

# **LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting,**

**held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,  
on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 8.10pm.**

**Present were** – Vice Chair Richard Morton, Ian Chapman, Cheryl Grace, Mike Ingram, Roz Simpson, and Clerk - Sonya Dickinson.

**24/46. Welcome and Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Chair David Robinson, Jenny Stafford and Ian White.

**24/47. Declarations of interest:** None.

**24/48. Co-option of Councillor:** To Consider the application from Brenda Jones. Councillors unanimously voted in favour of Brenda Jones becoming a Councillor. Brenda was not in attendance so will sign the declaration of acceptance at the next meeting.

**24/49. 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 and read a summary: Broadland District Council (BDC) voted to adopt the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. It has been 7 years in the making. The plan is for 2024 to 2038. There is potential for 4,000 to 5,000 new homes.

BDC has a new grant called the Play Streets Grant. Communities can apply for up to £75 for equipment and can request temporary road closures to enable children to play on the street safely.

E-billing has been migrated but there was a hitch where some went as paper. The next one will be e-mailed if it has been signed up for.

**24/50. Minutes of the meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** Were signed as a true record.

**24/51. Matters arising from 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Meeting:** None.

**24/52. Correspondence:** a) Complaint from resident ref tree work carried out at the pond, to remove deadwood and dead tree on 11<sup>th</sup> March, disturbing ducks nesting. The resident called at 8.50am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and was angry and abusive towards the Clerk, ending the call by saying “I hope you die under a tree” before putting the phone down. Councillors agreed that this is not acceptable behaviour and the Clerk should have reported it to the Police.

The Clerk did ask the tree surgeon about the ducks nesting and they said: “There were indeed 2 nests we discovered. However, given the nature of the work (deadwood, hazardous dead tree) this would take priority legally and within a schedule of works within our duty of care.

We did our very best to minimise the length of time working near them by working as a large team and got all the trees at the pond done in a day.”

b) 27<sup>th</sup> March - Complaint from residents ref a sofa left at the pond on 26<sup>th</sup> March. The sofa was on the verge on the corner of School Road and Vicarage Road and had a note ‘free’ on it. Although it had ‘free’ on it, it was left out to the elements overnight prior to the complaints coming in and there was a worry that it could end up in the pond if left over the bank holiday weekend.

The verge cutters would also find it hard to cut the verge with the sofa there. One of the residents complaining had reported it to Broadland as fly tipping.

The Clerk put a ‘note to residents’ on the Parish Council Facebook page, asking that whoever had put the sofa there should take it away as it could end up in the pond at a cost to residents for removal and it was also considered fly tipping.

c) 29<sup>th</sup> March – Complaint about the PC Facebook post, from the resident whose sofa it was. The Clerk received an angry phone call from the resident on Bank holiday Friday, who said the sofa had now gone and they were going to take legal action if the Facebook post didn’t get removed immediately. The resident called back 5 minutes later, threatening again because the Clerk hadn’t yet had time to take the post down. The Clerk took the post down after the second call. Councillors – This is ridiculous and not necessary, why are people so angry these days.

d) Complaint about the buses not stopping at all of the bus stops. The buses are not picking up passengers at Homelea or Station Road (near the Village Hall), they are then stopping at the

Kings Head to put a 'not in service' sign up, to then drive away empty. It seems ludicrous that they are terminating the service at Lingwood and driving back to Norwich empty.

The Clerk has enquired about this but keeps being sent a timetable from First Bus and just a feeble explanation of "perhaps there weren't enough drivers", from First Eastern Counties.

Transport East happened to contact the Clerk about rural transport challenges, so she asked them about it and they have passed the query on to Norfolk County Council. Hopefully we will hear from them soon.

e) E-mail regarding the closure of the central reservations of the A47. The questions asked and points on the e-mail were forwarded to Rob at Galliford Try and he answered these questions at the Annual Parish Meeting, before this meeting. In short, they will be closed for safety reasons due to the additional traffic that will be caused by diversions when work is carried out on the A47 and new junctions. The preferred diversions keep everyone on the larger roads and will be on Satnav and Google maps but local people who know the area will probably use the back roads.

