

**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019  
AT THE MESS, NORTH LOPHAM**

Presentation arranged with James Heaton BDC and Isobel Wright from Hastoe Housing. Unfortunately James Heaton was unable to attend. Isobel Wright spoke to the Parish Council.

Looking at more affordable/social housing in the village for local people only.

Hastoe are specialist rural housing provider for local people. Tied in with section 106 agreement. Someone currently living in the village or lived here for certain period or who has close family connection. Also people working in the parish who have worked here for some time.

Can have rented or shared ownership. Can only purchase 80%.

Next steps regardless of association to get a Needs survey carried out and local rural housing enabler to attend to see what the need is. Hastoe is a small housing provider with about 7000 houses across the country. Make properties as efficient as possible to keep fuel costs down. PC can be involved in site finding and design. There is a cascade to go to neighbouring parishes.

Survey would go to all houses in the village.

Would have consultations through the process leading up to allocation

Decision on shared ownership is needs driven and will get picked up in needs survey.

Usual size of development is 6-10 but can do as little as 4.

No power for compulsory purchase – landowners will be approached but if no available land project cannot proceed.

Would have to commit to one Housing provider before a needs survey is carried out.

Hastoe have done a small development in Bressingham.

Most parishes would see 2 or 3 other housing providers and then decide from there.

To speak to James Heaton regarding next steps. To approach Bressingham PC to see what their experience was.

Parish Council Meeting followed on at 7.30

1. To record attendance and consider acceptance of apologies for absence.  
Apologies received from Johanna Tuck and Mike Tipple  
Those in attendance; William Nunn (Chairman) Julie Crossley (Clerk), Jan Tate.  
Dawn Williams, Mick McManus, Liz Bernard
2. To record declarations of interest – none declared
3. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 approved and signed by **MM**

**Matters Arising**

#### 4. Co-option of new Parish Councillor

WN welcomed Liz Bernard as a new Parish Councillor

#### 5. Concern re Increase in HGV's through the village

This has been raised before, Crown have now been bought out by Cranswick, Traffic is being re-routed from Hoxne. Also coincided with a consultation about their proposed expansion. No planning application has been received as yet.

We have been in touch with County Council. Recommended attendance at SNAP. If HGV's are going to Crown or other local farms they are entitled to do so. It is the flouting of the 7.5 tonne restriction and lorries which come through the village which is the problem.

Discussion about whether we could set up a Lorry Watch. Need evidence.

Also discussed DPD vans which often speed through the village. The Clerk has written to DPD this week regarding this.

Other problem with the traffic is times. Often lorries coming past at 04.30 or 05.00 a.m. although it is believed that these lorries were associated with chicken catching for Cranswick.

Residents will attend the SNAP Meeting at BDC offices on 30<sup>th</sup> July to see if we can get a police presence to try and reduce the number of HGV's and the Clerk will email Sgt Crown re any progress or actions to be taken about vehicles which should not be coming through the village.

#### 6. Demolition at Church Farm

Applicant has permission for change of use. A certified contractor was used to take the building down after the initial contractor was taken off site. A new planning application has been made. It is understood the necessary reports are in hand. Land contamination testing has been undertaken. Waiting for a further update from Breckland as to whether all necessary reports have been filed.

#### 7. Invitation to Bid Letter Parish Partnership 2020/21

The Clerk to email Steve Askew about funding to tarmac the trod. Also to approach Parish Partnership about 50% of the cost. Should NCC be maintaining the path with weedkiller.

#### 8. The pond

JT will ask her son to look at the reeds in the village pond as they are taking over.

### **Finance**

Approval is sought for the following payments

a) £71.60 for Lopham Newsletter (June and July edition)

- b) £24.99 1 to 1 computers
- c) £9.90 stamps
- d) £192.00 Clerk salary
- e) £48.00 HMRC
- f) £10.00 Mess Hire

Income £50.00 Cemetery for memorial for Jeremy Callow

Balance of current and NS&I accounts £3807.65 and £2796.02

**Any other Business**

Hedges have been put onto the crossroads Harling/Lopham. This is due to previous fatal accidents but now overgrown and you have to pull out into the road to see safely. The Clerk will report this to NCC. Or report to Stephen Askew.

Resident asked about mirrors for safe exit onto the road. The Clerk has spoken to Stephen Askew about this but it is a private matter and even if agreed with a fellow resident the mirror cannot obstruct the highway and the County council could insist it is removed if it is an obstruction.

Meeting closed 8.15

Next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Signed..... Dated .....