

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present were: Chairman Cathy Pye, Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Mike Ingram, Richard Morton, Roz Simpson, Marina Tubby, and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk

20/33. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Ian Chapman and Ian White.

20/34. Declarations of interest: C. Pye – Station lights as a Neighbour to the Station .

20/35. Public Forum, (usually 10 minutes allocated for Public participation but extended to 8pm to allow for GNLP discussions):

We were joined by 40 members of the Public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb. Chair Cathy Pye – Thank you all for coming, please consider becoming a Parish Councillor, we have 4 vacancies.

Good Neighbour Scheme: We have the volunteers but need a co-ordinator for the paperwork.

Annual Parish Meeting 31st March: This is a Public Meeting not a Parish Council Meeting, please contact the Clerk if you wish to put anything onto the agenda.

The outline for this evening's meeting, the Public forum will go until 8pm, when the Parish Council Meeting will continue.

Public – The Railway Crossing lights and yodel are an issue. Cathy - This is on the Agenda tonight and we are in touch with the M.P. about our concerns with it not being carried out according to the plans.

Public - Acle Medical Partnership letter on the agenda. The scheme seems a good idea, who else have they asked for funding? Clerk – 30 Parish Councils, they have £5,000 pledged but require £37,600 for 1 year.

Cathy – Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council have been asked by Government for land allocations for growth up to 2038. The GNLP, this plan is a rolling plan, every 4 years they need to come up with land for possible development.

Lingwood and Burlingham are in a cluster with Beighton and Strumpshaw.

Existing planning applications are already taken into consideration.

Sites: Chapel Road/Neves Close 20 – 30. Post Office Road 50 – 60. Buckenham Road/Lane 110. The original figure for Lingwood was 20 – 30 but as it has increased to 50 – 60 they increased the size of the plot on Post Office Road which included an area of green space.

There are a couple of issues to take up with the planners, they will take into consideration the Public view but it is important to put your own views into the consultation.

Post Office Road 50 – 60 on the right hand side and the rest of the site to open parkland, the Clerk could contact NPS to ask what their view is.

Two choices, if the old School site on Chapel Road hasn't been taken into account, we could reduce the 50 – 60 to 25 – 35 which means we could stick with the Chapel Road/Neves Close site as our preference or we could consider going with the Post Office Road site and negotiate parkland. There are issues with both sites but especially the Post Office Road site; the Road, they say if it were wider it would make it safer but this is not the case as the traffic would travel faster and traffic calming can't be put into the village as it is a dark village. The Road network into the Village are country lanes with approx 100 to 120 extra cars. Surface water flooding highlighted by the Environment agency.

Public – What about the land behind the Spar? Cathy – The site is too big and traffic would have to travel through the village to get to it.

Public – When the A47 is dualled, Blofield Road will be closed, Chapel Road is better than Post Office Road for Traffic. Cathy – Blofield are concerned that traffic would need to go through there rather than to the White House junction then into Lingwood. Clerk – Blofield Road won't be closed when the A47 is dualled.

Public – If they use a portion of Post Office Road land for 50 – 60 houses what's to say they won't develop the rest? Cathy – If it is dedicated as an area of open space it can't.

Public – Urbanisation of a country village, we are losing trees and habitat, we haven't got the infrastructure. Clerk – We have to have the houses to get the infrastructure.

Cathy – Lingwood is earmarked as we have good transport links, close to the A47 and have a school. The number of properties is based on the School catchment area. There has always been development.

Public – Sewage is a problem already.

Public – We are put into a cluster with Beighton, Strumpshaw and Burlingham and they are not likely to have any development so it will all be put into Lingwood.

Public – I am not confident that NCC, BDC, Sth Nfk Council's will take any notice of what we say.

Public – NCC are starting up their own building company to develop their land themselves, this seems like a conflict of interest.

Public – Why was the East side of Post Office Close chosen? Clerk – This was chosen above a ribbon development along the frontage of Post Office Road and was hoped that if more land was needed for development in the future, we could negotiate an avenue of trees to the church from the Millennium Green.

