

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday 5th February 2013, 7.30pm.

Present were: Ben Bethell – Chairperson, Marina Tubby – Vice Chairperson, Mike Bredbere, Ian Chapman, Cliff Fountain, Richard Morton, Hannah Paul and Ian White and Sonya Dickinson – Clerk.

13/11. Welcome & apologies for absence: Apologies received from Lauren Bean, Tony Gould and Krisy Little.

13/12. Declarations of interest: Marina Tubby, anything to do with the Primary School. Ben Bethell anything to do with the Village Hall.

13/13. Public Forum and reports from Committees (including Reading Room and Village Hall): We were joined by 6 members of the public and County Councillor Brian Iles. Brian Iles – There's been quite a lot of press about the Standard Commission, the final decision about who is to take over will be on 25th February. The apprenticeship scheme is very successful and is oversubscribed so looking for more Companies.

The Norfolk Community Construction Fund is still open, Brian commented that he has seen one put in for Freethorpe but he has not seen the one for Lingwood yet but there will be another £1 million later if this one is missed. They will tell the applicant why they have failed so another application can be submitted.

Extra funds are available due to the Icelandic bank re-imbursement £3.5 million is being put into elderly people schemes with £1 million for over 75's

Marina asked Brian how the Parish can access the money, Brian said to look on the NCC website and introduce people to the scheme.

This winter with all of the snow it has been terrible for the roads and it will take from now until June to fill in the worst of the holes as well as the road fund an extra £1 million has been put towards this.

A parishioner asked if there was any more news on the exception sites.

Brian said that Kate De-vries accepts the fact that Lingwood and Burlingham do not want the site but she's awaiting the response from Beighton. Beighton are doing another land search. Brian will look into it to make sure Broadland aren't pushing it forward, he will speak to Kate or Hazel ellard.

John Burton asked about the vacant allotments and asked if he and another allotment holder could share No. 31 as they would like to plough it over. There are people on the list but Sonya needs to double check that the people who haven't paid yet no longer want them and just haven't overlooked payment. Put on March agenda if not let out.

The Parish Council has a right to write to allotment holders if they start to look unkempt. It was reported that people have started to park on the footways blocking them for prams and wheelchairs. Ben will have a word with the Police and ask if a note can be made up to put on offenders windscreens.

Maureen said the ground crew doing the trim trail really worked extremely hard.

Ben reported the topping bitumen has gone down but the tarmac can't be rolled until slightly warmer, they need a couple of days when it's not too cold.

13/14. Minutes of the meetings 15th January 2013: Were signed as a true copy.

13/15. Matters arising from 15th January 2013: None.

13/16. Correspondence: other than in circulation to Councillors or requiring a response. a) BDC Community Safety Officer – Lingwood been ok recently.
b) BDC – Letter about the Green Deal.

13/17. Millennium Green: a) Mrs Simpson's request to place a Liquid Amber tree on the green. Mrs Simpson has a memorial fund set up for her late husband and would like to place a tree and a couple of benches on the Green. **Decision:** The best place for the tree

would be at the corner at the back of Post Office close, Mrs Simpson can go ahead and place the tree and benches on the green, Ben will let her know where they can go. Ben asked Councillors if they could meet on the Green to discuss flower beds and the wild flower meadow etc. Mike saw a tv show where they were talking about great tree avenues and registering them, perhaps the tree avenue on the green can be registered, Mike will find out.

13/18. Planning: a) 20130037 - Erection of 4 No. Residential Apartments and Ancillary Works, including Car Park Extension. Land at Lingwood Gardens, Lingwood, NR13 4TL.

Decision: Reject on the grounds that the access is on the route to school, there is not enough parking. The building will block the light into the garden of No. 26 Post Office Road, who's garden is not as long as shown on the coloured picture supplied. The sub station area is a potential land grab and there is a current dispute with the who owns the land of the parking area which is a worry as if the land is proved not to be theirs there will be even less parking. This Council would like the application to be called into committee if it looks like it might be passed as there are several issues with it.

Vote – unanimous against the development. Ben will respond to Mr G. Beaumont .

b) 20130110 – 1. Canopy to Front Entrance. 2. Open Porch to Rear, Glee Barn, Acle Road, Lingwood, NR13 4ER. **Decision:** Reject. This is out of character and too big and heavy for the barn, there is a lack of relationship to the barn and out of character, when the original plan was passed there was to be no further development on the site. part 2. ~Open porch to rear, there is no issue with this rear porch. Vote - 6 against the development and 2 abstentions.

13/19. To consider a boundary change for North Burlingham/Burlingham Green, as requested: Richard Morton request this be on the agenda as North Burlingham and Burlingham Green feel cut off from Lingwood and South Burlingham due to the A47. It was also due to the apparent ease BDC requested a boundary change for South Burlingham. Richard has done a preliminary consultation and has a list of people wishing a boundary change. When the summer newsletter goes out ask residents to respond as to whether they wish to be part of Hemblington and find out what residents think overall. There are @ 50 – 60 households. This would have to be driven by the residents if they wish for a boundary change. Richard said the Burlingham Green and North Burlingham residents were angered when the parish plan came out and they were hardly mentioned. The response rate needs to be good @ 70 – 80% will give a clearer conclusion. A steering group of residents should be put together.

13/20. Youth Council, a way forward: All were impressed with the children from Rackheath Youth Council and can't see why we should not go ahead setting our own up. The concern was adults would end up running it. If there is a group of people that would like to go ahead with it that would be good.

The youths could get involved with projects they are interested in.

Proposal: To principally wish to go ahead. Vote: 7 for and 1 abstention.

Need to approach the Church Club, Youth Club and Scouts to see who would be interested.

Acle Academy has a School Council perhaps the age should be High School age, 11 to 18.

Look for interested youths to start a Youth Council and ask if any of their parent/carers can help. Vote: Start to get people thinking about it – Majority.

13/21. Highways: Ask highways if the Millennium Green hedge along Post Office Road can be cut to 1 metre.

The grit box at Dell Corner Lane needs refilling.

The vision splay at the top of Waterlow Road in Blofield has a mound which is obscuring the vision of cars waiting to pull out of Waterlow Road and cars exiting the A47 quickly are making it a bit of a danger.

The drain cover in the road outside No. 27 Main Road North Burlingham is protruding about 6 inches.

Ask Highways if it would be acceptable to have a grit bin at the end of St Peters Road and the end of Clarkson Road.

Tony Gould sent an email about the Highways investment of 75% towards a Parish led scheme and wondered if we could ask about the path between Station Road and Chapel Road, Ben will telephone Highways.

13/22. Village Hall Development and Section 106 implications: Planning for Village Hall has gone through. There is to be a change to the Section 106 payments and in April the new scheme will be called "sil". The Section 106 would be best for the Community but detrimental to the Village Hall. "sil" doesn't get given to the Parish for definite but the Village Hall land will be worth more.

The Parish Council has previously discussed and agreed that they would like to spend Section 106 money from the Village Hall site on a multi-use games area and sports items associated with the Village Hall, if the Parish Council have changed their mind the Village Hall would be better to take the "sil" option.

Decision: Councillors still feel the long term plan is to provide sporting facilities on the Village Hall site.

Section 106 – Q. If the Village Hall did go ahead and the Section 106 came in, can the 106 money be used to purchase ground maintenance equipment? Broadland D.C. has been asked but hasn't come back with a decision yet.

Swings and a zipline for the Millennium Green has also been on the wish list for 106 money.

13/23. Finance: a) To discuss the signing of all Parish Council cheques by Marina Tubby and Ben Bethell in the absence of a third signatory or until the Barclays Bank mandate comes through to allow Tony Gould to sign. **Decision:** Unanimous. N.B. Ben and Marina did not vote.

b) To consider payments to: i) £4959 Ref the Village Hall site, flood tests. (per loan agreement). **Decision:** The Village Hall are ok at the moment but if they find it difficult to pay the Parish Council have agreed to pay.

ii) Retrospective payment for A. Hemmingway – installing new Millennium Green notice board. £ 229.30 (Chq No. 758).

c) Retrospective authorisation of payments sent in January: i) Anglian Water – Allotment Water £45.33 (Chq 753).

ii) M. Hanton, 25% V.Hall grass cutting as discussed. £540 (Chq No. 757).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 – Next meeting Tues 5th March 2013.