

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom, on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present were: Chairman Cathy Pye, Mike Ingram, David Robinson, Alex Tosh, Tony Scott, Roz Simpson, Sophia Walker, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk

21/12. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair – Brenda Jones, Ian Chapman, Richard Morton.

21/13. Declarations of interest: S. Dickinson – Finance a) i).

21/14. 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 3 members of the public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb. County Councillor Brian Iles, Cllr Lana Hemsall and Cllr Cathy Cordiner-Achenbach.

County Councillor Brian Iles – The budget was colour coded and it looked like the red areas would not make the savings required but they have managed.

Highways are working extremely well under the difficult circumstances of the recent floods.

There were over 2,000 calls about flooding. Freethorpe had difficulties as it is low lying.

County farms still need a new Director. The 2 areas to sell to local people at North

Burlingham have been sorted. Last year County Farms put £6.5 million into the budget.

Q. Has Brian spoken to Highways or Network Rail about the joining up of the footway along Station Road at the Crossings? A. Not heard back yet.

The Clerk heard back from her enquiry and Highways say there is not enough footfall and they are only considering extra footway in more urban areas.

Public – This is a dark village and it is very dangerous not having a footway along there.

Brian – Grips have been mentioned a lot lately and these get silted up and covered, causing flooding. The silt has to be cleared and this is being done around the County and they will get to Halvergate as soon as possible.

Lana – Cil can be spent on infrastructure, like footways.

Cathy – Station Road is in terrible condition. The Clerk has reported this to Highways.

Clare Ryman-Tubb – BDC and Sth Norfolk Council, due to the strain on the NHS, have got 100 staff who volunteered to help. So far 21 members have been trained and are working alongside NHS staff.

The help Hub and Job Centre Plus have a 'work for all' programme; details are on the BDC website.

BDC have received a Sport England, tackling inequality fund of £10,000.

On 18th January, Covid support and Environmental Officers have been visiting and monitoring stores for safety compliance. The level of compliance has been good.

Public – Reading the GNLP there are 2 sites, with existing planning there will be 137 new dwellings between 2018 and 2038. The 3 Health Centres in our area are oversubscribed as it is and it's going to get worse. It says the virtues of Lingwood are transport, school and the Village Hall but no mention of a Health Centre. If BDC or the Parish Council are going to put anything, can a Health Centre be put on, we need one in the Village.

Cathy – The problem is getting a Doctors practice to come and set up in the Village but hopefully by 2038 we should have one.

21/15. Minutes of the meetings 12th January 2021: Were not signed but authorised for signature at the earliest opportunity.

21/16. Matters arising from 12th January 2021 Meeting:

Cathy – Did anyone hear Chris Gates on the radio talking about the A47 today? Put the A47 onto the next agenda.

The Clerk asked County Farms if they are responsible for the drive to St Andrews Church, North Burlingham as this is the 'gateway' to the Burlingham Woodland walks. They are still to get back.

21/17. Correspondence: a) Complaint about Blofield Road, Lingwood, multiple wing mirror accidents. Request for a reduced speed limit to 40mph and/or widening of the road. The

Clerk asked Highways and they said there are no plans to widen or reduce the speed limit on this Road.

Lingwood Road and Lane are closing so there will be more traffic using this way into the village so something will have to be done. David – At the A47 consultation they said that they expect all traffic to come into the village via the White House junction. Ian – If everyone comes in via the White House junction, are they improving the Lodge Road bends? They could put a road on the other side of the trees so there is one lane one side and another on the other side. The Clerk asked at the A47 Consultation if they could improve the Blofield Road and they said it was not Highways England but County Highways that would be responsible for improvements to that road.

Brian – Future housing and extra traffic research for Acle was done. There are a couple of National Organisations who will help, contacting County re extra housing and the need for extra detail to back up extra traffic.

b) A member of the public has complained again about cars parking on the path on Post Office Close and asked why the signs hadn't been put up yet. The Clerk hasn't actioned this due to Covid and it not being an urgent job but can ask if Sean can do it.

c) E-mail from a resident about the lights at the Chapel Road crossing. Cathy will chase this up tomorrow.

21/18. Planning: a) 20210010: Pig rearing building. Land North of Wood Lane, Hassingham, NR13 4HF.

There is no problem in principle but concern about the smell and flies from dirty water storage and manure heap. The building is ok. The waste needs to be treated properly and disposed of properly, as long as all the waste is being dealt with according to legal requirements to minimise the smell drifting across to Lingwood it should be ok. It will probably be used to spray the fields and manure the fields. Highways are ok with the entrance and extra traffic. Lana – If unsure, put it in the form of a question, you will get constructive answers from the Planning Officer. **Decision:** Unanimous approval of the building, with concerns. Will adequate steps be taken with the dirty water storage and manure build up to minimise the smell and flies?

b) 20210052: Pig rearing building number 2. Land North of Wood Lane, Hassingham, NR13 4HF. **Decision:** Unanimous approval of the building, with concerns. Will adequate steps be taken with the dirty water storage and manure build up to minimise the smell and flies?

