

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Lingwood Village Hall, Station Road,
Lingwood on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Welcome: Chairman of the Parish Council David Robinson welcomed 6 members of the Council, 8 parishioners, Norfolk County Councillor Lana Hempsall and Clerk Sonya Dickinson.

Apologies were received from Vice-Chair Brenda Jones, Roz Simpson and Sophia Walker.

Minutes of the last APM 29th March 2022: Were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: None.

Report by the Chairman: David read his report. In summary: The Neighbourhood Plan team are nearing completion of the plan. We have put a bench on the Village Hall site to celebrate the Jubilee. The speed watch team needs more volunteers to get it up and running. We are collaborating with Strumpshaw Parish Council to purchase a section of Buckenham woods. Three of our team will be leaving us this year. We very much appreciate the contributions made by Paul Jones and Sophia Walker and I'd like to extend special thanks to Brenda Jones after her 9 years of service including her stint as Vice Chair. We hope we can recruit some new Councillors to help us continue to maintain and enhance our wonderful parish of Lingwood and Burlingham. Thanks, were also given to the volunteers of the Parish.
– Please see attached report.

Adoption of Chairman's report: Proposed by Mr Richard Morton and seconded by Mr Ian White.

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

Norfolk County Councillor – Lana Hempsall: I am the Norfolk County Council representative for this division. It has been busy, the County Deal consultation has just finished. My £5,000 grant will be going to Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council towards electric vehicle charging points. The Gypsy/Traveller site: The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) is Norwich, South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils. When the Government inspector looked and asked them what have you done for the Gypsy & Traveller community? They had to go to landowners to ask if they would put forward land for this purpose. The site that was put forward by Norfolk County Council, I was not consulted on and have since received an apology. National Highways are compulsory purchasing that land for 2 attenuation basins as that part of the land is very wet. As well as it being used by National Highways it is not suitable due to access to and from the site, it is not in a sustainable location. Access to schooling will be difficult, although they did say the Gypsy & Travellers home school, but that it not the point. We should be able to integrate the Gypsy and Travelling community into our existing infrastructure.

After serious negotiations, I looked into the Postwick site. We have not had a large settlement of Gypsy & Travellers in our area for years, why can't a site be put where they would want to live? The consultation was not reasonable to the people it was supposed to serve. The Gypsy & Traveller community settled temporarily in an area near the Postwick Park and ride but had to move when an application for development for a KFC and Starbucks etc. was put in. This was refused. The Park and ride is still closed and we would like to see if it could come back into use, but a small area could be used as a Gypsy & Traveller site. Norfolk County Council leases the land and there is a restrictive covenant on it.

Many Gypsy & Travellers are farm workers and farmers provide seasonal pitches, I asked if they could be given permission to be permanent pitches.

The plan is going to the 3 Council cabinets and then on to the planning inspectorate in September.

Public – The layby on the A47 is flooded, even with drainage works carried out.

Ian – I had connectivity issues when responding to the consultation, it took 9 days to finally get on, so they may not have got all of the responses they would have if it hadn't been so difficult.

Lana – They have had a very good response.

Public – The GNLP report was written for District Councillors prior to the consultation, so I'm

surprised you didn't see it.

Lana – I didn't see it until December 2022. Cabinet papers went to the Broadland District Scrutiny Committee and that's when I saw them All planning goes through the local planning authority and not Norfolk County Council – The infrastructure goes through to County.

Public – People at Postwick are not happy about the park and ride suggestion.

Lana – I am the County Councillor for the Acle division so I will do whatever it takes to represent my area.

Neighbourhood Plan: Mike Ingram – In summary: The Steering Group arranged community engagement events last year and commissioned professional reports to assess the housing needs and design codes for future developments of the Parish.

The information has been correlated to form a draft plan which will go to the community for consultation, this consultation will last for six weeks, any issues raised will then be addressed.

The Plan will then be passed to Broadland District Council for final approval.

Once adopted by Broadland District Council, developers wishing to build within the Parish will need to comply with the Policies laid out in the plan

David – On behalf of the Parish Council, thank you to you and your team, it's been a long haul for you all and will benefit us for many years.

-Please see attached report.

To invite contributions or Questions from the floor: None.

Closing Remarks: David - Thank you all for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.