

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

20/17. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Richard Morton, and District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb.

20/18. Declarations of interest: C. Pye – Station lights as a Neighbour to the Station .

20/19. Public Forum, including reports from District And County Councillors: (10 minutes allocated for Public participation). We were joined by 38 members of the Public along with County Councillor Brian Iles.

Brian Iles – Rates increase coming up, 1.99% + 2% for adult Social Services. The increase in Adult Social Services costs is due to this being a popular retirement area.

The Boundary Commission Survey, changing boundaries, there are 84 Councillors for these areas. The Boundary Commission cancelled the meeting and should pay the costs incurred.

Public – Hedges are overgrowing the paths, the corner of Clarkson Road and Station Road was chopped down a bit before Christmas but is still overhanging the path by @ 1 ft, it's hard to see in the dark and snags on clothes. There is another overhanging hedge by 14 Clarkson Road.

Public – Station lights; Complaints about the structures, the view of the structures impacted on wellbeing as they give a prison camp feel. They are ugly, bright and have a negative effect on the ambience of the Village and property prices. The original plans said 1 light on the farm side of the Road, they have put up 2 on the opposite side of the road. We had no idea the cameras had to be so high. We will be writing to our M.P.

Chair Cathy Pye – I will also pass on a note to the M.P. as he is meeting with Network Rail and Greater Anglia regarding the cancellation of trains and the Station lights.

Chair Cathy Pye – GNLP: The Post Office Road Site is on an ongoing allocation of sites. Acle Blofield and Brundall are key Service areas. In 2015 – 2016 the Government gave a figure of expected growth for County and District Councils to provide proposed sites, there are no planning applications in for these sites. There were 3 main sites, the Post Office Road one was 0.9 hectares for @ 27 dwellings, now revised to 4.7 hectares for 50 – 60 dwellings to 2038, the remainder of the site to be open parkland. The Education Authority has the say as there needs to be sufficient spaces at the Primary School. We are part of a cluster with Strumpshaw and Beighton. They say there are 44 commitments in the Cluster + 50 – 60 for Lingwood = 94 – 104 dwellings prior to 2038.

There are drop in meetings for the consultation and one of the meetings is at Acle on Thursday, with comments to be made by 16th March 2020.

We can we have a Public Meeting before the next meeting.

Public – With more growth a Medical Centre is most important. Cathy – Agreed.

Public – Why are we only hearing about this now? A. There have been consultations @ every 4 years with various different names i.e. Broadland Site Allocations DPD, Local Development Framework (LDF) and Joint Core Strategy. The Post Office Road site has been on the site allocation for years but as a smaller site as our allocation was to provide 20 – 30 homes to 2026 but this has been increased to 50 – 60 to 2038, even though we have had 39 at the old Village Hall site.

Public – The site was on the 2018 allocation but it seems that the increase in the size at Post Office Road was sneaked in as it was only increased in December 2019 and the Parish Council was not even aware of the change in size. It seems like it is being pushed through, there are a lot of people here that did not know about the change. Highways said you could get away with more if you widen the Road. The document said the site could fit more, it depended on the developer. The old School site with @ 30 homes would be over our allocation. They talk a lot in the document about consulting with the Public but this is the first we've heard.

Clerk - The consultation is to discuss the changes. The major change to us is the increase in numbers from 20 – 30 to 50 – 60.

Public – This is the first I've heard about any of this. A. It is discussed every @ 4 years so would be on the Agenda's and Minutes, we cannot go to every house and tell people. These are not actual planning applications but sites that could be developed.

Public – The Education Authority said 60 would be ok but that's with the 44 already allocated?

Clerk – They would already know about the 44 already allocated.

Clerk to put details on the Parish Website about the GNLP with a link.

Public – Is the Granary site still going ahead, being shelved or resurrected? A. Plans have not been re submitted yet.

Keep eyes out for the Agendas.

Public – There are concerns at the moment about the Roads being a problem, what improvements to the Roads are being carried out? The fatality on the Blofield Road, Lingwood highlighted the danger, it will get worse when the A47 is being worked on. I won't use the Road myself as it is not wide enough and people don't use the passing places. The Recreation ground is lovely but people are parking too close to the junction of Post Office Close. I have asked the Police but they are too busy. A car park should have been incorporated on the Green.

