

# **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting,**

**held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,  
on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**Present were** – Chair David Robinson, Ian Chapman, Cheryl Grace, Jenny Stafford, Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

**23/134. Welcome and Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Vice Chair Richard Morton, Mike Ingram and Roz Simpson.

**23/135. Declarations of interest:** None.

**23/136. Public Forum:** (15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each). We were joined by 2 members of the Public and District Councillor Jess Royal.

District Councillor Jess Royal – Jess sent a report to the Council. I was excited to attend the Community at Heart Awards and met members of BADCOG who were nominated but unfortunately didn't win. It was an achievement to be nominated though.

There is a new officer ref fly tipping.

The TPO hearing is 17<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk – The Parish Council hasn't heard anything yet.

The grant application has been sent in for an upgraded kitchen for the village hall.

Norfolk County Council are doing the tree scheme again. The nearest collection for packs is at Acle. Clerk – details are on the Parish Council website.

There is mindfulness mental health training at Cantley Village Hall if anyone is interested.

The Town and Parish Forum is Thursday, I will forward any relevant details.

Jenny – It's a shame the tree packs are for 10 or more, they used to do 3.

**23/137. Minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023:** Were signed as a true record.

**23/138. Matters arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 Meeting:** None.

**23/139. Correspondence:** a) Complaint about speeding on Norwich Road from Strumpshaw to Homelea. The Clerk and Chair placed the Speed awareness monitor (SAM) on Norwich Road facing traffic coming from Strumpshaw.

We normally place the SAM facing the other way, nearer the entrance to the village, as traffic is coming from a national speed limit to 30mph and traffic coming from Strumpshaw should already only be doing 30mph. When putting the monitor up, it took a long time before someone registered doing 30mph.

b) Complaint about the car parking too close to the bus stop on Norwich Road. Not only is it parked too close to the bus stop but it is always facing the wrong way on the highway.

This should be reported to the PCSO's for our area. The Clerk should also ask Clarion housing if the person could have a parking space.

There is also a parking problem on St Peters Road. People are parking in the mouth of the junction with Chapel Road and just inside St Peters Road. There is also a problem with the blue car that is always parked in the bus layby on Post Office Close, the bus cannot pull off the highway properly and causes a tailback at busy times.

c) The MTV project is providing free mental health training and support to community groups and small local businesses to create a network of trained Wellbeing Champions throughout the district of Broadland. The District Council, alongside the Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust's Wellbeing Service and Thriving Workplaces, will run a free to all training session for willing volunteers at Cantley Village Hall. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 3.30 pm. Cantley village hall, Manor Road, Cantley, NR13 3JG.

Please book you attendance here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities/mindful-towns-villages/3>

d) Allotment rats: The Clerk reminded Richard when he rang to give his apologies for the meeting. He has the poison and will do it when he's better.

e) Reading Room: e-mail from a resident wanting to rent it as a sole tenant for a charity shop.

**Decision:** Let the lady take a look to see if viable. She is applying for a start-up grant so it might cover cosmetic alterations. Councillors could all do with a site visit. Ask Beighton Builders to take a look to see if and what repairs are needed to make it viable.

**23/140. 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.**

It doesn't make sense that we refused it last time and now they've made the application worse by adding garages and more land to be changed from agricultural to residential.

**Decision:** Unanimously object on the same grounds as before:

The property would be outside of the development boundary. That, along with a change of use of the land from agricultural to residential, sets a precedent.

Jenny – What's the process for you to call it in Jess?

Jess – I can check it out.

**23/141. Neighbourhood Plan:** Clerk read out Mike's report: The Final Draft version of the Plan recently passed Broadland District Council's consultation stage. It has now been passed to an Independent Examiner for his appraisal which will take until the end of November to complete. Once done, and any amendments made, the Final version of the Plan will go to a Parish wide referendum which we currently expect to take place in January 2024.

**23/142. Buckenham Ancient Woodland Trust:** Ian White – Ian circulated a brief report: We have opened a Just Giving page and initially want to raise £75,000 to open up more grant opportunities, I have sent the details to the Clerk for the Parish Council website, this is to explain what is happening, to join the group and/or donate.

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase and the maintenance of the wood please [donate via our JustGiving page](#).

**23/143. Chapel Memorial Plaques:** Clerk – We asked Beighton Builders the difference in cost between taking the plaques down and making good the walls, the Parish Council will pay for removal of the plaques and the Methodist Chapel will pay for making good the walls afterwards. The cost to install the plaques to the outside of the Village Hall will be @ £300.

