

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood, on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present were: Chairman Cathy Pye, Ian Chapman, Mike Ingram, Paul Jones, Richard Morton, and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

22/13. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair – Brenda Jones, David Robinson, Roz Simpson, Sophia Walker and Ian White.

22/14. Declarations of interest: Paul Jones planning item b), as a neighbour. Sonya Dickinson - Finance a) i).

22/15. 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 10 members of the Public.

As 8 members of the public were here for the Burlingham Green planning application, Chair Cathy Pye decided to adjourn the meeting when the application is being discussed to hear their views.

Public – The footpath (footway) in front of Dairy Farm near the crossings; I know this is being discussed later and I wanted to let Councillors know I am supporting that item.

22/16. Minutes of the meeting 11th January 2022: Were signed as a true record.

22/17. Matters arising from 11th January 2022 meeting: Cathy – Chapel Road, School Site; I checked on the Committee report and the site has been approved subject to conditions. I was hoping District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb would be here to explain why it was passed and the conditions.

22/18. Correspondence: a) Phone call regarding the allotment bait boxes needing re-filling. Richard – I couldn't find all of the bait boxes. Clerk to check with allotment holders where they have been moved to.

b) Allotment hedge – request to cut the hedge. Clerk to get quotes.

22/19. Planning: a) 20212248: Erection of 1 single storey dwelling and garage with associated garden and parking. Land at Burlingham Green, The Green, North Burlingham. Cathy – This site was originally for grazing. Previous applications for The Green; there were 37 in 48 years and all for extensions and garages, there was only 1 for a new dwelling, which was refused.

Comments from the Public: There were 2 applications for access; the 1st environmental report was against it because of the Oak tree and the crested newts. The 2nd environmental report mentioned the Oak tree but did not mention the crested newts for some reason? No horse has been on there yet for grazing, it was obvious the entrance was for them to apply for a dwelling later. The condition of the original approval for the access, a replacement hedgerow should have been planted in the 1st growing season, it still hasn't been done. They have managed to put in an electrical unit but no hedging, they have also had water installed, so electricity and water have already been put in but still no replacement hedge.

The highways impact for access for grazing use is very different from using it for a property, the occasional vehicle to a family of vehicles using this road every day.

When the original barns on the land were converted, the condition was that the footprint be no bigger than what was already there on the land.

There have been no new dwellings in Burlingham Green since 1926, and that one was to replace one that was burned down.

The application is misleading, the design is not in keeping and the applicant almost infers he has consulted with neighbours but he hasn't.

Where they are proposing to put a garage, there was a pond with newts in. The land is boggy there.

They have pruned the Oak tree already, I have applied for a TPO and still waiting to hear back.

This application will destroy the feeling of The Green, it is not in keeping.

They probably bought it for a reasonable cost for grazing but if got planning, even with uplift it would be very cheap. He has got it cheap so can afford an architect to put an outlandish design in, then can, at appeal, put a more reasonable design in and hope everyone is relieved and agrees to it.

Broadland District Council's new big thing is for no more car use but with no public transport there, they will have to use a car.

The services are not good enough in the area to support another property.

Councillors are in agreement with all of the points raised.

Decision: Unanimously object on the grounds that: There should be no development on this land at all. The application is for a huge industrial type unit that is not in keeping with the area. It was originally granted permission for an entrance for grazing land only, with occasional vehicle use. The road and services are not good enough to support an additional dwelling.

Burlingham Green should be protected from development; there has been only 1 application for a new dwelling in 46 years, which was refused.

Any new development in the area would be contrary to the JCS, the draft GNLP and the Parish Council's proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Pre planning application from WHP Telecoms Ltd. for a mast at the Village hall site: Proposed Communications installation for ARQIVA's smart meter network for Anglian Water at ANW_NR162, Lingwood Village Hall and Social Club, Station Road, Lingwood, NR13 4AZ. The Village Hall have agreed to this being on their land as they will get an annual payment. They are going to take electricity from the MUGA meter box with their own meter or put one in behind the notice board.

Will there be a constant low hum?

It says 13.8M high but they need to be higher than the trees, the trees are a lot higher, are they going to trim them?

A phone mast is needed as this is such a bad signal area, would they be willing to incorporate mobile phone and broadband provision? Of 4 providers, we can only get 2, EE and 3 are only in small pockets.

ARQIVA need electricity and access.

Groups in Scotland objected and they responded by saying they blend in with street lights, we haven't got any for it to blend in with.

Would radio waves be a problem?

Invite them to come along to the 29th March Annual Parish Meeting to do a presentation to reassure residents about its position.

22/20. Neighbourhood Plan: Mike - CCP came to the meeting of the NP Group last week. They have proven to be a good choice, they have already got the locality grant claim in for £4,000 and it should be in the PC bank account shortly. The BDC grant has also been applied for. They are gathering an evidence based report. I have had a video conference with Louise and a rep from ACON who are going to supply tech support. They do a design code in future development and a housing need assessment. We have decided to change the logo for the website as this was originally the Village sign which looked like the plan was just for Lingwood. We have been granted permission from the Village Hall to use their logo. We have spoken to the Village Book and the Parish News about an advert.

22/21. GNLP: Nothing new to report.

22/22. Millennium Green & MUGA: a) Flowering Cherry trees to be planted as soon as possible. Clerk – I have asked for quotes for supply and planting but nothing back as yet. We could ask volunteers to plant them? Cllrs Mike and Paul offered to plant them. We also need someone to help look after them in their 1st year especially as they will need watering. Clerk to order trees. Buy 4ft ones so they are not too tall for any windy weather and the roots can get established. Stakes and straps/ties need to be ordered also. They must be sorted in the next 2 months.