Public – Does anyone trust the County Council? Church Road floods, the Council put drainage ditches in but haven't cleared them. High Noon drainage ditch is only about 6 inches deep, Highways told the Parish it is the land owner's responsibility but they didn't put the drainage and pipes in, Highways did. The pipe goes under the drive to High Noon. I phoned them to clear it and they said due to cut backs they can't do it. Where is the Council tax money for the new homes built on the old Village Hall site? A. Over £100,000 came from the Council in Section 106 money towards the Village Hall car park and changing rooms. Council tax is paid to Broadland.

Public – Church Road drainage will get worse if the Post Office Road field developed. Cathy – Planners wouldn't allow it to go ahead if drainage is not done.

Public – The firemen that pumped out the flooded barns on Church Road said that Lingwood drainage system wasn't good enough.

Public – The drainage on the Southern bypass was cleared by Police the other day. It shouldn't be the Police it should be Highways or Highways England.

Public – If we have to meet an ongoing increasing target, the site behind the Spar would be the best solution, why couldn't it be phased development over a number of years? Cathy – Builders want to make money so wouldn't hold onto the land without developing it and a land owner might not want to sell a smaller piece.

Public – Would the footpath be affected? A. No it's not on that piece of land.

Public – How much affordable housing? Clerk – 33%.

Public – there are 20 comments on the consultation so far, the more comments the better.

Ben – I see the Parish Council facebook page is live now and as there is confusion about the GNLP, information needs to go on about the GNLP sites.

Cathy – The Buckenham Road site developer came to a meeting promoting the site for 110 homes a Doctors surgery and supermarket, but 110 homes were too many.

Clerk – There were a lot of Parishioners present at that meeting who were protesting against that site being developed.

Preferred Old School site 1st and Chapel Road/Neves Close.

Claire, resident of Post Office Road – Presentation based on feedback, objections and comments regarding the Post Office Road site as per leaflet posted to Lingwood Residents.

20/36. Minutes of the Meeting 4th February 2020: Were not signed as alterations were made and the new copy is not in the file. Will be signed at the next meeting.

20/37. Matters arising from 4th February 2020: Hedge on the corner of Station Road/Clarkson Road has been cut. Councillors can meet the new M.P. Friday 6th March, 7pm at Acle. The facebook page, people may want to comment will they be able to do it if a closed page. A. Yes they can comment but can't post.

20/38. Correspondence: a) Letter from Acle Medical Partnership requesting money towards a Youth Support Worker for Acle medical Centre and Acle Academy. The letter was read out; they require funds of £37,600 for 12 months to pay a Youth support Worker a maximum of 30hrs per week. They have been pledged £5,000 already. This is a good idea but Doctors and schools are businesses and spending our precept to help a business doesn't seem right. Schools have pastoral care already. This service is not a statutory requirement for a Doctors surgery to

provide. The problem is we are served by 3 Doctors surgeries what if Brundall and Blofield decided to employ a Youth Support Worker? We also potentially only have a third of our residents using Acle as opposed to Brundall and Blofield. If it were for a service in Lingwood or Burlingham for our residents to use, it would be a different matter. The information is quite involved, the Clerk will scan and e-mail Councillors all of the details and put it back on the agenda for 31st March.

20/39. Planning: a) Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18 Draft Consultation, 29 January-16 March 2020.

Upgrading the roads into Lingwood is a must. The dualling is on NCC land so the money from that should be used to upgrade the roads in Lingwood. How was the Highways England meeting left when asked? They expected most people to come in via the White House junction. Contact Brian Iles ref the Blofield Road and see if he can convince Highways.

Decision: The old School on Chapel Road is on the plan as 20140979, we need to know why not in the current plan or as an allocated site. Clerk to get clarification. No 1. Old School site 22-25 No 2. Chapel Road/Neves Close site; less traffic coming through the village, expansion of that site in preference to using Post Office Road site. Clerk to contact Andy Scales at NPS and discuss what they would have in mind for parkland on the Post Office Road site, Richard said County Farms may be the best contact.

The Parish Council and BDC did not want the live work units on Lodge Road, grade 1 agricultural land, but they still got passed.

Against Post Office Road – Flooding, drains, sewers, Grade 1 agricultural land, don't want Post Office Road widened as natural traffic calming and we can't have traffic calming measures put in as we are a dark village. Increased traffic by the park. Views of the medieval church.

b) 20200392 - Erection of an insulated lean to shed boiler room and installation of air source heat pump to the North Wall. Removal of oil tank. Horseshoe Barn, Buckenham Lane, Lingwood, NR13 4NJ. **Decision:** Unanimous support.

