

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning meeting,
held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,
on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present were – Chair David Robinson, Ian Chapman, Mike Ingram, Cheryl Grace, Paul Jones, Richard Morton, Roz Simpson, Sophia Walker, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

22/112. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones and Vicky Millou.

22/113. Declarations of interest: Mike Ingram - finance, as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Team. Sonya Dickinson - finance.

22/114. Public Forum including: (15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each). We were joined by Cllr Jan Davies and 5 members of the public. The Clerk was asked to report that there has been some antisocial behaviour, carried out by young people between @ 16-19 years old, towards residents and properties on Spencer Close. The Police are aware.

22/115. A47 - under pass/bridge: Jan Davies presentation on the Alliance against the A47. There are several projects along the A47 in close proximity, i.e. the Western Link etc. They have legally challenged the Secretary of state as due process has not been followed. The key issue is around National Highways as they have not assessed the carbon emissions correctly. De-carbonisation plan. Increasing Road structures, increasing carbon emissions. As the Blofield to North Burlingham dualling is the first project, that needs to be challenged first. Carbon budget – we need to know what the carbon emissions are. We can address the big issue for Lingwood and North Burlingham; cutting off the footpath that joins the Parish with the denied cycle walking horse riding underpass/bridge. There is a positive benefit from providing a crossing to offset carbon emissions made by the new road. Safety is the big issue with the A47 currently, we are not arguing about that, but the new road will be 70mph and without a crossing it is more dangerous. The Solicitors are the same ones that are tackling the net-zero strategy. David – We as a Parish are passionate about the crossing/underpass. Jan- Dr Boswell has written several reports about the emissions. National Highways are only interested in roads and not footpaths, cycleways or bridleways. Ian – At the original presentation they promised a cycle path to Acle and an underpass/bridge crossing at the footpath. Chris – ex chair, Cathy Pye was in the process of uncovering the lack of due process with the WCH Report (walk, cycle, horse). Jan – National Highways say ‘connecting communities’ but they mean cities. Chris – They originally said the dualling would maintain and improve access, not make it worse. They gave options to choose and by choosing one they say we endorsed the whole thing. There was a bridge crossing point at the footpath shown on their scheme originally. Jan – North Witham has a bridleway over the dual carriageway, mind you I don’t know what horse would go over a bridge? In terms of support money is needed to push through the legal challenge and litigation. Costs so far are up to £10,000. There is £10,000 in the crowd funder so far with 15 days to go. People are pledging £5-£10. David – How much needs to be raised? Jan - @ £20,000 is the target. Ian – If the challenge wins do we get our costs back? Jan – Yes the money will go back into the pot to challenge for better access. Clerk – The Parish Council have campaigned for years for this stretch of road to be dualled as it is dangerous, the traffic builds up when it goes from dual to single carriageway, forcing people to cut through the villages. The denied crossing underpass/bridge to connect the Parish is what is being objected to from the Parish Council point of view as the proposed road and junctions create a long detour to get to the other half of the Parish. Public – Ref access; you’re mounting a challenge on carbon emissions, are you confident that they are falling short of what’s required?

Can the Parish Council publicise the crowd funder? David - Yes

Jan – Chris Gates was excellent on BBC radio talking about the road.

Public – Are there any other groups that have already succeeded that set a precedent? Jan – Transport action network, Community Planning Alliance.

Public – Can the PC get together and withdraw the local Government support? Jan – Norfolk County Council support the crossing.

Ian – Carbon footprint; there is no public transport in North Burlingham and if residents can't access the railway station in Lingwood it increases carbon emissions.

Tina – People could write to MP Jerome Mayhew and Secretary of State Grant Shapps. If the PC make it easy for people to find out how to do it and what to say, more people would probably respond. Jan- I will send details to Sonya to publicise.

We need to make it clear that we are wanting the stretch of road dualled, but due process hasn't been followed and access requests have been ignored.

Public – A lot of people are not on-line so posters would be worth it.

Decision: Clerk to try and get the information Jan gives her into the Parish News. The Parish News deadline has already gone but if it can't be fitted in at this late date, perhaps an A5 flyer could be printed and given to the Parish News delivery to go out with the Parish News Autumn edition.

N.B. National Highways will be visiting the Lingwood Village Hall on 12th October 12-8pm for the public to come along and discuss the A47.

22/116. Planning: a) 20221071: Single-storey side extension, render to brickwork. Medina, Alison Close, Lingwood, NR13 4BN. **Decision:** Unanimous support.

22/117. Finance: a) Payments Authorised: i) S. Dickinson - N. Plan Website £7.20 July to August (chq 2475).

ii) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass July £260 (chq 273)

iii) Collective Community Planning £720 (chq 2471)

iv) Collective community Planning £1260 (chq 2474).

v) Crown Tree Services £930 (chq 2473).

vi) E.A.S- Millennium Green Grass March – July £652.68 (chq 2472). E.A.S. did not seed the Wildflower area on the Millennium Green in March/April but will now seed in the Autumn. Due to the hot dry weather we have had, it has been for the best.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.42
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm.