

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road,  
Lingwood on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm.

**Welcome:** Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council Brenda Jones welcomed 5 members of the Council, 6 parishioners, District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb, Beat Managers PC Jackie Chambers and PC Steve Godden and Clerk Sonya Dickinson.

The awful happenings in the Ukraine right now need thinking about, we did have a minutes silence at the last PC meeting so we won't do one now but we should just take a moment to think of those suffering.

**Apologies** were received from Councillor Ian Chapman, Councillor Viki Millou, Councillor Sophia Walker, Councillor Ian White and County Councillor Lana Hemsall.

**Minutes of the last APM:** Had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Were signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** None.

**Report by the Vice Chairman:** Brenda read the report prepared by the Clerk. In summary, we said goodbye to 2 Councillors but welcomed 2 new ones, there are currently 2 casual vacancies. More volunteers are required to take the Good Neighbour Scheme forward. Thanks were given to the volunteers of the Parish.

– Please see attached report.

**Adoption of Vice Chairman's report:** Proposed by Mr Richard Morton and seconded by Mrs Roz Simpson.

**Reports from County and District Councillors, Local Clubs & Organisations:**

Broadland District Councillor – Clare Ryman-Tubb: BDC has focused grants around the impact on local businesses due to Covid.

There have been Business awards and Community at Heart awards.

There will be no increase in Council Tax from BDC.

There is a food innovation centre and a Green accommodation scheme.

The Home for Ukraine Scheme – checks on housing is being done by Norfolk County Council.

BADCOG: - Blofield and district conservation group will be celebrating 40 years next year and looks after sites of nature in the area. There are 14 sites at present including fen and wet meadows, churchyard conservation areas, ponds and Buckenham woods, we also carry out tree and hedgerow planting and mow some of the local footpaths.

The Village pond has a conservation area and keeping it nice for the wildlife and people is a challenge. We look after the sallow and reed beds and open water, also maintaining the hedges around the pond. There will be a wildflower area around the pond. We have 40 members and would always welcome more volunteers.

Police – Perhaps we could volunteer youths that have vandalised things to help with some of the BADCOG work?

Tree Warden- Ernest Hoyos: - The Community orchard on Clarkson Road, whoever planted the trees or the Parish Council ought to be looking after them, not the Tree warden. There is room for a couple more trees. Ernest acquired an Oak Tree for the Jubilee which the PC agreed could go to North Burlingham.

Burlingham Cottage Gardeners – Chris Gates: - We received the generous donation of the Jubilee Oak tree and are just waiting for County Council to agree we can plant it on the Green at Burlingham Green as the land is rented from them. The date of the Burlingham Open Gardens is 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Village Hall - Ben read his report: Summary; Another difficult year at the Hall. The hall has proved resilient with the help of its volunteers. Volunteers are now coming back, and we are

confident it will recover. The Social Club has been harder to bring back. The bar has just been renamed – 'Whiskin's', after the late Mr Brian Whiskin, who had been involved with the Village Hall and Social Club for many years.

The Park Run is on Saturday mornings and the local running group, 'Leggits' are a credit to the village and have raised funds. We have planted 100 trees and the second section of the field is being cultivated and grass seeded. We are thankful to the Committee and Kerry who is the 'face' of the hall.

Brenda – Thank you Ben and everyone who works/volunteers running the hall, it is a brilliant facility.

Police – Acle area Beat Managers PC Jackie Chambers and PC Steve Godden: - At the Acle area Green week event last year, we brought the electric BMW along.

Crime figures for the Parish are pretty good, I checked back to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and there were 13 investigations, 7 of which were non crimes. There were 2 violent domestic related, 1 public order which was domestic, Homelea criminal damage and 2 thefts at the Spar.

The head teacher at the Compass School invited us to visit. We have been a second time to show the children the drone and are hopefully doing a Police dog visit next time.

The 'Street Safe' area in the Parish is currently Station Road, mostly due to being dark. You can go onto the Police website and put an area where you feel unsafe in your Parish.

We are trying to be more visible so don't worry if you see us walking around the Parish.

At the last priority setting meeting, speeding and Anti-social behaviour are the concerns.

Paul Jones – We were trying to get enough volunteers for a community speed watch group, we have now got 6 volunteers.

Police – The engagement Officer will help you set one up and we will come and support you when you are doing it.

Paul Jones – Norwich Road is bad for speeding cars. Police – We can do speed checks if Sonya lets us know which Roads.

Police – Neighbourhood Watch: contact Vicky Bailey if you want to set one up in your area.

Heating oil and cooking oil theft is more common now due to its increased value. We have crime prevention leaflets to hand out.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Mike Ingram - I am the Chairman of the group, but I am well supported by the Steering Group Committee. The Website has been praised. We are nearly ready for the first community consultation process, we have advertised in the Parish News and the Village Book.

Brenda – On behalf of the Parish Council, thank you all for your hard work.

**To invite contributions or Questions from the floor:** None.

**Closing Remarks:** Brenda - I want to thank Sonya who is the best Parish Clerk, we value her. Thank you all for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.