

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

20/01. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones and Roz Simpson.

20/02. Declarations of interest: S. Dickinson – Clerk, Finance a) iv). Expenses.

20/03. Public Forum, including reports from District And County Councillors: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation). We were joined by 8 members of the Public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb and County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian Iles – Little to say, the main thing is the budget, there is a meeting on Friday to discuss, will report back at the next meeting. Preoccupied with local issues; parking problems, holes in the Road and at Acle, planning and Herondale. There have been hardly any questions from this Parish. The new crossings at the Railway weren't on the agenda? Cathy – There was a 'drop in' at the Village Hall as well as at the School today.

Clare Ryman-Tubb – After months of deliberation the new domain name for the District Council website is southnorfolkandbroadland. Network Rail closures of Station Road 10th – 31st January and Chapel Road 31st Jan – 10th Feb. The next SNAP meeting is Wednesday 16th January 2020, 6.30pm at Brundall Memorial Hall.

Public – GNLP 0379; New updates at the Planning Office 6th January. The main concern is the radical difference from 2009 up to and including 2017 which the site has gone from 1.4 hectares to 4.74 Hectares. It is going to Public Consultation.

The site allocation of this Post Office Road site was seen by chance on 18th December and it said submit something in writing before the 6th January, has the Parish Council been sent anything to respond to? A. No, the Parish Council will receive something when the Consultation starts. They are proposing to widen Post Office Road, the narrowing has a natural speed calming effect and their reasoning, that it is close to the School, does not make sense as the traffic will speed up once the road is wider. The services are not good enough for this volume of extra houses. Road access into the village is not sufficient for more houses.

Councillor Ian White asked about the process regarding proposed closure of the Homelea Court footpath. A. Comments in writing by February Meeting but probably won't be discussed until the March meeting, to give time for responses.

20/04. Minutes of the Meeting 3rd December 2019: Were signed as a true record.

20/05. Matters arising from 3rd December 2019: When will Fenland Leisure start replacing the matting at the Millennium Green? A. Sometime in January.

Cathy spoke to some residents at Homelea Court and asked if the situation along the path has got better but they said it has got worse. Cathy suggested they speak to Tracy at the centre and get her to contact the Police. It is most likely a small amount of people causing the trouble.

20/06. Correspondence: a) St Andrews Church, North Burlingham open meeting next Monday to show people what they do. They have applied for a grant for extra facilities to make it more user friendly.

b) Annual Parish Meeting 31st March 2020 – Any ideas? Last year BADCOG and the Police came along. Cathy and Sonya to sort.

20/07. Action Log: The Parish Partnership application, for our own speed awareness (SAM) and 20mph school sign went in before the deadline in December. We will find out mid March if the application is successful.

Good Neighbour Scheme launch – There is a training session 10.30am on 9th January at Lingwood Village Hall. There are 16 volunteers so far.

Information Surgery – Did PC Victoria Bailey say which day she would prefer? A. She would try to attend whenever she can.

20/08. To consider a request for the Parish Council to adopt the garden at Lingwood Station. The Station garden has been done by the same people for 30 years and they would like the Parish Council to take over. The tubs and borders at the Station belong to Anglia Rail. Cathy has someone who may take it on. Q. Can Anglian Railway sponsor it? A. Moulton Nurseries donate the plants at present. Q. Would we have to pay someone? A. Got a volunteer. The only issue is if Moulton Nurseries stop sponsoring and volunteers do not wish to do it. Insurance is also an issue. What about hanging baskets? The owners of the B & B done it to enhance the B & B. They did it seriously though as they won best station in 1993.
Decision: It is best if we think about it and put it onto the next agenda.

20/09. To consider refurbishment of notice boards: The Millennium Green notice board is not user friendly as it is too tall, the middle door opens up instead of across and lets in water. It could do with being lowered and the corner mending, possibly moving it to the corner of the M. Green by the bow top fencing and gate. If it is moved to the corner it would need something put onto the back of it as it is ugly. Would it be preferable to buy a new one?
The pond notice board gets water in also. This is condensation.
Decision: Clerk to get a quote for the Millennium Green Notice Board; repair and moving and a quote for a new one.

