

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting,

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

Present were – Chair David Robinson, Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Cheryl Grace, Mike Ingram, Richard Morton, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

22/161. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Ian Chapman, Paul Jones, Roz Simpson and Sophia Walker.

David - We were sad to hear of Dan Leathers' tragic accident on the A47. People can put flowers at the family's sponsored tree on the Millennium Green and permission has been given to the family to put a permanent plaque by the tree if they wish.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Dan.

22/162. Declarations of interest: Sonya Dickinson – Finance a) i) & ii).

22/163. Public Forum including: (15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each). No members of the public were present.

22/164. Minutes of the meeting 1st November 2022: Were signed as a true record.

22/165. Matters arising from 1st November 2022 Meeting: None.

22/166. Correspondence: Complaint about the state of the Cemetery fencing and Lych-gate. The Clerk went to take a look and it is in need of refurbishment. Quotes have been sought and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Complaint about the new path at Buckenham Woods. The Clerk contacted Strumpshaw Parish Council who manage that part of Buckenham Woods and they sent pictures. All looks ok but they have also mentioned there is another path to be completed.

22/167. Planning: a) 20221817: Erection of dwelling with associated access, parking, and landscaping, including an extension to the residential curtilage to include land which is currently within agricultural use, following planning permission 20210902 Hillcrest Nurseries, South Burlingham Road, Lingwood, NR13 4ET.

Decision: Unanimously object on the grounds that; the property would be outside of the development boundary. That, along with a change of use of some of the land from agricultural to residential, sets a precedent.

b) 20221871: Erection of two new holiday units. East Lodge, South Walsham Road, North Burlingham, NR13 4EH.

Not brownfield, the garages were approved as they would help a resident to be safer on this dangerous stretch of road. This further application sets a precedent, and they will probably go for residential once they are built.

Decision: Unanimously object on the grounds that; It is outside of the planning boundary and would set a precedent.

The original garages were allowed on this agricultural land because the owner said the entrance to their property opposite was dangerous and it was thought this would improve their safety. This does not make this a brown field site like they state.

22/168. Highways & A47: The Clerk has reported the flooding on Station Road and Church Road. It was noted that drainage is holding up the Chapel Road, old school site planning application.

The A47 is so dangerous, hopefully the work will start soon, but court cases from environmentalists campaigning against it are holding it up. They are mostly against the Western link but are targeting this stretch as it is supposed to be the first to be developed and if allowed, they won't have much of a case for stopping the Western link.

The Burlingham part of the A47 is the worst 2 mile stretch in the Country.

22/169. Electric Vehicle Charging points: Quotes and grants. £11,027.87 + VAT for 2 columns with 4 charging points in total. The parking spots should be 3m wide x 4, by 6m deep. There will need to be a path to link them to the village hall path. The Clerk met with Ben from the village hall

to discuss the area and material to be used. Ben has said some of their end parking space could be used to make the path link with their path.

Clerk – I have asked several companies for quotes but only one has come back so far. I am meeting with Beighton Builders on Thursday to discuss a quote for concrete spaces and path. The deadline for the Parish Partnership application is Friday 9th December so hopefully there will be a quote to put in.

Richard – David Spooner at North Burlingham could be asked for a quote too.

Decision: It was resolved that the Clerk put the best quote in for the Parish Partnership.

22/170. Neighbourhood Plan: Mike – We have the bare bones but are still working to put it together.

22/171. Buckenham Woods: Chair David Robinson went to the meeting of the two Council's, on Saturday 26th November, to discuss the viability of purchasing and maintaining the wood.

David - The wood is in Strumpshaw and not in Lingwood, but a lot of Lingwood residents use it. Strumpshaw want to set up a trust to run it and want support, financial help, and a commitment to help from residents.

It is not just the purchase of the wood, it's the maintenance. They need enough to buy it and maintain it and a group of people to volunteer to help with maintenance.

Strumpshaw Parish Council asked for a financial contribution from this Parish Council and for us to promote it on social media. I have already put a link to the survey on the Parish Council Facebook page. A lot of people want to save the wood, but will they volunteer? The Parish News has a QR code to get to the survey too. There will be no financial liability to being a trustee.

The question to consider... Would we be able to make a financial contribution? A. We could use the money from the Reading Room sale when that happens. This would help to buy it for the residents of Lingwood & Strumpshaw and should be alright with the Charities Commission as it is for the Community.

The Reading Room sale is being held up by the Planning Dept. as they won't respond to the Clerk's e-mails. Could it be sold with an uplift? We could ask the District Councillor to help with Planning or we could just put an application into Planning, as they would have to respond then. There are grants and the Green Infrastructure Levy. We could help with a substantial contribution to underwrite the purchase until the sale of the Reading Room gets completed, if there is any money over when sold, this could go to the Trust towards the maintenance if allowed by the Charities Commission. We need a Councillor to be a trustee.

Decision: It was unanimously resolved to underwrite a substantial contribution, when needed, to help purchase the wood. This will be paid back to the Parish Council when the sale of the Reading Room is completed. If there is any money left after the Reading Room sale, depending how much, it could be given to the trust for maintenance.

N.B. Vice Chair Brenda Jones left the meeting at this point. 8.30pm

22/172. Cemetery fencing, gates and Lych-gate: Two quotes have come in for the refurbishment of the Cemetery fencing etc. One is considerably cheaper than the other, but the gate quoted for is smaller. Clerk to find out how much more for the 11ft gate before the go ahead. It is not always best to go with the cheaper quote, but on this occasion the difference is enough to allow for any extra work in future. **Decision:** It was resolved to go with the cheaper of the two quotes as long as the gate price does not push the price up too much.

22/173. Finance: a) Payments Requested: i) S. Dickinson – Host presto invoice for N. Plan Website £7.20 Nov to Dec (chq 2495).

ii) S. Dickinson – reimburse payment made to Wave for the allotment water bill £343.17 (chq 2496)

iii) E.A.S Millennium Green Grass 14/9, 6/10, 1/11 £233.10 (chq 2497)

iv) Collective Community Planning – Neighbourhood Plan £ 3050 + VAT. (chq 2494)

v) Collective Community Planning - £550 + VAT. (chq 2492)

b) Retrospective payments: i) Norfolk County Council rent on allotments £130 and rent on Burlingham Green £25 = £155 (chq 2490)

c) To discuss quotes for Zip wire service and repair and urgent repair of the trapeze. Only two quotes have come in so far but one of them is for the zip wire only. Another quote is imminent.

Decision: It was resolved that the third quote be circulated to Councillors when received and as the work is urgent it can be decided then.

d) Direct debit mandate to be signed for Sovereign Play inspections. It was agreed at the last meeting to pay £39.99 per month for 4 visits per annum but the service plan has changed, with a change of price to £234 per annum for 2 inspections and minor repairs, these will run alongside our current inspections, which will give us extra cover.

e) Acle food bank – donation (Lingwood residents). **Decision:** It was resolved to donate £60 as there are Lingwood residents that will benefit. (chq 2501)

f) CPRE (Campaign to protect rural England) Annual subscription usually £36. **Decision:** It was resolved to subscribe at the minimum of £36 (chq 2498)

g) Budget and setting of precept for 2023-24. The figures from Broadland District Council only came in yesterday and the new date they require has been put back to 16th January. The figures indicate that we have 4 fewer Band D properties, so even if we keep our precept the same it will look like we have increased it due to how they work it out from Band D properties.

Decision: Move this item to the January meeting.

Signatures were required for the letter to Barclays ref the Clerk's salary increase, as per NALC pay negotiations, back dated to April 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm.