

**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019
AT THE MESS, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. Those in attendance; Johanna Tuck (Vice Chairman), Julie Crossley (Clerk), Mike Tipple, Liz Barnard, Dawn Eagles
Apologies received from; William Nunn
2. Any declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the last meeting on 10th July 2019 approved

Matters Arising

The Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Jan Tate who has served as a Parish councillor for almost 30 years. The Council will write and thank her for her services.

To advise Breckland of the Vacancy

4. The Trod surface and cost of tarmacing – refund

The Clerk has been advised by Mr Jacklin from Highways that it would be possible to tarmac the trod in 2 stages and has approached NCC to see if we could apply to bid for 50% of the cost under the Parish Partnership Scheme which they have agreed we can. The quote is £9,800 or thereabouts and there have been complaints about the surface and difficulty walking on it. The Clerk will approach NCC to see if the tarmacadam can be done in one go but payment be made over 2 years as we will have to apply for the scheme again next year if it is in force.

PC all in favour to try and improve the surface and apply for the funding.

The Clerk will apply for the funding – to be in by 6th December 2019

5. Affordable Housing – proceed with Hastoe or see an alternative provider for comparison?

Good presentation from Hastoe. James Heaton has emailed to see if we want to see a second housing association. He would recommend Broadland. The Council were happy to proceed with Hastoe. MCA commented that Hastoe have a good reputation for local housing for local people.

6. Feedback on SNAP meeting and traffic issues and any suggestions for calming

Residents attended the Dereham Snap meeting rather than Attleborough. Spoke to Sgt Andy Crown and their officers had done some observations at Crown junction very little HGV exceeding the limit, but no doubt flouting the weight limit was going on. Have written to a number of companies in an effort to try and keep things in check. MCA suggested we go through Stephen Askew re parking at the school. Ask Sgt Crown if there was any feedback from the speed awareness camera put up on the village a few weeks ago.

MCA advised the meeting about proposed relief road from Cranswick. A meeting took place 6 months ago. Breckland was to deal with it and not County Council. BDC unable to get any further information about it. Assuming they are spending a large sum expanding Eye Factory sight that concentration going there and expansion to Kenninghall will not be taking place. Capita Director unable to engage in any form of conversation with Cranswick.

7. Hedgehog awareness and email from resident

Residents attended have hedgehog house and encourage them to come in the garden. Hedgehogs declining in numbers. Government launching a red warning regarding this. Would like to raise awareness in the village about them and try and encourage people to put a small hole in the fence to avoid them crossing the street and allow them to go from garden to garden. Encourage people to put water out.

Planning

8. Approval has been given for Variation of conditions 2 & 8 re demolition of existing agricultural buildings
Approval has been given for demolition of existing building (part retrospective) of existing agricultural buildings
Approval given for erection of dwelling at Willow Tree Farm, Kenninghall Road.

Finance

Online banking has now been approved

Approval given for the following payments

Balance in current account £4087.23

Newsletter – August and September	£ 71.60	online
Uncontested elections fee	£ 75.00	online
War Memorial Wreath	£ 25.00	chq
Mess Hire	£ 10.00	chq

October payments

Clerk Salary for October 2019	£192.00	online
HMRC October 2019	£ 48.00	cheque

Income:	Refund for Trod	£ 536.07
	Precept	£1,800.00

To consider budget and next 2020/21 precept at November meeting

Any other Business

To ask Stephen Askew why Kenninghall School has double yellow lines.

John Ritson to provide a price to remove some of the reeds from the Mere to avoid blocking the drain and for cutting back the willow tree.

NALC letter re initiative to improve wellbeing of residents in Norfolk. WN is going to and **JT and EB** would also like to attend. The Clerk will follow up and let **JT, WN and EB** know details.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Next meeting Wednesday 13th November 2019

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