

# **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm.**

**Present were:** Chairman Cathy Pye, Vice Chair – Brenda Jones, Mike Ingram, Richard Morton (7.29pm), David Robinson, Alex Tosh, Roz Simpson, Sophia Walker, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk

**21/24. Welcome and Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Tony Scott, Ian Chapman and Cllr Cathy Cordiner-Achenbach.

**21/25. Declarations of interest:** S. Dickinson – Finance a) i).

**21/26. 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 County Councillor Brian Iles. County Councillor Brian Iles – Notification that Station Road is being closed due to resurfacing work.

Grips have been talked about a lot. These channel water off a road into a ditch. A47 crossing will be discussed later in the meeting.

GNLP – The site is complicated and the procedure for complaints is limited, you can only complain against anything illegal. It's almost as if it's been written to stop complaints.

Cathy – We will open the GNLP and the A47 items so Brian and Chris Gates can comment.

**21/27. Minutes of the meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021:** Were not signed but authorised for signature at the earliest opportunity.

**21/28. Matters arising from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 Meeting:** None.

**21/29. Correspondence:** a) A member of the public has complained about the Sallows being cut at the pond. The Clerk contacted BADCOG who have said that the contractor carried out the work as instructed. The Sallows needed to be cut right back as had overgrown and were falling into the pond.

b) Notice about the Police engagement meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March if anyone wishes to attend.

**21/30. 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, Station Road, which is for @ 30 homes. We did not know anything about this change since it wasn't on the Reg18.

We cannot comment unless it's unlawful or not practical.

At the meeting with Mike Burrell and Lana, they agreed we should have been notified about the new site on Station Road, adjacent to Lingwood Academy, before it was put on, they knew @ 3 months before we found out. As it wasn't on the Reg 18 consultation, it isn't lawful as the Community wasn't consulted on the site. Comments: Roz – I agree with your report as we knew nothing about it. Cathy – I hope it doesn't bounce back on Mike Burrell. David – At the meeting with him, he told us he had forgotten to notify us. Cathy – But it wouldn't have been in time for Reg 18 anyway.

Cathy read her report she had previously circulated to Councillors, summarised below; The site will stop the School from expanding. Schools should have a free 25% footprint of their building to extend, provided enough land is available while protecting the playing field, they could expand to the back but it would take away from the playing field. Properties built on the land next to the School would overlook the School playing field. It was noted it could be residential care accommodation but this would be inappropriate next to a School. The hedgerow and trees they propose to remove, to widen the footway, were protected and part of a condition when the School and Village Hall were built and are part of an ancient hedgerow and should not be removed. The site is agricultural and outside the planning boundary and brown field sites should be preferred, such as the old Orchard School site. The same paper says that cities should have 35% take up of allocation sites, if that is the case we should have less development in this area. The Parish Council has not had a chance to consult with the Community. Would Councillors like to add anything?

Mike – I think you have put this together very well. Do we have a chance Brian?

Brian – An ombudsman will assess it and I think you have a case. Cathy has put it together very well with the quotes, cases and relevant rules and regulations included.

Cathy – I think it needs to be taken in conjunction with the second part:

The windfall section - the Orchard site, Chapel Road (20-23 properties) should be included as allocated land and not as windfall. Windfall is classed as unexpected land. Norfolk County Council, when they built the new school fully intended to develop the site. It is registered on the Brown field site register so is not unexpected windfall as it is registered for development. The 2015 planning permission lapsed in April 2018 and the call for sites ran for some time but the Reg 18 consultation on new, revised and small sites was 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The Orchard site should have been on the Reg 18 as a new site as there was no planning on the site. As it had previous planning on it there is compelling evidence that it is a reliable source of supply. It now has planning on it again so should be part of our allocation instead of the Station Road site.

Roz – You've done a very good job researching this.

Cathy – Thank you.

Brenda – It's a very good and comprehensive report and I can't think of anything to add.

All agreed.

Cathy – That's the 2 sites that need talking about but there are other items.

Cluster: Lingwood, Burlingham, Strumpshaw and Beighton. The report says the Primary School is at 74% and rated as red, houses therefore limited to 12-20 in the cluster. I phoned Marina and she said the official figures for the current capacity are 89%. Since the 74% was agreed there have been more than 90 properties built in the cluster (in Strumpshaw and Lingwood). They are now expecting another 50-60 homes which equal 140-150 homes. How can that be justified?

The other point is that time and time again we have said that roads need to be looked at, Doctors, improved infrastructure etc. Would anyone like to add anything?