Still to source a raise and lower jack for the MUGA lights. The Clerk will ask NALC to circulate a request to other Councils. Cathy – We could ask people if they have one on face book?

Cathy – We need to get the deeds for the Millennium Green off Mrs Kent.

22/23. Park Run Path: This should not be called the Park Run path but the Village hall fitness trail. Cllr Paul Jones ran the track and it isn't too bad as most of it has worn in but some places have not where the stones are too big.
Ben has spoken to the contractors but doesn't want any more to do with it. The tender said vibration rolled but it doesn't look as if it was as not compacted enough. It looked at the time as if they only used a roller and not a whacker.
Cllr Paul Jones is coming to the Village Hall on Saturday to talk to the Park runners to see if they like the path. Cathy – they probably will but it is also meant to be for the disabled. The bit from here to the bottom is not good enough.
Paul – I will speak to the Contractor on the PC's behalf.
Cathy will contact NCC trading standards if not.

22/24. Bus to Acle: It is too far for people to walk from the Station in Acle to the Doctors surgery. Acle has a Norfolk County Council (NCC) free bus to Wroxham, we could ask for one to Acle from Lingwood and North Burlingham. Shelve for the time being.

22/25. Queen's Jubilee: a) Events: The Jubilee planning committee need a secretary, chairman and publisher.
b) Bench: Commemorative Jubilee bench? Do we want one, there is one for @ £600, similar to the Station Road one or an Oak one for @ £1000. We could get one for Burlingham Green and one for the verge opposite the Spar? **Decision:** Research benches for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We could get a ground plaque for the trees.
c) Fireworks: It will cost £2,500 for 4 minutes 10 seconds of fireworks similar to the finale of the Village Hall fireworks (no loud bangs). Put the idea on hold for now. There has been a petition/bill in Parliament trying to make it illegal to have more than 90 decibels except at organised displays; this is a reduction from 120 decibels to 90 decibels.
Two years ago we said we would write to MP Jerome Mayhew again regarding the fireworks. Clerk – we sent an e-mail 26/11/20 and received a reply 11/12/20.
We should have written again before November 2021. Write to him again to ask if he can support the bill to reduce the decibels.
d) Budget: to underwrite the band to @ £500 as per the cancelled VE day celebration. The Village Hall will pay out of the Social Club bar proceeds from the event but if they are short the PC will pay.
Would the PC like to supply a souvenir for the children? BDC and NCC might be doing something for the Children. Check with them.
Should we pay for entertainment on the Green? Bouncy castles etc. Cathy will come back to the PC after the next Jubilee Meeting.

22/26. Community Speed-watch Campaign: Cathy has 2 more volunteers so she will contact the original 5 people who volunteered and send their details to the Clerk to pass onto the Police Speed Watch team.

22/27. Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 7.30pm (tea and coffee served from 7pm):
Cathy put the meeting as 6.30 pm in the Parish News. Cathy will see if she can get one of the Jubilee group to do a piece on the Jubilee celebrations. The Neighbourhood team will do a piece. Clerk to ask BADCOG, Scouts, Brownies and other Community Groups including the Churches.

22/28. Highways: There was another accident on South Walsham Road, we still need to push for a 40mph limit. The excuse used by Highways is there are not enough houses but this doesn't hold water when you look at Panxworth to Salhouse, Salhouse to Wroxham, Wroxham to Coltishall and Coltishall to North Walsham.
Pot hole in the road; junction of Orchard Close with Chapel Road, by the give way lines in the middle.
Footway on Post Office Road by the edge of the Millennium Green needs resurfacing, it was missed when they did the rest of the footway. The Clerk has reported this and they did say they would do it. Report it again.
Burlingham Green is in need of road sweeping. Clerk to ask Broadland.
Who cleans the signs? The horse sign in Burlingham and other signs are very dirty.

The white markings at the entrance to Phoenix Drive from Norwich Road still need doing. Clerk to report again.

22/29. Finance: a) Payments Authorised for: i) Repayment to S. Dickinson for paying British Gas the Electricity bill for the MUGA lights. £54.74 (chq no. 2422).

b) Retrospective payments: i) DA & SV Robinson bench installation £200 and bin £45 = £245 (chq no. 2421).

c) To discuss a Parish Partnership application for a footway to link from the crossings to Dairy Farm on Station Rd.

Ballpark figure from Highways £13,000 so 50% = £6,500 would be payable by the Parish Council if the Parish Partnership application was successful.

It was ridiculous this stretch was missed when they originally did the footway along Station Road. Highways are not keen on doing this stretch because of the Oak Tree. Why should Parishioners pay via their NCC Council tax and Parish precept? If the piece of land next to the School does get developed this stretch would have to be done anyway. **Decision:** It was resolved to not apply for a Parish Partnership grant. Ask NCC Lana Hemsall to help lobby for this footway.

d) For the next meeting: BDC want to see the Parish Council's minutes to show they have agreed to underwrite the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk is to put it on the next agenda for resolution and in the mean time write a letter to BDC to say the Parish Council supports the N. Plan.

e) For the next meeting: The Grass cutting quote for the Millennium Green and the Cemetery came in too late for the agenda. The increase is 5% for the Millennium Green and 8.5% for the Cemetery. Inflation is high this year (Inflation rate by spring 2022 @ 6%) and the Cemetery is becoming more time consuming with each additional burial plot used.

Councillors resolved the Clerk does not need to get any additional quotes as the contractors currently used are very good but the item will be discussed and verified at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 1st March 2022.