

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist School Room, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 4th June 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present were: Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chairperson, Lauren Bean, Mike Bredbere, Ian Chapman, Cliff Fountain, Tony Gould, Hannah Paul, and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

13/71. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies received from Councillors Krisy Little, Richard Morton, Giles Mack and Ian White.

13/72. Declarations of interest: Ben – finance c), Cliff – finance g), Marina - finance f).

13/73. Public Forum: We were joined by 4 members of the Public, District Councillor David Ward and County Councillor Brian Iles.

David Ward: CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy is coming into force on 1st July, so anything completed after this will be CIL.

David went to a planning training session yesterday and there was a lengthy leaflet that he will e-mail a copy of to Sonya, once he has received it. One thing that was highlighted was some Councils need to make more in depth explanations as to reasons for refusal.

Brian Iles:- County hall is chaotic at the moment since last week they now have a cabinet and the main committees set up but the sub committees are not yet set up. County Farms which is important to our area haven't been sorted yet but Brian has been e-mailing to try and sort something out and at the moment it is being temporarily run by Andrew Crossley.

Brian went to the Beighton meeting and the exception site talks were ref 2 in South Moulton and 1 in Beighton that may be suitable, South Burlingham is not going ahead.

Residents from Post Office Close came to speak about the new liquid amber tree that has been put too close to their boundary, 6.4m instead of the 10m that they were led to believe. They are concerned that the tree is a non native and grows to a substantial height and width and as it is positioned by their decking area, no light will be able to get into theirs or their neighbours garden eventually.

They said the Minutes from the March meeting said there was to be a map of the trees made, it would have been nice for properties around the green to have a copy.

Their boundary hedge has been maintained and tended for 29 years, they have heard that the Native North American Tree has seed pods that do not decay. They also want it noted in the minutes the closeness to their property and if the roots damage their shed and property they wish to be compensated and a promise from the Council that it will be pruned to a set height and width.

Ben - The Liquid Amber was put there to make sure non native trees were at the edge and not in full view. If the Council were to move it just because of a complaint it would set a precedence. It is unlikely that the roots will go more than 5 metres as usually roots do not extend beyond the canopy.

Note: the map of trees – Our Avenue of trees was not eligible.

13/74. Minutes of the meeting 14th May 2013: Were signed as a true record.

13/75. Matters arising from 14th May 2013 Meeting: Ref Emergency planning co-ordinator, Krisy is not back yet so hasn't been asked if she wishes to continue.

Ref the new Primary School, there will be no feedback at the moment as Mr Tanner is not in School at the moment as his wife is very ill, the Council's thoughts are with him.

Q. has the letter been sent to Post Office Road residents bordering the Millennium Green asking them to stop fly tipping their garden waste onto the green. No.

The action log needs getting up and running again as there is no check on things being done.

13/76. Correspondence: a) Mary Williams, the fabric officer of South Burlingham Church, has sent a letter and pictures of the progress of the Church refurbishments so far, she has also requested further support for this worthy project. Cliff is to ask Mary what they are actually looking for in terms of funds. ~The Council want to support the historic building but

need to know more.

13/77. Highways: Church Road sign is broken on the corner of Vicarage Road.

13/78. Millennium: a) Trim trail equipment, zip wire and swings. The park at Cliff Top, Gorleston has a zip wire, Marina will ask them where it came from.

b) Steve Simpson Memorial Tree. There has been a complaint that the tree is too close. The Council agrees that it is closer than originally anticipated as it was planned to be 10m away from the nearest boundary. Once the tree is dormant, in Jan/Feb the Council has agreed it should be moved to the original 10m away from boundaries, Mrs Simpson is happy for it to be moved. A grabber will be needed to do the work, Ernest Hoyos will be contacted to ask the best way to move it. **Decision:** All in favour to move the tree when dormant.

Q. Have the sleepers been purchased for the raised bed yet? No.

A working party is needed to put the raised bed in, once the sleepers are purchased.

Marina has spread Poppy seeds around the perimeter of the Green.

It has been reported that there are still a lot of holes around the edge of the path. The grass is not being cut regularly enough it is 1 month today since it was cut last.

Minutes of meetings to be put up onto M. Green Notice board.

13/79. Website: To discuss commercial premises/businesses advertising on the Website. The Village Hall is on the website and along with that the users of the Village Hall such as Weight Watchers which are profit making businesses, so it is blurred as to whether we could let others such as the local pub advertise. The local Pub is an asset to the community.

Decision: Companies can advertise on the Website as long as it is either in the Parish or hires a room in the Parish or is Community Run, it should offer a potential benefit to Parishioners. People to apply to the webmaster and then put to Council if any doubt.

13/80. Finance: a) Payment received from: i) BDC Recycling banks £688.82

b) Authority to pay was given to: i) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass May £ 240.00 (Chq no. 185). ii) Garden Guardian, grass cutting of Millennium Green and Verges April – no payment as invoice not yet received.

Councillors note that the verges should be cut more than once in 3 weeks and the Millennium Green should be cut @ every 10 days – only had 4 cuts to date. **Decision:** Clerk and Councillors to try and keep a record of dates the green and verges are cut.

iii) Chubb – Reading Room fire extinguisher check £ 273.52 (in the absence of a Reading Room cheque book). Reading Room Cheque book arrived in time to pay.

c) Chairman's allowance. Ben Bethell left the room at this point and Marina Tubby temporarily took over as Chair person. **Decision:** Councillors chose to pay £1050 (Chq No.)

d) BADCOG – Donation for annual upkeep of the pond + donation for annual upkeep of some Parish Footpaths. **Decision:** £200 should be given for the brilliant work they carry out on the pond and £50 towards fuel to cut the grass on the footpaths they have agreed to maintain.

(chq No.)

Decision: The Council decided that if Sheila Capper, who runs the Oil consortium in the Parish, feels it would be beneficial for her consortium to join the scheme then the Parish council will pay the £20 joining fee but the Council does not wish to run its own consortium.

f) Request from Lingwood Primary for a raffle prize. **Decision:** 2 hours free use of the Reading Room, subject to booking.

g) Request from Acle Academy for financial assistance towards development work for sports hall project.

Section 106 cannot be given to this and our main funds are only for annual running costs.

The Council is hoping to invest in sporting facilities for the Parish but has no provision for a swimming pool. The Parish Plan identified a need for a local pool but it is not feasible for the Parish to have its own. **Decision:** Clerk to reply and ask if a pool is part of the Sports hall plans.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20 – Next meeting Tues 2nd July 2013.