

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Chairman Cathy Pye, Ian Chapman, Richard Morton, Marina Tubby and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

19/96. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Roz Simpson and Ian White.

19/97. Declarations of interest: None.

19/98. Public Forum: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation). We were joined by 9 members of the Public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb and County Councillor Brian Iles. District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb: There is a small Community fund for each District Councillor to grant for printers, toys, equipment and sports equipment. Grants over £50; applications to be in before the end of March 2020.

The 12 week programme of training for the unemployed is starting up again; applications to Broadland District Council.

Planning: There is currently one application going to Committee tomorrow.

County Councillor Brian Iles: The one major issue recently has been balancing the budget. There has been a major issue with the cut backs to the disabled budget, there has been a strong lobby against the cuts and it is going to Committee. Most of the other Counties are not making these cut backs.

Complaints about the maintenance of roads as only surface dressing is being used for pot holes so repairs are not lasting. Brian will report them but needs to know exactly where they are, report these to the Clerk and she will let Brian know.

Public: Has Brian any influence over cutting hedges? Avondale Close, Lingwood has an overgrown hedge blocking the footway and going onto the Road, it was reported 12 weeks ago and Highways said it would be sorted in 6 weeks but it has not yet been done. Brian will chase it up.

Public: Ref item 12 (now 19/107); I have done some research and the overpass at Blofield has a wide footway and cycleway over it, if they can do it there, why can't they put an overpass/underpass at Lingwood to Burlingham or a footway/cycleway at the White House Junction proposed flyover?

Brian: They will only talk to County Council. Cathy asked Brian to contact the cycle champion at County.

Public: Why hasn't the new Post Box on Station Road been installed yet? A. The Clerk asked as it has been 18 weeks and not the 12 weeks they stated, they just sent the same generic e-mail saying it will be 12 weeks. Cllr Richard Morton will enquire.

Public: A47 Blofield and Lingwood is being shut from 10pm onwards regularly, it was in the EDP, can a notice of Road Closures be sent out on Community Communication? A. If received they are put onto the Website and on the notice boards but can be also sent out on the Community Communication e-mails.

Allotment Thefts: Is there anything the Council can do? Everyone is keeping their eyes open and will take registration numbers of cars and report to the Police but could the Council provide battery operated cameras? They are @ £100 each. Signs would need to be put up. A. Put onto the October Agenda.

Public: Burlingham Green – Burlingham Barn – We agreed with County Farms to buy 0.5 acres of the land next to our barn, there was a written agreement but they reneged on this and put the land up for auction last Friday. The concern now is a developer has purchased it and will put something on it. Could the Parish Council put Burlingham Green down as a conservation area? There have been no new houses since 1926 and it would be nice for it to stay that way.

Cathy: Call Broadland District Council and ask for the Eastern area planning officer, Nigel Harris. The Council will support you and not an application if one comes in.

Brian: If you agreed terms and got paperwork you have a case against County Farms.

19/99. Minutes of the Meeting 6th August 2019: Were signed as a true record.

19/100. Matters arising from 6th August 2019: Has the 30mph repeater sign on Church Road had the obstructing branches cut back yet? No but it has been reported to Highways. Did letters get sent to the houses on St Edmunds fronting the Millennium Green regarding having a BBQ and marquee on the green without permission? The Clerk hasn't written to them yet. Does anyone know which residents? No, just send a blanket letter to all those properties fronting the green.

19/101. Correspondence: None.

19/102. Planning: a) 20191314: Single Storey Kitchen & Porch Extension, 9 Clarkson Road, Lingwood, NR13 4BA. **Decision:** Unanimous Support.

19/103. Action Log: Cancelled Trains; There has been one train a day cancelled on our line or at least 2 or 3 a week, it always seems to be on this line and not any of the others. There were also insufficient carriages on the bank holiday weekend, on Saturday football match day and Sunday Race day with people not allowed on due to crowding. Clerk to ask why.

19/104. Millennium Green - park renovation/rejuvenation: To consider quotes and site of bow top fence.

Quotes: The final quote from Wicksteed only came in yesterday so propose hold the decision over until everyone has had time to look and compare the quotes. Put it onto the next agenda. Fence: To consider properly where the fence should be put, everyone must have a look to know what they're talking about. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

19/105. Parish Council Cluster Meetings: The Council was invited @ 2013 to join the Cluster Meetings but declined as it was not felt necessary unless there was a big issue in the area that required all Councils in the area to join together to get results, the Council informed the Cluster that it would be happy to join forces if such an issue arose. Cllr Tony Gould also attended a meeting at the time to see what they were about and the Council back then were not happy that meetings were not open to the Public.

Cathy would like to go along and see if we should join now.

19/106. VE Day Celebrations 8th May 2020: At the meeting to discuss events it was asked if the Parish Council could pay/ underwrite the cost of the Big Band who will be playing at a Community VE Day Celebration on 8th May 2020 at Lingwood Village Hall. £400-£500. This event would be non- ticketed and open to the whole community. The Council could underwrite the amount of up to a maximum of £500 if the Social Club bar percentage and donations did not cover the cost of the band. Chair Cathy Pye said that she is not claiming the Chairman's allowance so some of it could be used for this if not. The trouble is, it could set a precedent, although this is an exceptional circumstance as a bank holiday is not usually moved from a Monday to a Friday and it would probably be another 25 years before such an event arose. **Decision:** It was resolved to underwrite up to a maximum of £500 for the Big Band for the Public event if other funds and donations did not cover it.

19/107. Highways A47, HE and NCC East Broadland Green Infrastructure Project Plan refusal to provide an overpass/underpass, Walk/Cycle/Horse route: There has been an extraordinary Meeting organised for Tuesday 10th September but Highways England have said they will not be in attendance as they have new contractors and do not know what they propose now. It is pointless having the meeting if they are not coming as they already know our opinion and choices. It is a great shame that we won't be getting any improvements as promised as we were looking forward to easier crossings etc.

Decision: Chair Cathy Pye will phone Highways England tomorrow and cancel the extraordinary meeting if they won't come. Clerk to put cancelled on all the agenda's in the notice boards and on the website and let everyone know who said were coming along.

CC Brian Iles has it on his list to contact HE also. Clerk to e-mail Brian with the e-mail of requests the Parish Council sent to HE.

19/108. Highways, to include Homelea to Memorial way, un-adopted Footpath/'cut through' and overgrown state of amenity land in Homelea Crescent. Due to the complaint from Homelea last month regarding children riding bikes and scooters along the footpath/cut through the footpath may need to be closed. Speak to the Homelea warden again and ask residents where the preferred closure should be if it is to be closed. There could be cycle barriers put in which are wide enough for mobility scooters instead of closing it. Clerk to contact Tracy at Homelea.

The amenity land is overgrown and may need a working party to tidy it up. It belongs to Clarion so not really a job for a working party to clear up.

19/109. Finance: a) Authority to pay was given for: S. Donovan – Handyman £40 Zip wire graffiti and repair. £8 remove rope swings from Clarkson Road. £112 removal of bow top fence and gates, hire of transport £30. SAM placements £32. Hedge trim for SAM £8 total = £ 230 + £50 for HMRC. (Chq No.2235 & 2236).

b) Allotments rent for 2020-2021. A year's notice of increase in rent is required. It was not on the agenda but as it is not recommended that there be an increase in rent, no costs or change is involved, it was decided a decision could be made and was resolved that the rent stay the same for 2020-2021 as it was for 2018-19 and 2019-20 at £38.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 1st October 2019,
At Lingwood Village Hall.