Clerk – We have asked Highways to widen the Blofield Road but they said they won't. People were against a car park on the Green as this could pose a problem as a potential hang out.

Public – Will there be half an hour before the 3rd March Meeting to discuss the GNLP Consultation?

Public – I am worried half an hour won't give it justice.

Clerk – We are also a consultee, so the best place to go for answers would be one of the Consultation Meetings.

Chair Cathy Pye – Sonya will put a link onto the Website.

There is going to be a 'drop in' information surgery at the Hug a Mug, once a month between Parish Council Meetings, hopefully starting in 2 – 3 weeks time.

The more individual comments made, as well as the Parish Council comments, the more notice should be taken.

20/20. Minutes of the Meeting 7th January 2020: Were signed as a true record.

20/21. Matters arising from 7th January 2020: Millennium Green?

20/22. Correspondence: a) CPRE Norfolk pledge. **Decision:** GNLP draft plan reg. 18 Consultation. Highlighting that Joint Core strategy allocations are built before the new sites are used.

b) Request to book a Friday evening Meeting for Parishioners to meet our new M.P. **Decision:** The Village Hall, main hall is available every other Friday or the Meeting Room is available most Fridays. Ask him to come sooner rather than later due to the current issues.

c) Complaints about lights on level crossing and station. Cathy wrote to M.P. Jerome Mayhew about the Station lights and the M. P. is meeting with Network Rail about the cancellations of trains and the lights. Anything else anyone wants to be raised? The Clerk also e-mailed about the Cancellations and lights. Cathy will write something and pass on to Sonya to send to him.

Meeting suspended: Public – The rubbish thrown over the fence at Granary Close and the Station needs cleaning up, it's disgusting.

d) e-mail from Parishioner concerned about Blofield Road due to the recent accident.

The Clerk has previously asked Highways to widen the Road but Highways refused. Cllr Ian White, perhaps a chevron sign could be put up to highlight the bend.

Most of the accidents along there are speed and driver error. **Decision:** Ask Highways if some signage i.e. chevrons or Slow down could be put up to highlight the bend.

d) Norfolk Local Transport Plan and Rail Consultation (ends 28th Feb). It is worthwhile that as many people get onto this, especially about the A47 bridge/underpass. The transport plan consultation does give a space about what you would like in your particular area. **Decision:** Individual responses rather than the Parish Council.

20/23. Planning: a) Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18 Draft Consultation, 29 January-16 March 2020. **Decision:** Start the next meeting with the Public comments and questions regarding the GNLP at 7pm with the Parish Council Meeting Start time at @ 8pm at the latest. Get notices that the Meeting will start at 7pm instead of the usual 7.30pm start time.

20/24. To consider a request for the Parish Council to adopt the garden at Lingwood Station: A volunteer has just started. Cathy has a number of the person to support him at Greater Anglia with regard to insurance. The Parish Council does not need to get involved any further.

20/25. To consider having a Parish Council Facebook page: Suggested by Ben, the Village Hall Chair, as Parish Council items are filling up their Facebook page. The Clerk has never put anything on there. Cllr Marina Tubby said she asked to put the National Cycling to School link on, which the School had. The Clerk and a Parishioner did set up a Wha's Occurin Lingwood back in 2011, mainly for the Village Games that we used to organise. This has not been used since advertising the Village Hall Fireworks back in 2012. Tony Grosvenor did e-mail the Clerk to say there is a face book page for Lingwood & Burlingham set up but hasn't been used yet. **Decision:** Clerk to claim the Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council facebook page. Have the face book page as an information page only. (Closed page - only the ones who run it can post on it).

20/26. Good Neighbour Scheme insurance: If the Parish Council insures the scheme the Parish Council would have to run it, this was not the plan. They could get their own insurance, they do require an administrator. Brundall Good Neighbours say the insurance would be @ £117 p.a., Community Action Norfolk (CAN) carry out the DBS checks. Could they come to a meeting to do a presentation about the scheme? **Decision:** It was resolved that they get their own insurance, CAN said they would pay the 1st year. Any donations for work carried out could go towards next year's insurance. The Parish Council could contribute if short of money.

20/27. Notice boards: The Clerk has priced up various sized notice boards and they range from £500 to over £1,000. The Parish handyman has been asked for a price to move it to the corner of the green and for repairs. It needs repairing regardless of if it is moved or not, it is a bit high where it is so could do with lowering. Definitely repair and possibly move.

20/28. Millennium Green Refurbishment: Is the M. Green matting finished? It looks awful, quite a few of them have lifted where there aren't enough ties, it's uneven and looks like it's been done by amateurs. It doesn't look like enough ground preparation has been done. The fibre fall resin on the Slide mound does not look finished off properly at the edges. Is it crumbling away already? Is the gradient of the mound too much? Clerk: It is for over 8 year olds and isn't meant to be easy. The monkey bars, zip wire are still not fixed and the bins still aren't painted. Clerk: The Parish Handyman has been asked. **Decision:** Clerk to ask if they can do an inspection as it looks like a trip hazard, don't pay until resolved. If they don't resolve, ask the Playing Fields association to come and have a look.

20/29. New Bin for Youth Shelter at the Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee is asking the person requesting the new bin the preferred size.

20/30. Annual Parish Meeting: We could put the Homelea footpath on. We have had 3 e-mails against closure, it was suggested to Ben there could be a petition against closure started as there were worries people wouldn't write.

Public – I have signed the petition at the Hug a Mug as my response.

The Homelea Court residents wanted it closed even though some of them would be inconvenienced a bit, to support the people who were suffering badly because it is open. Everyone is inconvenienced in some way by things where they live, why are we discussing closing this path? The only reason this was brought to the Parish Council is because the Parish Council opened the Memorial side footpath, if Persimmon had not been asked to leave the pathway then there would be a garden there and the Homelea path would just service the sheltered complex properties at Homelea Court. If it comes up at the Annual Parish meeting hopefully there will be a compromise. Consider the pro's and con's for both as there will be more against closure as more use it than get affected by its use. If there is antisocial behaviour, every act should be reported the Police by the residents affected. It is difficult to report every incident to the Police; the elderly don't tend to contact the Police for verbal abuse and acts of antisocial behaviour. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting but a meeting of the Parish, it is organised by the Parish Council but is for the Parishioners. A Parish Council Meeting is held

afterwards. **Decision:** The Clerk to ask to hire the main Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting. Invite the Police.

20/31. Highways: Large Pot holes, by the drain holes all the way up Station Road from the Pub to the School. Pot holes on the level crossing. A47 - There is a Meeting on 24th February at Blofield Courthouse. The footway at the North of the Millennium Green needs resurfacing. They have resurfaced both sides, the corner of Post Office Close and from the Green along Post Office 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. There is also flooding on Blofield Road, near the Heater Lane Junction.

20/32. Finance: a) Permission to pay: i) Came & Company Annual insurance £ £1,193.71 (Chq 2258).
ii) Norfolk Playing Fields Association £25 p.a. (Chq 2259).
iii) K. Monsey Allotment tree £180 (Chq 2260).
iv) K. Monsey Cemetery grass £110 (Chq 260).
v) Fenland Leisure £11,693.50 + VAT (Chq 2261). Hold until work up to standard.
vi) Viking Stationery £67.51 inc VAT (Chq 2262).
vii) BDC MUGA rates £110 (Chq No. 2257).
b) Retrospective payments i)) Anglian Water – allotments £21.97 (Chq 2256).
c) BADCOG Annual upkeep of pond 19/20, donation usually at £250 and the upkeep of some footpaths 20/21 usually £75 for petrol. **Decision:** It was resolved to give £250 donation and £80 for petrol. (Chq 2263).
d) Grass cutting contractors for Millennium Green, Verges and Cemetery, Note from Feb 2015 meeting; if the amounts remained similar for the next season there would be no reason to re tender. The Millennium Green and Cemetery had no increase on last year and the Verges had a 3% increase. **Decision:** As the Council is happy with the work carried out by the contractors and has had problems with others in the past, it was resolved to keep with the same contractors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30-
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 3rd March 2020,
At Lingwood Village Hall.