

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting,

held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,
on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present were – Chair David Robinson, Mike Ingram, Roz Simpson and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

22/118. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Ian Chapman, Cheryl Grace, Paul Jones, Richard Morton, Sophia Walker and Ian White.

22/119. Declarations of interest: Sonya Dickinson – finance a) i).

22/120. Public Forum including: (15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each). We were joined by Norfolk County Councillor (NCC) Lana Hemsall and 3 members of the public.

Public – Post Office Road GNLP (Greater Norwich Local Plan) development, the concern of the 5th July minutes where it said a group of people who lived on Post Office Road. Not all of those that objected lived nearby, 88 complaints came up inc. National Heritage, Anglian Water and Highways, which is more than any other allocation.

We went to the Clerk's house when it was proposed to discuss with the planner and discussed a smaller scale development, but it was not confirmed. We are concerned putting it back on will suddenly make them look at it again. There are several smaller sites, why not those? It was not adequately discussed to say you would like to go back to the Post Office Road site again. You didn't discuss those facts.

Clerk – The Post Office Road site has been on a plan for possible development since prior to 1974, which is the earliest dated map I could find. It was called phase 2 and the entire site was on there, including the triangle on Chapel Road at the end of Post Office Road/Neves Close. It has been on subsequent plans as the entire site with a request from the PC at the time for an avenue of trees going from Post Office Road to the Church.

David – When purchasing the Post Office (1999), I can remember my solicitor saying it had come up in the searches that Post Office Road would be developed.

Public - We weren't told.

Clerk - In 2008/9, when our allocation was 25-30 homes, they produced a plan with a square of land to the South/East of the site, for up to 30 homes, with a roundabout at the Post Office Close junction, this only went across nearly half the width of the Millennium Green. They also had a plan for up to 30 homes on Chapel Road, opposite the Post Office Road/Neves Close junctions. The Post Office Road site was only objected to by the Parish Council when the new plan showed a larger area with @ 60 homes and our previous allocation had been up to 30, as well as there now being complaints from Parishioners for the first time.

The problem arose between Reg 18 and 19, the Post Office site had been removed completely, not leaving the original small area previously preferred, and the Station Road site appeared. The PC complained about the Station Road site in 2021 as it is taking away Dairy Farm land that is needed, (they had already lost some for the school site), plus the School will become land locked and not able to expand, which it probably will need to if there are to be 60 new homes from the GNLP in addition to the 25 already passed at the old school site on Chapel Road, they class as 'windfall'. It was assumed that, as the first time any objection had been raised was when this new GNLP plan was released with @ 60 homes and spanned a larger area, the smaller site was not a problem as it never had been before. No other sites that have been objected to have been taken off the plan but remain there each time for the Parish Council's opinion, even the site from Buckenham Road to Buckenham Lane, which when that appeared on the plan for the first time and was discussed at a meeting, many Parishioners attended to object.

There must be land allocated by the GNLP and we do unfortunately have to have development.

We cannot say no to every site and it will upset someone, somewhere. The Parish Council has not asked for Post Office Road to be put back on but in discussions did wonder why it had been taken off, but the GNLP have not been contacted.

Public – There is sympathy ref the Station Road site being sprung on the Parish Council (PC).

David – I can see what you're saying about the discussion on the minutes being misleading. There were two points; objecting to Station Road being put on the plan without prior consultation and wanting it removed and Post Office Road being taken off the plan by them. The discussion was

about Station Road really and its unsuitability. There is no indication that Post Office Road is going back on the plan and the PC has not asked for it to be put back on.

Lana- The GNLP examination is over and no sites are going to be added into it. Reg19 sites were shuffled and what happens is it's then put in front of the planning inspector. Why are you having a lengthy discussion? When it is developed, they need to start the process all over again and as Sonya has said, development needs to happen. We need houses as we have a massive shortage. There was a review in Sept 2019 (White paper), to put the country into zones but it was rejected. The old plans were between 7-12 years but might change to every 5 years.

This is a lovely village and people will want to live here. Think of it as every house built is a new neighbour.

The Neighbourhood plan is the chance to shape your village.

Lana – N. Western link is being consulted on at the minute. It is controversial in many respects, a lifeline to some although there are environmental impacts.

Are there any Ukraine refugees in the Parish? If you find there are, please let them know to be in contact with the Early help hub at Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council. There is a significant financial package, they can claim benefits and the children can go to school. They are entitled to seek employment. Please respond to any notices regarding conversational English if you can spend an hour or so to help.

James Knight introduced himself. He has been encouraged to stand for the Conservatives at the next election. He lived in North Burlingham for 23 years.

22/121. Minutes of the meetings 5th July and 9th August 2022: Were signed as a true record but it was noted there was an objection from a member of the Public about what was said at the 5th July meeting.

22/122. Matters arising from 5th July and 9th August 2022 Meetings: Ref the 5th July meeting – 22/108. David Robinson – I was not at the meeting but understand the confusion over what was said. To clarify, the Parish Council has not asked for the Post Office Road site to be put back onto the GNLP but did wonder why the smaller development was taken off at the time that the Station Road site, which had never been mentioned before, was put on. Objections to the Station Road site were already lodged by the PC in 2021 when it appeared on the Reg 19.

Ref the 9th August meeting, item 22/115. A47: The Parish Council said they would try and publicise the campaign for the Alliance because of the disappointment about not getting a crossing, but after following the link given, it was found that the Alliance were against the dualling of the A47 altogether, which the Parish Council is not against. (The crowd-funder finished on 24th August).

Lana – The crossing is not dead in the water as it will be paid for out of designated funds and hasn't been decided yet.

Roz – Will it be done once they've started the work though?

Lana – I am talking to Transport East and this is the sort of project that is important. Environmental mitigation and enhancements are coming out of designated funds.

22/123. Correspondence: a) E-mail on 5/9/2022 from a Parishioner against the decision the Council made at the 5th July meeting, ref TPO's on Station Road and asking for Station Road to be taken off the GNLP and putting the Post Office Road site back on. This was answered in matters arising and Public forum.

Paul Jones is not here to say if he has put TPO's (tree preservation order) on the trees yet.

b) Complaint from a resident regarding First Bus not being reliable. Cancelled buses with no notification on the boards, leaving people waiting without knowing if the next one will turn up.

Mike – It could be due to the A11 roadworks as our buses come from Wymondham.

Lana – forward something to me about it and I will ask. It should be sorted by now and more reliable. Reliability is the key to not putting people off using buses.

22/124. Neighbourhood Plan: The majority of the Community Engagement events have now been completed and the feedback received is now being formulated. We have over the last few months, commissioned very comprehensive reports by a Government backed group called AECOM. These reports have covered a housing needs assessment and design codes. These reports together with the feedback information will be used as part of our evidence base on which our draft plan will be formulated over the coming months.

It was resolved to move the Highways item as NCC Lana Hempsall needed to leave @ 8.30pm.

22/125. Highways & A47: The A47 has been approved but without the underpass/bridge to join Lingwood & North Burlingham. This was discussed under item 22/122.

National Highways Public presentation at Lingwood Village Hall 12th October 12-8pm.

Lana – Electric charging points grant available. The Clerk has had an e-mail and there was someone coming out to discuss how it all works but nothing back from them yet. Lana – they have quoted Freethorpe for 2.

Clerk – the electricity on the Village Hall site is the Parish Council's (PC) but we had better also check if the Village Hall is ok with the charging points being on their land. Lana – They will be used and will draw people to use the hall.

Lana – Did the PC think any more about using Parish Partnership funds for the footway link on Station Road? Clerk – The Council resolved to wait and see about the proposed development. Highways should really link this footway without the PC paying for half.

N.B. NCC Lana Hempsall and James Knight left at this point.

22/126. Running Track: Paul Jones is not here to update us on the contractor.

David - while pulling up weeds last week a heavy roller went past. Lingwood Village Hall had arranged for a heavy roller and a volunteer worked hard all day rolling the path, it is now much better.

22/127. Speed Awareness: An advert has been put into the Parish News for volunteers to come forward to be on the Speed Awareness team. There needs to be 6 volunteers at least and last year only 5 came forward. People should volunteer again as details were not kept.

The SAM 2 (Speed awareness monitor) needs to be put up by someone with a cordless drill. The handyman used to move it around the village, now he is retired, the Clerk hasn't been able to put it up as she hasn't got a cordless drill to attach the jubilee clips to the posts. David – I have a cordless drill.

Clerk and David to meet up to fit the SAM 2.

22/128. Civility and Respect Pledge: The Clerk read out the pledge and conditions and it was resolved to sign the pledge.

22/129. Option to opt out of the SAAA (Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments) central external auditor appointment arrangements: It was resolved to not opt out of the central auditor appointment arrangements.

22/130. Finance: a) Payments Requested: i) S. Dickinson – Host presto invoice for Neighbourhood Plan Website £7.20 Aug to Sept (chq 2478)

ii) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass August £260. The cheque authorised for July (chq 273) for £260 has been cancelled because the invoice was for £195 July and £130 for August, so a cheque for £325 has been written (chq 274).

iii) Wicksteed – 2 toddler seats, chains and fixings, inc delivery and VAT £716.10 (chq 2480). David managed to fit these eventually after having problems removing the pins from the old ones.

iv) Collective Community Planning – Neighbourhood Plan £660 (chq 2479).

b) To decide the Allotment rent for the year 2023-24. **Decision:** It was resolved to keep the rent the same for the year 2023-2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.42
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 4th October 2022 at 7.30pm.