

# **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.00pm.**

**Present were:** Chairman Cathy Pye, David Robinson, Roz Simpson, Alex Tosh, Sophia Walker and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk

**20/132. Welcome and Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Vice Chair – Brenda Jones, Ian Chapman, Mike Ingram, Richard Morton, Tony Scott, Marina Tubby and Ian White.

**20/133. Declarations of interest:** S. Dickinson – Finance a) ii) & iii). Cllr Roz Simpson – Millennium Green, as a neighbour. Chair Cathy Pye – Millennium Green benches as planning to use some of the Chairman's allowance towards replacement.

**20/134. Public Forum Including Reports from District and County Councillors:** (15 minutes allocated for Public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each).

We were joined by 2 members of the public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb. *N.B. County Councillor Brian Iles tried to join the meeting but was unable to connect.*

District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb – BDC have a District Community at Heart Lottery which is a fun way of raising money for local Charities. The tickets are £1 with 50% going to the cause selected, 10% going into a pot for other Charities and 40% for the prize fund. The virtual launch is 5<sup>th</sup> November. Good causes can sign up to be chosen.

Covid – Since Weds 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> there were 29 new cases in Broadland, there are 86 in hospital with critical care from Norfolk.

Local Authority BDC and Sth Norfolk District Council have secured £1.24 million to improve homes with E, F and G energy ratings and incomes of less than £30,000.

There is still a member ward grant of £500 to Community Groups who can apply for all or some of it for capital purchases for local projects, i.e. equipment and not perishables or advertising. Any groups interested can e-mail Clare. It needs to be spent by April 2021.

**20/135. Minutes of the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020:** Were not signed but authorised for signature at the earliest opportunity.

**20/136. Matters arising from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Meeting:** None.

**20/137. Action Log:** The boundary fence to the North of the M. Green has nearly been completed so can come off the Action log now. The boundary on the verge could be defined with any extra panels left over.

**20/138. Correspondence:** a) The Clerk has received correspondence from 2 people in favour of fencing the dog area.

b) Remembrance Sunday Service is going ahead at 10.45 am on Zoom, there are only 100 spaces, e-mail Rev David if you wish to attend. The wreath laying is at 2pm, 1 at a time as the Memorial is inside the Church.

**20/139. Fireworks:** On a face book thread, Cathy has noticed there have been a lot of complaints about fireworks being let off over the past 2 weeks. Dogs are reported to have had panic attacks due to the fireworks. There are concerns that there are no controls over who has fireworks and when they are set off. If it is a big enough concern from the Community about misuse of fireworks at all times and dates, can the PC write to the M.P. on behalf of the Community? Unless it is kept to organised events how can it be controlled? Perhaps if fireworks were only sold to licensed people?

BDC Clare Ryman-Tubb – BDC had a motion at full Council following RSPCA recommendations about fireworks but it was more about large displays informing residents days before the event rather than the sale to private individuals.

It wouldn't hurt to send a message to the M.P.

Certain animals are more affected.

What can you do? You can't police it or stop people buying them.

BDC Clare Ryman-Tubb – You could campaign to reduce the decibels as an alternative.

**Decision:** Clerk to write to the M.P. and copy in Clare and Brian Iles. Write one now and next Autumn. The Fireworks have already been going on for 2 weeks should be kept to certain dates or some sort of control or notice given to residents and decibels reduced or only sold to licensed individuals.

**20/140. Millennium Green:** a) fencing the dog exercise area – quotes. No quotes as yet. The decision still needs to be made whether it is wanted. Would it just benefit people with puppies? Planning permission may be needed as it is on a public area. As this is a Public open space, should it even be fenced off? It may attract people from around and about adding to the Parking problems already in the area. The question of the fence height – The kennel club say it should be 5 to 6ft tall of chain link fence, curved inwards at the top. Other sites recommends 4ft, 5ft tall if by a road. The small fence around the toddler area has been jumped over by a dog so won't be tall enough. Worries about the gate being left open. The fencing along the front of the old school site would be ideal, we could ask NCC if we could have it. There won't be enough and they probably need it for site security at the moment. As we don't have a full council tonight this item should be put on the next agenda for a vote.