20/10. To consider replacing the felled willow tree on the allotments with a new tree planted elsewhere within the parish: The Willow tree is a fast growing non exceptional tree. There was a small copse of trees planted on the allotment site by the School children, the trees on the Millennium Green, the orchard and Peters' wood have all been planted within the last 8 years so we have enough trees. **Decision:** It was resolved to not replace the tree.

20/11. Train cancellations and lights on station: A parishioner has asked if the Parish Council could put pressure on Anglia Rail about the train cancellations. The Parish Council has already complained. We could contact the M.P. then perhaps things may be sorted quicker. The various excuses have been; something on the line, illness and new trains but these have been the same excuses for 5 years now. Parishioners are thinking twice about using the trains as they are so unreliable. We could write to the M.P. but it has been on the news already. There is a new M.P., we could contact him while still keen. **Decision:** It was resolved to write to the new M.P. on behalf of the Parish. (Brian Iles will give the Clerk the contact details).
Lights – It is not understood that this is a dark village. The lights were shorter but now they are enormous and on a platform at such an angle they are shining at the bungalows. The lights come on when someone goes on the platform. The Parish Council has complained on numerous occasions. **Decision:** Chair Cathy Pye will write as a neighbour.

20/12. To agree publication of Councillors' profiles/photos/contact details (voluntary) on the Parish Council website: It was noticed that the photos weren't showing on the website, the Clerk has re instated the ones she has but could do with some new ones and ones for the newer Councillors. Contact details not to go on as people can contact Councillors through the Clerk. Chair Cathy Pye does not mind her contact details going on the website.

20/13. Millennium Green: To consider the cost of repairing/cleaning play equipment and replacing notices on Millennium Green. - Some equipment needs repairing, i.e. the monkey bars and zip wire. A. The Parish Handyman, Sean, has the parts now and will be doing shortly. The bins need painting. The toddler area park equipment looks grubby and needs cleaning. Some of this is sun damage to the plastic, not dirt.
The BMX mounds at the back have rat holes, how can we tackle this? We can't put any poison down as this is the dog walking area and open to all.
The signs at the dog exercise area and BMX signs are grubby and need replacing. Q. Are they still legible? A. Replace the dog ones as they are not.
We need more general notices about dogs on leads as people are saying they don't know as the signs aren't on all the entrances. A. People know that dogs should be on leads on the M. Green park area, it is just an excuse. We would need to put a post in at Post Office Road and St Andrews Road which seems unnecessary expense when the other entrances and Notice Board have notices about it. There is a fence at St Edmunds that has a worn and tatty notice, this

could be replaced. **Decision:** Re-vamp existing signs but not put posts in. Purchase a new rules sign for St Edmunds entrance.

The Bow top fencing needs posts and fixings ready for installation. **Decision:** Clerk to find out the size and how many posts and fixings are needed and get ordered for the handyman to install.

20/14. Village Hall/Youth Shelter and New Bin: To consider quotes for lidded bins. The Village Hall Committee is asking the person requesting the new bin the preferred size.

20/15. Highways: Highways Rangers are visiting this month – Inform them that the footway on Post Office Road, where the new dropped kerb was put in for No. 68 Chapel Road, has sunken. Post Office Road has a sunken patch in the middle of the Road by No 59 Post Office Road. Church Road verge has covered the kerb and encroached onto the road. A drainage ditch is blocked on Burlingham Green, opposite No 20, on the corner of Clamps Orchard, adjacent to the wooden fence. The Street name plates for Station Close and Buckenham Road are both broken, Manor Gardens is faded. These are to be reported to Broadland District Council. A47 – Chris Gates sent the Highways England design manual for Roads and Bridges to us and there should have been a Walk/Cycle/Horse (W/C/H/) review liaison with key stake holders. **Decision:** Ask for a copy of their assessment for the N. Burlingham stretch of the A47 and ask which representatives they have liaised with.

20/16. Finance: a) Permission to pay: i) BDC MUGA rates £110 (Chq No. 2252).

ii) British Gas MUGA Electricity £64.48 (Chq No. 2253).

iii) The Play Inspection Company £ 180. (Chq No. 2254).

iv) Clerk's expenses, Oct/Nov/Dec £205.14 (Chq No. 2255).

b) Request for £25 donation to Broadland Tree Warden Network. **Decision:** It was resolved to give £25 donation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 4th February 2020,
At Lingwood Village Hall.