A lot has been done compared to other villages.

The Parish Council put tens of thousands in when building for changing rooms etc. We have the same aims as the PC but lack of communication could mean we move in a different direction.

Back in 2008 the PC considered a community centre on the green but the V. Hall committee worked hard on the V. Hall move and improvements which meant there was no need.

The V. Hall would like to help the PC as the V. Hall is more accessible, a PC surgery could be run once a month at the Hug a Mug, with perhaps Councillors present or Sonya. The V. Hall is Face book active and is balanced to make sure it is not biased to specific groups and could put agendas up.

There are plans to do renovations and extend the area adjacent to the Social Club.

We realise that any Reading Room funds should go to a specific project rather than day to day running costs.

As mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting, the V. Hall accounts are just gliding along and not accruing, we don't want the success so far to make it look like it doesn't need help. For instance, the Hall held a quiz and chips night to raise funds, half the proceeds were for Nelson's Journey but the Hall was criticised for not giving all the proceeds to Nelson's Journey, the V. Hall is a Charity too and needs to raise funds.

19/61. Minutes of the Meeting 14th May 2019: Were signed as a true record.

19/62. Matters arising from 14th May 2019: Good Neighbour Scheme – Sally cannot attend our Tuesday meetings as has prior engagements but is meeting Brenda and Cathy on Thursday; if anyone else wishes to attend they are welcome. Cathy and Brenda are reporting back to the Council. Millennium Green Slide mound has been built up – Cathy and Roz to take a look.

19/63. Correspondence: a) VE Day 75 celebrations, 8th May 2020. Ben is happy to light the Beacon for the occasion. Put on agenda's nearer the time.

b) Enquiry about Greater Anglia cancelled trains, new trains and lack of hoods on platform lights. The Clerk has asked about all but the cancelled trains. Clerk to chase up Anglia and ask why so many trains have been cancelled on this line. Vivienne may have a better person to contact.

c) www.yanahelp.org You Are Not Alone help group; This is a group who have sent posters to Brenda to advertise the help available to everyone. The Clerk will put on notice boards and the Website.

d) Seafarers invitation to fly the Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019; John Peters purchased and raised the flag last year on the School flag pole. Marina and John to liaise and raise it again this year.

e) BDC Invite to Join Community Clear Up Network - Free Volunteer Equipment Available. It was resolved to ask for 15 of each item and to keep the equipment at the Village Hall for easier community access.

f) Reported overhanging branches on St Andrews, Station Road (Kingsdale) and the Homelea footpath.

19/64. Planning: a) 20190757: Removal of Existing Retail Unit and the Development of 9 Starter Homes Location. The Old Granary, Station Road, Lingwood, NR13 4AZ. Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle. It was noted from the Public that there is currently 1 van entering and leaving between 9am to 5pm, the land levels are between 2m to 3.5m higher than the adjacent properties and gardens, the Station approach entrance is 4m wide and a minimum requirement is 5m, along with the fact that there needs to be at least 2m from Railway land of any development. They do not seem like starter homes.

Decision: Unanimously Reject on the grounds that; before permission in principle can be given an environmental impact assessment should be carried out. The impact on nearby residents with the considerably higher volume of traffic on Station approach than at present along with the added danger to pedestrians walking to and from the railway station with it not being wide enough for a footway. The land levels will mean any building will tower over the neighbouring properties, along with the traffic being able to see into their houses and gardens. The properties seem too large to be starter homes along with the difficulty of obtaining a mortgage on non standard construction for first time buyers.

b) 20190759: Single Storey Side Extension. The Old Stables, South Walsham Road, North Burlingham, NR13 4EH. **Decision:** Unanimous support.

19/65. Action Log: Nothing new to report. Cathy suggested the Councillors be sent a copy.

19/66. Millennium Green - fencing from old Orchard Site School: The Play equipment report; make sure to get a quote for replacing silted up play mats. The slide mound does not appear to have been built up with enough soil under the new mats. Any rotten posts should be removed.

The Clerk met with NPS and they have agreed to let the Parish Council have the bow topped fencing and gates inside the perimeter. If the fencing posts are too expensive/difficult to remove, they agreed that just the panels can be taken and the posts left. The fencing is @ 80m and there would need to be @ 100m for a dog park at the South of the Green. If not used for a dog park it can be used to define the North East boundary once the land swap has been sorted out or to extend the toddler area. The Village Hall may be able to make use of the fencing if the PC cannot.

19/67. Highways: Dell Corner Lane to South Walsham at the Hemblington junction the sign has disintegrated. Clerk to report to Highways.

Salhouse to Wroxham now has 50mph limit, why not South Walsham Road? Clerk to ask Highways again.

Pot holes: The huge pot hole on Green Lane has now been done.

The Huge pot holes on the slip Road off the A47 White House junction, turning left into Lingwood. Most have been filled but not all.

19/68. Finance: a) Authority to pay was given for: i) K. Monsey – Cemetery May £165 (Chq No. 243 for £275 will put £110 retrospectively on next agenda).

ii) EAS Millennium Green Grass £ 253.83 inc. VAT. (Chq No. 2221).

iii) British Gas – electricity MUGA lights @ £90 (invoice not yet received).

iv) BDC MUGA rates June £110 (Chq No. 2220).

v) P. James – Internal Audit £90 (Chq No. 2222).

vi) PD Electrical – MUGA light switch £45 (Chq No. 2223).

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 20.55-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 2nd July 2019,
At Lingwood Village Hall.*