b) Wild flower area – The Clerk hasn't met with BADCOG to check the exact area yet. The site will need stripping in the winter. Put this back on the next agenda.

c) Update on fencing the North area – This is nearly completed.

d) Rock Snake – The Clerk has spoken to Tina about the best area and she will take a look. Some of them have nothing on them now so do not look good. There is enough room around the Beacon to put the snake in an apron of concrete. Cathy said last meeting she would meet with Mike, Tina and Leanne to take a look. Cathy will put an item on the Community Face book page to ask if people want to re decorate or add a stone.

e) To consider installing a water splash – This was suggested by a Parishioner, it is a rubberised mat with jets of water. A tablet put into the tank every so often will keep the water clean. As well as the cost to purchase there will be a lot of money to maintain. The estimated cost would be @ £36,000 plus there is no electric or water on site. Health and safety wise there would be a lot to go through. **Decision:** It was resolved not to get a water splash.

f) To consider replacing damaged benches and logs – Steve Simpson's Memorial benches are wrecked, there is some money in the memorial fund towards replacement. To replace like for like would be @ £400 each but with a 25 year guarantee. Cathy has £600 Chairman's allowance which could go towards any deficit. The ones there need removing, Roz will replace the plaques. **Decision:** It was resolved that Roz orders 2 benches for the Parish Council to put onto the Millennium Green. The invoice can be made out to the Parish Council to claim the VAT and the money from the memorial fund can be put with the money from the Chairman's allowance to purchase.

Clerk to get quotes for the palisade logs that need replacing around the basket swing and the exercise area as well as new surface for the exercise area.

The climbing rock needs the algae cleaning off – Clerk to get quotes.

Government guidelines says that the park can be open. The signs that say open with caution are missing from the back gate, St Andrews entrance and toddler area, these need replacing.

**20/141. Burlingham Green:** Millennium Wood and Belt Plantation Woodland walks are on County Farm land and not Parish Council land so benches would have to be provided or authorised by them. Dog fouling has increased around the Burlingham Woodland walks, could we ask County Farms about signage to remind people to pick up after their dogs? Could free dog bags be put in dispensers? Some people bag it and hang it on a tree or hedge which defeats the object. Free bags would get stolen. BDC would come out if classed as a 'hotspot'. It is frightening to say anything to anyone these days but you can report people to BDC and they will fine them.

**20/142. Highways and Verges:** a) 'Govt. consultation about pavement parking. (online survey closes 22nd Nov) Do we want to take part as a Council or individuals? The proposal is to stop people parking on pavements (even 2 wheels). It is difficult to say as in cities they may need to park on the pavements. Some new developments have very narrow roads; they should have marked bays for parking to make sure there is enough room. Employ common sense, if the road is narrow there is no choice but to put 2 wheels on a pavement, as long as there is enough room for a pushchair or wheelchair, to have a blanket ban may be a problem.

Policing it would be a problem. Local Authority would be to do with discourteous parking. There should be an App coming out soon to report illegal parking. **Decision:** Councillors to respond individually.

b) A47 Update. The meeting has not happened yet, there is another meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 2pm on Teams.

**20/143. Meeting Dates for 2021:** The dates put forward by the Clerk were authorised.

**20/144. Finance:** a) Payments Authorised for: i) K. Monsey October cemetery grass. Was only £110 instead of £220 (Chq 259).

ii) S. Dickinson – Reimburse Clerk for Credit Card payment to Amazon for 1 combination lock for the Allotments. £9.98 (Chq 2319).

iii) S. Dickinson – Zoom payment Nov to Dec £14.39 (Chq 2320).

iv) S. Donovan £36 labour £9 HMRC to install bin at the V. Hall + £29 parts. £9.60 labour to fill holes at the park £2.40 HMRC. (Chq's 2321 £74.60 & 2322 £11.40).

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.26*  
*Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, 7pm, via Zoom.*