

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting,

held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,
on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

22/174. Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Vice Chair Brenda Jones, Roz Simpson and Sophia Walker.

22/175. Declarations of interest: Sonya Dickinson – Finance a) i) & ii).

22/176. Public Forum including: (15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each). We were joined by 4 members of the public along with District Councillor Clare Ryman-Tubb. County Councillor Lana Hemsall arrived @ 8pm.

Public – I am here about the possible Gypsy/traveller site that is proposed at North Burlingham, where the new junction to the A47 will be.

They have slotted them in between junctions and flyovers before.

If it is put there it will be dangerous.

I thought that area was going to be a Highway compound.

There are no mains sewers in North Burlingham.

If they are going for carbon neutral, it isn't the right place as it is a 4 mile round trip to the nearest Shops and School. There are no nearby amenities.

There will be drainage problems in the area when the A47 is dualled.

They won't want to move out here anyway.

The best site would be the old park and ride at Postwick as that is not going to re-open.

The Park and ride opened as a trial over Christmas and the income of £300 against £1000 costs didn't make it viable.

Clare Ryman-Tubb – The GNLP needed to find further Gypsy and traveller sites, they have proposed 10 sites but not all of them will be required. The site South of the A47 was proposed because that piece of land will be isolated and unable to be farmed once the A47 is done.

There are 98 pitches and the GNLP are proposing 53-60 pitches in total by 2038, 24 in Broadland.

Public – 31 proposed by 2028 in Broadland.

Clare Ryman-Tubb – The North Burlingham site has 15 pitches proposed. There will be a concrete base and a unit attached with living room and kitchen, they would sleep in their caravan.

We don't know what is going to happen until the A47 is built, the noise levels may be too high.

Public – I don't know where the entrance is going to be.

Clare Ryman-Tubb – District agreed the proposal tonight and a Public consultation will run from 30th January to 13th March for the Public to comment. Land owners can also propose their land for sites. There will be a cabinet meeting in June. The proposal is for the next 1-5 years but might be longer if the Burlingham site is chosen.

This is on the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP), not Broadland.

David – This is not the best site, the noise levels due to the sugar beet lorries alone will be high as this is their main route to the factory.

Go to the GNLP website to complete the consultation. Public and Councillors individually, as well as the Council as a whole.

Last time there were only enough put forward to cover the need so there were no alternatives, there are more sites supplying @ 90 pitches when 53-60 are needed so there is a choice this time.

Public – Bawburgh had the potential for 6 pitches but was rejected.

A47 – Awaiting the judicial review.

Clerk – I received a temporary road order which was to close most routes into Lingwood from Jan 2023 to March 2025 but they have since cancelled this as the dates were incorrect.

County Councillor Lana Hemsall arrived at 8pm and spoke at 8.15pm – County deal; There is an extraordinary meeting of Norfolk County Council next week, to ask for a better settlement.

Pressures on the budget for adult Social Care. Help with winter fuel. Flat rate bus fares.

Electric Vehicle charging points; Did the Clerk get the Parish Partnership request in by the deadline? Clerk – Yes.

Beighton Parish Council have just discussed the Gypsy and traveller sites, they also pointed out there is no drainage or sewers. The Public consultation will run from 30th January to 13th March. Children get School places, so it's good to be near 2 local schools.

22/177. Minutes of the meeting 6th December 2022: Were signed as a true record.

22/178. Matters arising from 6th December 2022 Meeting: None.

22/179. Correspondence: a) The Poppy appeal in the Acle District Raised £9,520.57.
b) Gypsy and Traveller site proposed in North Burlingham was in the paper, the Clerk has asked the GNLP to elaborate but hasn't heard anything back yet.

22/180. Planning: a) 20222048: Signage to the front and side of industrial building - built up letters halo illumination. Burlingham Business Centre, Main Road, North Burlingham, NR13 4TA.

National Highways should be consulted by them. It is the countryside, do we want any more light pollution? The A47 is lit, do they need to advertise at night, when they are closed?

Decision: Unanimously object. There is no need to illuminate the sign. There is no objection to the sign itself.

22/181. Highways & A47: The Post Office Road name signs have been put in.

Pot holes – Station Road, South of the level crossing.

Norwich Road, opposite the chip shop but on the Spar side of the road.

Lana Hemsall – Any problems with Highways let me know. Clerk – The proposed Road closures planned for Jan 2023 to March 2025, but subsequently postponed, needs looking at as all the routes into Lingwood are cut off apart from through Brundall or from Beighton via Acle.

22/182. Neighbourhood Plan: Mike – There is not a great deal to report. There is a meeting next week to complete the work and it will then be going to Broadland District Council for 5 weeks and they will come back with their observations.

David – Thank you.

22/183. Methodist Chapel Memorial Plaques: Jayne from the Royal British Legion asked if the Memorial plaques at the Methodist Chapel could be placed on the Millennium Green, due to the Chapel being up for sale.

They must not be lost, we don't want to lose this history. What about a wall at the Village Hall?

The Clerk needs to take photos and measure the plaques. Jayne said she would help in any way she could. Moulton Churchyard are currently having some memorial plaques refurbished and the Stone mason they are using was the most reasonably priced quote. **Decision:** It was resolved to agree in principle to the plaques being mounted on the Millennium Green. The professional opinion of the stone mason is to be sought.

22/184. Buckenham Woods: Chair David Robinson – At the last Parish Council meeting we agreed to support Strumpshaw Parish Council in purchasing the Woods.

Paul from Strumpshaw PC - We have a large amount of survey Data and have had a fantastic response, thank you for your help in publicising the project across the Lingwood community. We have overwhelming support for this project across all the local parishes, unsurprisingly there doesn't seem to be really any pockets of the local community that aren't keen on us doing this, which is great.

We are part the way through drawing up the CIO Trust so that we can submit it to the Charity Commission for review. We are planning on the Trust having 7 Trustees, with a maximum of 3 from any local authority. We hope that within this three we could have one from each of Strumpshaw PC and Lingwood PC if possible. The remaining 4 would come from the local community which is important for the charity set up and engagement with the public.

After the Strumpshaw Parish Council meeting with the landowner next week, there will be a 2nd survey with more detail and it will be sent to the 197 respondents who gave e-mail addresses. We will then arrange an event, so in just over 2 months we should know more.

22/185. Finance: a) Payments Requested: i) S. Dickinson – Host presto invoice for N. Plan Website £7.20 Dec to Jan (chq 2502).

ii) S. Dickinson – Clerk's expenses Oct/Nov/Dec £138.54 (chq 2503)

iii) Broadland District Council – 4 Dog bins £948.48 inc VAT. (chq 2504)

iv) Broadland District Council – 5 litter bins £1216.26 inc. VAT. (chq 2505)

v) British Gas – MUGA electricity Sept to Dec £89.92 (chq 2506)

b) Retrospective payments: i) The Garden Guardian – Highways grass verges and allotments £2374 + VAT = £2764.80 (Chq 2499). ii) The Play Inspection Co. Nov inv 57510 £195.59 inc VAT (Chq 2500).

c) To discuss quotes for Zip wire service and repair and urgent repair of the trapeze.

The final quote came in today. The quotes were Online Playgrounds £1030.50, NGF Play £1842.05 and Eibe £3746.12. The cheaper quote did not include the trapeze that had since been broken or the Typhoon repairs. **Decision:** It was resolved to go with NGF Play £1842.05 + VAT

d) Verges Grass cutting contract for 2023. Garden Guardian £2088 Verges inc Post Office Close and Clarkson Road, + £524 Allotments. The increase is @ 10%. **Decision:** The quote is around inflation. The Council is happy with the work that Garden Guardian does, it was therefore resolved to give the contract to Garden Guardian again this year.

e) Budget and setting of precept for 2023-24.

Times are hard and Councillors are keen to not increase the precept (amount the Parish Council claims from the Council Tax). The precept last year was £28,308 but if we keep it the same, it will look like we've increased it by 0.48% because of how Broadland District Council show the figures. As a gauge, Broadland divide the precept by Band D properties. Last year our Band D tax base was 888 properties and was £31.87 per annum per band D property. Broadland say our Band D tax base is only 884 properties this year so even if the Council does not increase the precept, it will look like it has increased from £31.87 to £32.02 per band D property per annum. Although there wouldn't actually be an increase to the Parish Council tax, to avoid it looking like an increase we would have to take a slight decrease in precept to cover it.

Decision: It was decided to decrease the precept so that the Band D figure stays the same. The new precept requested is £28,173.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm.