

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

19/140. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Mike Ingram and Ian White.

19/141. Declarations of interest:

19/142. Public Forum, report from Highways England regarding the A47: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation). We were joined by 10 members of the Public along with Highways England, Contractors Galliford Try and Design partners SWECO.

Highways England/Galliford Try/SWECO– A47 New delivery model and new contracts.

Due to having new contractors the design has to be looked at again. Spring 2020 the preliminary design stage. Summer 2020 the Environmental statement. Autumn 2020 the development consent order application will be submitted. 2021 the application will be examined and can take @ 18 months. Spring 2022 the works should start.

Public – When the 1st Consultation started it said it would be built in 3 years; can the goal posts change again? A. Yes.

Road support investment funding.

When the consultation was previously carried out there was 80-90% support for the scheme as a concept which is really high. The Parish Council highlighted that there are concerns about pedestrians and cyclists.

The three requests from the Parish: North – Walk/Cycle/Horse, South crossing under pass/overpass.

Footpath/cycle track parallel to the A47 to the North to link to Acle.

Footpath on the Eastern over bridge junction.

The underpass would need to be @ 25-30m long and would cause drainage problems. An overpass would need too much land and have a massive visual impact. Too expensive for limited usage. Suggest use the Western junction to cross over. Councillor R. Morton – This is over 2 miles away so too much of a diversion.

The Eastern new junction is close and they could leave a hard verge for a future footpath.

The designated fund application was turned down due to not having enough technical information on the application. There is a technical delivery team now.

Councillor Richard Morton – Why can't the footpath on the Eastern Junction link with the footpath to Acle, pedestrians and cyclists are as important as cars. This junction will be busy with sugar beet Lorries and room is needed for the cyclists and pedestrians. A. Designated funds could be used for the additional items. Chair Cathy Pye – What we are scared of is that the funds won't be available for the extra items or the criteria won't be met.

Councillor Marina Tubby - A lot of people have spent a lot of time coming to meetings and trying to get items to keep our Communities joined but what is the point when nothing has been listened to and it has just come down to money.

Public – How would the Designated fund application change to make sure there is enough technical information so it isn't refused again? A. There will be a lot more technical information included in the application this time.

Chris Gates – I am dismayed you say a crossing is not essential, it is vital. Local knowledge says do not dismiss the crossing at North Burlingham. Not only are you stopping people the right to walk and cycle and accessing facilities within their Community, you are condemning parents to commuting children to their Catchment School for @ 11 years. If you are adamant with the question of why it is necessary to have 3 crossovers, if you move the one from Blofield down to Burlingham there would only need to be 2. There is a petition of 1035 signatures to say they would use it if there was a crossing at North Burlingham. Every Parish Council is behind the 3 points, District and County Councillors and County Farms, all current candidates for election say they can't understand HE and their design team for not including these items as they are vital and they would support our requests if they got in. We should not rely on the designated fund as there may not be one in the future or there'll be some reason why our items

don't comply, why isn't it included in the design? A. It would be too expensive. Chris Gates – Too expensive, this is our lives.

Chair Cathy Pye – Would it be possible to go back and ask if it could be included in the contract price? East Broadland Green infrastructure scheme encourages cycle and walking routes and has a fund. Cathy will give contact details again.

Councillor Ian Chapman - There is a bridge at Thorny which is on the A47 why can't there be one here?

Public - Mr Gates touched on moving the Western Over bridge further East by @ ½ mile, this would provide a closer crossing and a slip Road into North Burlingham for no additional cost.

HE – We will address the Parish Council's letter with the 3 points on.

Chair Cathy Pye thanked HE, Galliford Try and SWECO for coming to speak at the meeting. County Councillor Brian Iles and District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb.

Brian Iles– there is not much to say at the moment as we are in the middle of Phurda.

Claire Ryman-Tubb – Echoing what Brian has said. There is funding from Broadland District Council for VE Day Celebrations in May 2020. Applications on line for up to £200.

