

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting,

held at the Lingwood Village Hall Meeting Room, Station Road, Lingwood,
on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present were – Chair David Robinson, Vice Chair (VC) Jenny Stafford, Councillors (Cllr) Ian Chapman, Cheryl Grace, Mike Ingram, Roz Simpson and Clerk - Sonya Dickinson.

24/131. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillors (Cllr) Richard Morton, Brenda Jones and Ian White.

24/132. Declarations of interest: None.

24/133. Public Forum:

(15 minutes allocated for public participation with a maximum of 3 minutes each).

We were joined by 1 member of the public, Emma Covington, who is the candidate for the Labour party 2025 at Norfolk County Council and District Councillor Jess Royal.

District Councillor (DC) Jess Royal – Jess sent a report to the Council.

Jess – I have spoken to Cantley Sugar beet factory about the issues with the beet lorries using Main Road as a short cut. Signs have gone up today. They have said if anyone sees them using Main Road, get a registration plate and report it to the Sugar beet factory.

Clerk – I saw 6 beet lorries on Main Road whilst putting up the Speed awareness monitor.

Jess – I have submitted responses to recent consultations including Norfolk County Council Rail Consultation 2024 (now ended) and Short Journey Travel Habits which can be accessed in the below link if you wish to partake:

<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/environment-transport-and-development/short-journeys/>

At the BDC Main Council meeting:

A motion was passed to sign up to the Youth Advisory Board Pledge to “provide accessible, inclusive, safe play environments.

A motion was passed to oppose the government’s proposal to remove the Winter Fuel Payment from pensioners who do not claim Pension Credit or are on other benefits.

Broadland District Council Business Awards nominations are now open.

The buses seem ok at the moment.

24/134. Minutes of the meeting 1st October 2024:

Were signed as a true record.

24/135. Any updates on matters from previous meetings:

Clerk - Clamps Orchard, Burlingham Green: MP Jerome Mayhew got in touch with Norfolk County Council (NCC), to ask if we can keep the orchard as amenity land. NCC have said they will take the sale of the Orchard off the cabinet agenda and will keep renting it to the current tenant for the time being.

Cllr Cheryl Grace - Lingwood Orchard update: Lingwood Community Gardening Group dug over the flower bed and are putting seeds and herbs in. At Strumpshaw Apple Day, I spoke to someone and they are coming in January, with students, to prune the apple and pear trees. Has the Blakemore Group and Village Hall come back with ref to who maintains their defibrillators? Clerk will chase up Blakemore Group and the Chair will chase up the Village Hall.

Did we ask the School of Governors if any of them wish to become Councillor? Clerk – I haven’t asked yet but will before the next meeting.

Vice Chair Jenny Stafford – Carbon Literacy: I have my certificate and if one other Councillor went on the course we could become a carbon literate council. The next course is on 27th November 2024. There are 5 other Parishes who rent thermal cameras out. All responses were positives but they were new schemes. The one that had been run for a while had only 30 people rent it out and although it was helpful for residents, this is probably not enough uptake for the Council to purchase one.

24/136. Correspondence:

- a) Royal British Legion are holding an additional Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday 9th November at the Village Hall, by the newly placed Methodist memorial plaques. Chair David Robinson is attending the Saturday service but does not know if he can make the Sunday Service at St Peters Church to lay the wreath. Cllr Cheryl Grace might be able to lay the wreath.

24/137. Buckenham Ancient Woodland Trust:

The trust has successfully purchased the woodland. Congratulations to them.

24/138. Community Payback workforce:

Chair David Robinson - We have had 6 days of work between us and the Village Hall. Not always the same people in the teams and not always full teams. The people who turned up are good and worked hard and the supervisors were keen and knowledgeable. They use the Village Hall facilities.

The next job they will do will be to edge the Millennium Green path, as the grass has overgrown it, they will also clear the footpath from Norwich Road to Buckenham Road.

They have given us 5 more dates.

We are really pleased with the work they have carried out and so is the Village Hall.

Clerk – Could we ask them to paint the youth shelter? We would need to purchase the paint.

We should let them know how pleased we are with the work they have done.

Chair – Phil and I are in touch with the office. It will take a lot of weeks to clear the site if we just carry on filling bins.

Clerk – I have asked E.AS and K. Monsey to quote.

24/139. Electric vehicle charging points:

Vice Chair – I asked Green Home Energy to quote and to see if there is enough power to run 4 charging points. There is enough power for 4 and they quoted. The onward managing charge is £5 per month for maintenance and £10 per month for the app.

Reedham PC have them, they aren't used much currently. It costs £14 per month to be managed by Norfolk County Council (NCC).

Clerk to ask the insurance company how much extra it will cost to insure them. Ask the Village Hall about the camera we paid towards if it doesn't work in the dark, the costs for another one that does.

Decision: It was resolved to ask NCC to move forward and get costs for charging points.

24/140. Millennium Green: To consider quotes for replacement zip wires and brake springs.

Decision: Get the Eibe zip wires installed and get the re-tensioning in future from Sovereign.

24/141. Pond: To consider putting paving slabs in front of the bench at the South end of the pond.

We could purchase a few slabs and ask BADCOG if they would lay them? We should get a quote from Beighton Builders to do the work.

24/142. Highways:

The bus stop sign still hasn't been moved to the new post. Clerk to ask again.

DC Jess – I will contact First Bus also.

Clerk - Main Road: The SAM could do with moving further along the road but the next post is next to a horse paddock. Chair – I will look to see if there is one on the other side of the road.

DC Jess – I asked Highways and we are having a meeting about speeding on the back lanes. National Highways sent a quote for linking a footway from the new junction to the layby at the Windle and it was for £1 million but seems way too expensive for such a short distance. Chris who is working alongside the Parish Council to achieve this got a quote for @ £60,000.

24/143. Meeting Dates for 2025:

All dates were good.

24/144. Finance:

- a) Payments Received: a) Broadland District Council CIL money £863.30
b) Payments requested: i) K. Monsey Cemetery Grass October £150 (Trf 5/11/24).
ii) HMRC – National insurance contributions October £24.99 (Chq 2607).
iii) The Conservation Volunteers £540 + VAT including £200 for seeds. (£648 Trf 5/11/2024).
iv) S. Dickinson petrol and petrol canister £18.83 (Chq 2608).
v) Broadland District Council litter bins x 5 £1,435.20 Dog bins x 4 £1,148.16 (Trf 5/11/2024).
vi) Norfolk County Council allotment rent £175 and Burlingham Green Rent £25 (Trf 5/11/2024).
c) To agree the NALC Clerk's pay award to be back dated to April 2024. This is the pay rate increase that has been contested since February 2024. The increase is across all increments and is 62pence per hour.
d) To agree bank statements with bank reconciliation.

They were Inspected and agreed.

Cash at Bank as at 1 st April 2024	£73,806.31
Receipts April to end of October	£49,462.16
Less Expenses April to end of October	(£34,200.04)
Cash at bank as at 31 st October 2024	<u>£89,068.43</u>

This is including the Cemetery accounts.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05
Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 3rd December 2024 at 7.30pm.