Ben at the Village Hall said it would be ok on the structural wall at the right hand side by the wider garden, opposite the MUGA. There is a small garden area along that wall, which could be made into a small memorial garden?

**Decision:** Ask the Village Hall if they are still happy with the plaques going onto the Village Hall wall, then ask Beighton Builders to go ahead and install the plaques.

Ask them to liaise with the Parish Council and Village Hall to the exact position of the plaques.

Once a meeting date and time at the site is agreed, let Councillors know, Jayne would like to be included in the meeting.

On the next agenda please can we have D-Day and rededication of the plaques on D-Day.

**23/144. Parish News:** David – There was a meeting with Lingwood & Burlingham PC, Strumpshaw PC and the PCC, following the request for money from the Parish Council. A way forward was discussed, all agreed the publication needed a re-vamp. There are plenty of things in there to read but people look at it and think it's from the Church, they're not interested in the Church, so they throw it away without looking. The terminology "we change or we die".

The editor has ideas but was not sure if change would be acceptable. Basically they have asked the PC to put a larger piece in the Parish News and are encouraging other groups to do the same.

The new Parish News cover will be in colour and the name could change to Community News as Parish makes people think of it being the Church news. There will be a new index etc. Hopefully advertisers will come back.

The case is, let them evolve and hopefully it will regenerate itself. They agreed to have a survey. It is a fantastic thing to have distributed for free but the printing costs money. The survey will ask what content, i.e. would a wordsearch, sudoku etc. be a good addition.

Comments: Most elderly want a paper copy.

Compared to other areas it is unusual to still have a paper copy, someone offered to put it on-line but that has been declined at the moment.

Advertisers may pay for ads if it is on paper and on-line.

I would rather have the Parish News than the other book as there is more to read than just adverts.

**23/145. Highways and A47:** Highways has agreed to move the bus stop on Chapel Road from near the Norwich Road Junction to a bit further down the Road.

There has been lots of flooding, we couldn't get out of the village at one point. The weather was bad but we shouldn't be flooding as much as that.

A47 – there was an e-mail saying that the A47 has gone to appeal again. National Highways is disappointed that it is going to appeal, the Parish Council is disappointed too. The appellant doesn't have to pay legal costs, it's at a cost to the tax payer.

Is Lana pushing for designated funds for a cycleway to link-up Lingwood to Acle etc. or have we got to do it?

The flooding on Lingwood Road in Blofield was worse than anyone has ever seen it, is the A47 works at Waterlow Road making it worse? If we are getting more exceptional rain, we need something done. The banks from the fields are being eroded as the road is too narrow and is being used by more as three other roads to Lingwood have been cut off since the start of the A47 works. (Waterlow, Lingwood Road, Lingwood Lane).

Jess – I have contacted County Council etc. ref Lingwood Road, Blofield flooding.

Bus shelter damage – We have had a quote to repair and for replacement, we are awaiting another quote, they came to see it today. One company said it would be nearly as much to repair as replace.

Jayne – There is a portable welder I've used to repair metal gates, that might be able to fix it.

**23/146. Finance:** a) Payments Authorised for bank transfer:

i) S. Dickinson – N. Plan Website £7.20

ii) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass + Hedges October estimated @ £430. The hedges have not been done yet. The invoice was for grass, less cuts than usual = only £140

iii) HMRC – National insurance contributions October £21.14 Couldn't do transfer. (chq 2578).

iv) Norfolk County Council rent for allotments £130 and Burlingham Green £25 = £155

b) Direct Debit taken - Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Data Protection Renewal £40

c) To confirm donation to Royal British Legion for wreath. Provisionally agreed £100 last meeting.

**Decision:** Authorised for bank transfer.

d) CPRE donation usually £36. (chq 2577).

e) To choose quote for Millennium Green repairs. **Decision:** The Wicksteed quote was chosen as they had the bearing needed for the basket swing. It was decided to not get new surfacing for the gym area at this time.

f) To choose tree quotes. The other quotes haven't come in yet.

*N.B. Councillors were informed of an invoice that came in today and would be Retrospective on next month's agenda. Broadland District Council – extra bins, £1,326 inc. VAT and extra dog bins, £1,060.80 inc. VAT.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15*  
*Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm.*