21/19. GNLP: The most recent GNLP Reg19 is in for consultation. They have taken off the Post Office Road site for up to 60 properties and replaced this with GNLP4016, which is for @ 30 homes. We did not know anything about this change since it wasn't on the Reg18.

Cathy – Technically we can't ask for alterations to sites.

Lana – Reg19 asked to consider policies as well as the site allocations. Was this site not on Reg18?

No. We were fighting to get alterations to the Post Office Road site as it expanded with more homes requested. We wanted to keep the site small with open views to the Church with no strip development. This has now been completely scrapped after being on the plan for many years as a smaller site for up to 30 homes. A new site has been put on the plan on Station Road for approx 30 homes.

Lana – Reg18 call for sites selected preferred sites for Reg19, they may have had to increase in theory for an uplift in numbers required but what ought to have happened they should be selected from sites that were in reg18 previously. Clerk to e-mail Lana the site.

21/20. Neighbourhood Plan: There are grants available to help with the cost of producing a plan. Richard Squires leads the Neighbourhood Plans. There are several people that do them, most of them are costed within the grant boundaries. Speak to Richard and try to go to the next Neighbourhood Plan forum. Sonya can find out from Clerks working on a plan, how much work is involved and how it is going for them. Clerk to contact Lana.

It was noted that there was a Community plan completed in 2009 which was for 10 years. This did include planning desires but was not as specific about planning as a neighbourhood plan would be. The Community Plan was done by volunteers, the Clerk reported it was very hard work and took about 2 years.

Cathy – Could consider a Committee to take the work off Sonya if the load is too heavy.

Put this onto the next Agenda.

21/21. Millennium Green – a) Wild flower area: The Clerk has marked off on a plan and sent it to EAS, who are the grass cutters on the Millennium Green, to quote.

b) Permission requested for a property boundary fence to remain on the Green. The fence was put onto the Millennium Green side of the boundary. The fencing company will move it 12 inches towards the hedge without damaging the hedge but cannot put it on the proper boundary as the hedge is in the way. The request is to let the fence stay where it is until either the hedge is removed or the property is sold.

This would set a precedent if allowed to be left as it is. If this were a residential neighbour, they wouldn't like the fence on their property. The fence should be on their side of the trees if it cannot be put on the actual boundary. **Decision:** It was resolved to ask the resident to move the fence to their side of the hedge at the earliest opportunity. If the hedge is being removed to put the fence on the actual boundary, the Council will allow for the bird nesting season, so should be moved @ September to October 2021 to allow for this.

c) To discuss quotes for cleaning the rock and toddler area play equipment. **Decision:** It was resolved to choose the cheapest quote and see how good it is for future reference. Ask the contractor to carry out the work at the end of March to early April when the weather improves.

21/22. Highways and Verges: There is a lengthways crack on footway on Station Road, near to the Kingsdale Bus stop.

The footway has lifted where it floods on the corner of Station Road with School Road.

A deep furrow has appeared along the centre of the road, between 2 manhole covers, where they have previously laid pipes, on Chapel Road near the old School site.

Station Road is still bad, it is dangerous for cyclists. This was reported and some were done but they are bad again.

Clerk to report to Highways.

21/23. Finance: a) Payments Authorised: i) S. Dickinson – Zoom payment Feb to March £14.39 (chq 2346).

b) Retrospective Payments: i) Keepers Nursery for new pear tree for Orchard. £32.00 (chq 2335) ii) Play inspection Co. for Dec inspection £189 (chq 2339). iii) B. Gas – MUGA lights £67.32 (chq 2340). iv) Eden Tree & Hedge Care Ltd. for Pond work. £390 (chq 2343).

c) Came and Company annual insurance. £1,325.83 **Decision:** It was resolved to keep with Came and Company and tie in for 3 years from March 2021. £1,325.83 (chq 2347).

d) M. Green and Cemetery Grass cutting contracts for 2021. **Decision:** It was resolved to stay with K. Monsey for the cemetery. EAS has not quoted yet for the M. Green but has said it won't increase by much. Each year he charges only for cuts done and is always under his quote. The Council are happy with the M. Green work so stay with the contract but keep a check on the increase, if any.

e) BADCOG Annual upkeep of pond 20/21, donation usually at £250 and the upkeep of some footpaths 21/22 last year £80 for petrol. **Decision:** It was resolved to keep the same. (chq 2348).

f) Burlingham Cottage Gardeners Donation for mowing Burlingham Green 2021 Season (£55 last year). **Decision:** It was resolved to increase the donation to £60 (chq 2349).

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.42
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 2nd March 2021, 7pm, via Zoom.*