V. Hall Chair Ben Bethell – A member of the Public has contacted him ref dog fouling in the Village, he said he e-mailed the Clerk with no response. Clerk asked Ben if he could let her know the name after the meeting so that she can search her e-mails.

19/143. Minutes of the Meeting 5th November 2019: Were signed as a true record.

19/144. Matters arising from 5th November 2019: Did the questions about the footpath get answered? Yes, answers have been sent.

19/145. Correspondence: a) Letter from Lingwood Village Hall regarding Homelea Court footpath discussions at 5th November meeting. The letter was read out; there was feedback given to the V. Hall from the last Parish Council meeting saying that the V. Hall stirred up matters and said that the closure would be ridiculous, on their face book post. The Village Hall Committee would like it acknowledged that this was not on their post. A. It was highlighted after the meeting that it was on V. Hall Chairman's personal post and not on the Village Hall original post. Cathy asked V. Hall Chairman Ben Bethell what they would like the Parish Council to do? Ben said that Kerry tries hard to make sure the V. Hall is unbiased and feels that the misunderstanding needed acknowledging. The Council could go back to Kerry and let her know the Parish Council are now aware that the post and comment saying 'ridiculous' was not on the Village Hall's fb post.

b) Letter of thanks from Royal British Legion. Over £2,500 raised in Lingwood.

c) Forest Schools, Yoga & Mindfulness Sessions, request to use the park or woods. They probably do not have the Millennium Green in mind, direct them to NPS ref the woods.

19/146. Action Log:

There has been a complaint about the Dog bin on Norwich Road being filled by people putting carrier bags of waste from their gardens. A sticker, informing people that the bin is only for dog waste off the highway, has been put on the bin. The green bin on Norwich Road/ Alison Close has been covered by an overgrown hedge, it has been reported to Highways and they are going to sort it out.

Dog Bin on Post Office Road at the bottom end of Church Road footpath still needs moving back to its original position. Clerk contacted Broadland and they pointed out via Google Earth that it is in the same position as it was, Cathy said this was a picture from 2019 so is the new position, it was closer to the footpath before. Cathy will have a chat with Geoff.

The Parish Partnership application, for our own speed awareness monitor (SAM) and 20mph school sign, is to go in tomorrow.

19/147. Millennium Green - park renovation/rejuvenation, to consider quotes: The Clerk went through the quotes and e-mailed Councillors a breakdown to make it easier to decide. Councillors wanted to know the guarantee details before a decision is made, all guarantees are 5 years apart from Wicksteed which were 2 years. **Decision:** It was unanimously resolved to choose the Fenland Leisure quote for matting on all apart from the Slide Mound where fibrefall resin was chosen.

19/148. Highways A47, HE and NCC East Broadland Green Infrastructure Project Plan refusal to provide an overpass/underpass, Walk/Cycle/Horse route: They are contacting Chairman Cathy Pye to respond to the 3 requests. District and County Councillors are on board.

19/149. Village Hall/Youth Shelter and New Bin: V. Hall Chair, Ben will find out what size bin is needed at their meeting next week.

19/150. Highways: The pot hole on Green Lane has been done.

19/151. Finance: a) Requests for payment: i) BDC MUGA rates £1110 (Chq No. 248). We are still contesting this amount but have to pay until they come back with an alternative rate.

ii) The Garden Guardian Verges £1674 + Allotments £423 = £2097 + VAT = £2516.40 (Chq No. 249).

c) CPRE Membership £36 **Decision:** It was resolved to pay the minimum membership £36 (Chq No. 251).

Broadland Tree Warden donation to go onto the next agenda.

d) To set the Precept for 2020-2021. **Decision:** It was unanimously resolved to raise the precept by 7% from £25,937 to £27,753 per annum, which would mean a raise of 7.68% per Band D property as there were 894 Band D 2019 but will only be 888 Band D properties 2020. The raise will equate to £2.23 per annum, per band D property, from £29.01 to £31.24 per annum per band D property.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 7th January 2020,
At Lingwood Village Hall.