20/40. Station and Level Crossings - Lights and noise: Cathy wrote to our M.P. who has in turn spoken to Greater Anglia regarding the lights at the Station, they have said they will look into dimming them, putting hoods on or buying the neighbours black out blinds.

There have been more complaints since about the extremely tall bright lights and the loud yodel sound. Cathy will contact the M.P. again regarding the fact that what has been installed and implemented is different to the plans. We are a dark village and the alarm should be on for 71/2 seconds but is on for more than 30 seconds and louder than it used to be. The lights put in are their usual 40 lux but as we are a dark village they said they would use 20 lux. The lights were supposed to go off after the last train but are on all night. Cathy has correspondence from Jared Aspinall assuring her of all the details above that have since been reneged on.

20/41. Millennium Green Refurbishment: The Handyman has replaced the monkey bar handle, mended the notice board and painted the bins. We have been advised by Fenland Leisure to keep the zip wire out of action for another 4 weeks to allow for the grass to establish. The BMX area signs should be taken down as the area is no longer used for BMX. The wooden slats by the mound slide should be taken away. The goal posts are loose so should be re set. The basket swing logs need replacing. Clerk to get prices but if too expensive to replace all of the logs it was discussed that the area to the right with most logs missing could be a grass mound and the area to the left have the logs replaced. The toddler area needs cleaning, get a quote from the Handyman to clean or we could have a work party if too expensive. We would need mould remover.

When will the bow topped fencing go up? Clerk to get more quotes for the posts.

20/42. New Bin for Youth Shelter at the Village Hall: The village Hall would like a bin similar to the ones on the Millennium Green. Prices for 100 litre metal bins varied between £129.95 + VAT and £175 + VAT plus installation. Councillors preferred the Cesar at £129.95 + VAT plus fittings.

20/43. Buttercups and Bees: Vice Chair Brenda Jones requested this item. We kept bees but all were gone last summer, probably due to insecticides, apart from losing our bees we noticed how few pollinators there were last summer.

Buttercups and dandelions are good for pollinators and we could encourage people to leave an area that could be mown only twice a year to allow for them to grow.

Burlingham Gardeners were going to have a wildflower area on the green on the right hand side of the path towards St Andrews Road, but it didn't end up happening. It could be on the dog walking area as this doesn't get mown so often. Some plants will be too tall for dog walkers to walk through.

We could approach BADCOG for ideas and help. The Wild Flower Centre could also be asked for advice.

Put onto the next agenda.

20/44. Annual Parish Meeting: 31st March, 6.30pm for tea and coffee with a start time of 7pm. The main hall is booked. The Homelea footpath is on the agenda. The Police have been asked and although Liaison Officer Vicky has other commitments PC Ian Kennedy may be in attendance. Ask BADCOG, Scouts, Village Hall if they wish to do a presentation. The Council will provide the tea and coffee, Councillors and the Clerk will bring cake.

20/45. Highways: Large Pot holes, by the drain holes all the way up Station Road from the Pub to the School were reported but they said they weren't their jurisdiction, Clerk clarified that it wasn't just the Railway crossing but the whole Road.

Ditches need dredging by the Cemetery and also the Barns on Church Road. The Clerk has reported to Highways, they will sort the ditch at the corner of the Cemetery but Highways said the barn ditches are the responsibility of the land owner. The Clerk will contact Highways again as the ditches and drains were put in by Highways.

Blofield Road flooding reported to Highways.

The white lines at Post Office Close, Highways agreed to repaint when resurfaced.

20/46. Finance: a) Payments Requested: i) Broadland Tree Warden Network £25 (Chq 264)
b) Retrospective payments: i) BDC MUGA rates to Jan 2020 £110 (Chq 2257).
c) Churchyard Grants, St Peters, St Edmunds and St Andrews, was £130 each last year.

Decision: It was resolved to give £135 per church. (Chq 265, 266, 267).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 31st March 2020, after the Annual Parish Meeting,
At Lingwood Village Hall.