Roz – I can't think of anything to add.

Mike - It's very comprehensive. All agreed.

Would you like Sonya and me to write up something along these lines and send it in to the GNLP before the deadline?

All thought it didn't need altering.

Brian – How are you going to send it, e-mail or letter?

Sonya – a letter attached to an e-mail.

Brenda – I want to propose a vote of thanks to Cathy as she has done a first rate job. All were in favour.

Cathy – Thank you all. Please contact me in the next few days if you can think of anything else.

**Decision:** It was unanimously resolved to send in Cathy's letter.

*7.20pm – Councillor Richard Morton and Chris Gates (Burlingham Cottage Gardeners) joined the Meeting.*

**21/31. A47:** Chris has told Richard that Cathy has done a comprehensive report.

Cathy – Upgrading; The Parish Council has asked for a footway on the new junction bridge at the White House which has now been included.

The overpass/underpass across from Lingwood to North Burlingham, when FP3 is cut off, for Walkers, cyclists and horse riders, (WCH) has not been included.

The footway/cycleway to link South Burlingham Road with the Windle, which would provide a link through to Acle, has not been included.

The response needs to be sent in by 6<sup>th</sup> April, so before the next meeting.

The WCH review published in August 2020 has loads of holes in it.

They want to reduce the severance effect but it does not include the provision of walking so will intensify the severance effect.

Cathy read the report.

Lingwood to North Burlingham via the proposed Blofield crossing; it is 2.5 miles from Lingwood to Blofield then 2.5miles to N. Burlingham so 5 miles each way = 10 mile round trip.

Chris – Highways England (H.E.) are they simply not understanding or something more sinister? The few houses on Lingwood Road are N Burlingham so they may say they are representing N. Burlingham i.e. those few houses but this is not the majority of N. Burlingham. They say the walking distance of 2.5km direct from N. Burlingham to school on Footpath 3 (FP3) is too far anyway but this is from the furthest reach of N. Burlingham and not from the Main part, which is closer. Their guide says 1.2km – 2.2km for walking to school, so would be @ right if going from the main part of N. Burlingham. Cathy's report says 3.2km statutory maximum walking limit to School for under 8's and 4.8km 8-11 years old. Main Road to Station Road is 2.9km via the current Road route but the new flyover will make it too far so a WCH bridge/underpass will be needed. The current walking distance is within the permitted distance but will be above the permitted distance once the new road and junctions are in place.

Cycling – we wouldn't expect children to cycle near the beet lorries which would use the White house flyover/junction.

David – If young children do walk/cycle to School over the new junction at the White House, the Acle Road to Lodge Road is dangerous with no footway, so is not feasible due to danger as well as the increased distance.

The safest way for children would be via the Blofield route as stated but this would be 5 miles each way.

Most of the N. Burlingham residents live in the Main Road area and is @ 1.7km and not 2.5km.

Chris – They may fall back on the argument that N. Burlingham children could go to Hemblington School but the Catchment School is Lingwood. If they don't provide the scope for children to walk or cycle, they are consigning all children to have to travel by car in the future.

The low usage of FP3 has been due to the A47 traffic increasing, making it more dangerous but people do still use it.

Brenda – If you are disabled with no car, how would you access your community and move around freely and safely? It is backward looking to not provide the right to move freely in the environment they want to live.

There was no mention of the 'who would welcome a bridge for walkers, cyclist and horse riders' petition sent to H.E.

They say that the majority of amenities are in Blofield but they are not, they are in Lingwood and Acle.

Richard – N. Burlingham residents are paying Council Tax to Lingwood for amenities they won't be able to easily access.

Cathy – New footway on the North side between Sth Walsham Road and the Windle, they are not going ahead with this anymore. There is currently no way for a pedestrian or cyclist to get to Acle from Lingwood & N. Burlingham without the footway cycleway but would be well used.

Chris – Brian may be able to help; from the lay-by to Acle has been cleared by Highways so they can see a need.

The cycleway over the new bridge junction would benefit from the footway/cycleway link to Acle. £50,000 was a figure they came up with when we asked at one of the meetings which didn't seem too expensive.

Ian - The 500m path on the M. Green was £27,000.

Chris - The NDR cycle path contractor will give a price.

H.E. said Cil would pay for a cycle way. I don't know how likely we are able to get Cil. Why can't they sort this out with Norfolk County Council?

Sonya – Not our Cil, we wouldn't have enough, they probably mean from BDC.