**24/53. Planning: a) 2024/0736: Change of use from former Methodist church to new dwelling including formation of new first floor & associated amenity space & parking**

**Location: Lingwood Methodist Church Chapel Road Lingwood Norfolk NR13 4NX.**

**Decision: Unanimous support.**

**b) 2024/0782: Garage extension with attic office space.**

**St Edmunds Farm Norwich Road South Burlingham Norfolk NR13 4EZ.**

**Decision: Unanimous support.**

**24/54. Neighbourhood Plan:** Mike read his report at the APM.

Polling cards have been sent out for people to vote in May. Hopefully people will vote yes.

**24/55. Buckenham Ancient Woodland Trust:** Ian White's report was read at the APM.

**24/56. D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024 Celebrations:** Clerk – The beacon lighting is at 9.15pm and not 9.45pm. We need someone to read the declaration before the beacon is lit and would like to find a bugler.

The Village Hall have found a Brass band for the fete, would they do @ half an hour between 8.30 and 9pm? The tribute can then be read and the beacon lit.

Jayne – Would you like someone from the British Legion there? A. Yes, it would be nice, perhaps they could read the declaration.

The Clerk gave the printout of the suggested running order and declaration to Jayne.

Mike – I don't mind reading the tribute if no one else wants to.

**24/57. Defibrillator:** Network Rail/Greater Anglia were looking into whether they could put one at the Railway station and said they might be able to supply it. We are still awaiting a response.

Clerk - Tracy, the Homelea Warden has e-mailed today to remind the Council that there is a defibrillator at Homelea. It is accessible.

**24/58. Highways:** Advertisement signs on Highways direction markers have been reported.

**24/59. Finance:** a) Payments Received: i) Groundwork UK, Grant for the Neighbourhood Plan £1425.00

b) Payments Requested: i) S. Dickinson Expenses Jan/Feb/March £ 187.19 (Chq 2591).

ii) NALC Subs for 2024. £ 555.55 (Trf 11/4/24)

iii) NALC Website £210. (Trf 11/4/24).

iv) SLCC Subs for 2024 £148 + ALCC £50 for Clerk (Trf 11/4/24).

v) Viking Stationery £90.89 (Trf 11/4/24).

vi) Norfolk County Council Allotment rent Oct 23 to April 24 £175. Burlingham Green Rent £25.00 (Trf 11/4/24).

vii) S. Dickinson – Repayment for purchase of locks for MUGA light box. £21.58 (Chq 2592)

viii) K. Monsey Cemetery grass £245. (Trf 11/4/24).

ix) A. Mckie Footpath warden report. £150 (Trf 11/4/24).

c) Retrospective Payments: i) Collective Community Planning – N. Plan £ 900 (Trf 6/3/24).

ii) K.Monsey Cemetery Hedges £350. (Trf 6/3/24).

iii) Keep Britain Tidy – Signs £228 (Trf 8/3/24). The signs arrived last week, we need to decide where we are going to put them. The 5 plastic signs are large and the 5 stickers are for the bins but are also large. Councillors to come up with ideas of where to put them.

- d) Burlingham Cottage Gardeners donation towards petrol for mowing the Green. (usually £70). **Decision:** It was resolved to give £70 again this year. (Trf 12/4/24).
- e) Donation to Broadland Tree Warden Network. (£35 last year). **Decision:** It was resolved to give £35 again this year. (Trf 18/4/24).
- f) BADCOG – Donation (last year- £250 Pond work and £80 fuel for mowing some footpaths). **Decision:** It was resolved to give the same this year. £330 (Trf 18/4/24).
- g) CPRE – Subs (Usually £36). **Decision:** It was resolved to give £36 again this year. (Trf 12/4/24).
- h) Request from Lingwood Village Hall Fete committee for help towards costs of entertainment etc. Brass band £250 and petting zoo if there are additional funds. **Decision:** It was resolved to give £250 for the Brass band. The Council would consider a donation towards something else for the fete but costs will need to be provided.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00*  
*Next meeting of the Parish Council is the AGM on 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm.*