EDP – Cllr Grant was on our side.

Brian – The Windle is not part of Acle.

Cathy – Originally they were going to block off the Windle but now they are going to keep it open and access it via the lay-by.

Brian – They wanted to filter into Acle from the lay-by by the Windle if it was closed.

Chris – It might be useful Brian, if any C. Councillor could get us the arguments that the County Council are using with H.E. and what has and hasn't been discussed.

Brian – I will speak to Martin Wilby who is in charge of Highways and transport and he will head me in the right direction.

Chris – Are our comments best made collectively or through individuals responding?

Brian – Letters from as many directions as possible would be best.

Chris – People and groups have to register as interested parties. I can do this side of the A47 if Councillors can work on the Lingwood side.

Cathy – Significant potential to improvements to Burlingham Trails – No further improvements to be made.

Sonya pointed out that although they have said they are giving more footpaths they haven't mentioned they are taking some away.

The Burlingham Woodland Walks are not confined to the North of the A47 but are also on the South side.

NCC give directions to walkers etc. but H.E. are now blocking the link with the A47.

Horse riding; H.E. said about horse riding that NCC PROW said there was minimal equestrian activities in the Burlingham area but there are 4 serving this community as well as residents owning their own horses.

Chris – There is a lady who pushes her bike across the A47 to visit the RSPB and workers at the Burlingham House cross from Lingwood.

Cathy - Burlingham Trails are also to become a Country Park.

We need to write letters and need to get registered and letters in before the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Chris – N. Burlingham Cottage Gardeners: We can approach Cottage Gardener households and pass on the information links for individual responses. We will also put in a consolidated response from Burlingham Cottage Gardeners.

**Decision:** It was resolved to have a meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to finalise the response to the Inspectorate regarding Highways England (H.E.) plans for A47.

**21/32. Neighbourhood Plan:** Strumpshaw did a plan a few years ago. The cost of paying a company to do it is quite high but there are grants available. A steering group needs to be set up. Cathy can put a piece on the Community face book page to ask for volunteers. Does it need to tie in with the GNLP? A. No.

**21/33. Millennium Green – a)** Wild flower area: The Clerk marked off on a plan and sent it to EAS, who are the grass cutters on the Millennium Green, to quote. The quote has come back and the area can be done ready to sow the seeds by April, they will hold their quote for a year if the Council would prefer to carry the work out in the Autumn. As this seems a bit rushed and it would not be good to have a bare area just as the park is going to be used more, i.e. Spring and Summer, it would be best to hold off until the Autumn. Clerk to also get 2 more quotes.

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 Clerk met with the resident who wanted to discuss the decision at the last Parish Council Meeting. The resident is cutting back the boundary trees/hedge and will see if he can get the fence back to the fence line of the neighbouring property without removing the trees/hedge completely.

c) Benches for the green – Roz will speak to Sonya re ordering two benches.

**21/34. Highways and Verges:** Did the Clerk hear back from NPS regarding whether the drive to St Andrews Church is their responsibility? Nothing heard back as yet. Richard – Try Norfolk County Council Highways as they were responsible when the drive went to the Old Hall on the Burlingham estate.

Main Road, North Burlingham has a lot of pot holes and the South Walsham Road is crumbling at the edges, probably due to the sugar beet lorries.

**Decision:** Clerk to report to NCC Highways.

The A47, from South Walsham Road to Acle has large holes.

There is a lot of litter on the A47 towards Acle.

**Decision:** Clerk to report to Highways England.

Cathy – There were dozens of detour signs and road closed signs left over from the level crossing work. Cathy spoke to Amy at Network Rail and she said to contact the helpline. Cathy will chase this up.

A Parishioner asked if the island triangle site, owned by the shed company, could be tidied up or screened.

**Decision:** Clerk to enquire.

**21/35. Finance:** a) Payments Authorised: i) S. Dickinson – Zoom payment March to April £14.39 (chq 2350).  
ii) Viking Stationery – ink £58.19 inc VAT (chq 2351).  
iii) Norfolk Jet washing Services, £280 (Work to be carried out mid March, cheque to be sent when work completed). (chq 2353 cancelled and re issued on 2354 for £260).  
b) Retrospective Payments Authorised: i) Anglian Water – Allotments Nov 20 to Feb 21 £150.06 (chq 2352)  
Richard thanked the PC for the Burlingham Cottage Gardeners cheque.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45*

*Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7pm, via Zoom, to discuss the A47 response.*