

## MINUTES FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 at 7 p.m.

### REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

1. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Minutes were approved

2. Attendance on Zoom: William Nunn (Chair), Julie Crossley (Clerk), Johanna Tuck (Vice Chair), Lesley Bird,

Apologies Dawn Eagles, Mick McManus and Mike Tipple

Liz Barnard did not attend and Cllr Chapman-Allen tried to attend but the Chairman was unable to make the technology work.

3. Any declarations of interest

### Matters Arising

#### 4. Update on the pond – Quotes received

The Clerk read out quote from Lamberts which was in the region of £1000 and Frizzels which was £565.00 to include disposal of the arisings. It was agreed subject to the other PC's that we would proceed with Frizzels. The Clerk will contact them for approval. Councillors DE and MT confirmed approval

#### 5. Parish Plan – to consider comments from Councillors

The Clerk read out comments from MMc and MT and DE, LB noted that there was an increase in HGV vehicles through the village.

**JT** also noted that the HGV's do come through the village before 7 a.m. on occasions. Noted that drains are collapsing, this is 3 or 4 in as many weeks. The traffic is constant. **JT** had not understood that the village may have authority for a further 30 houses including the planning already approved.

Agreed it would be nice to have a community shop. Noted that the information was very informative but could not see it as a future plan. How do we take this forward.

**WN** felt it was a good document which touched on various topics.

Traffic and noise and bird scarers as set out in the plan is correct but the ability the PC has to influence is virtually zero.

Housing – the Plan considers there is insufficient demand which contradicts the parish Council housing survey which shows a need for more affordable small homes for local people. The village does not seem to have an abundance of housing for sale but this aside there is a lack of affordable housing.

WN disagrees that Towns are better than villages for development as we don't want our villages to become retirement dormitories.

Overuse of pesticide – again WN does not know of any farmers who use more than they have to and doesn't understand the relevance to a parish plan.

Better bus service is agreed but out of PC control other than encouraging people to not use their cars. The PC have raised a concern that there are no buses before but in reality very unlikely to be regularly used even if they were provided.

Better broadband is now being commissioned by County Brodband. It is understood this will be starting at any time.

Housing – BDC Local Plan although signed of late last year is being re-visited later this year due to the Government inspector wanting a greater supply of available development land. We will be asked to look for potential sites again to try and accommodate some of the District housing as some of these may be pushed out into rural communities, watch this space.

So what is next step with the Parish Plan

LVH advised the meeting that he was hoping that the Parish Plan would go forward to BDC. Don't think they had another Parish Plan this was the first one. Other Councils have had Parish Plans adopted which form part of local plan and if adopted BDC have to take note of it. Ask BDC to look at it when they were making decisions that affect the village.

**WN** will speak to Cllr Chapman-Allen as he felt that they would not adopt a Parish Plan. However LVH suggested otherwise as he had already put this to BDC and had been assured that it would be accepted after discussion with the PC.

Decision was made that the PC needed to have a dedicated meeting to discuss the Parish Plan. The Clerk will canvass some dates.

#### **6. Complaints received re parking by the pond and overhanging branches at The Limes**

It is not illegal to park on the highway but these vehicles are parked close to a junction. We could ask the Police to speak to offenders or put a note on the windscreens or through the letter box of the offending property.

The Clerk will knock at The Limes to talk to them about the branches overhanging the footpath

#### **7. Consideration of new website so PC is compliant when new Accessibility laws come in in September 2020**

The Clerk to discuss the difficulties with current website and write to NALC to discuss as it is noted to be incredibly hard to use. New website to be considered. Return to this in September.

#### **8. Registration of the Lanes and SLPC**

The Clerk having spoken to Rob Webb at SLPC who in turn discussed their proposal with **WN**. It was noted that SLPC are to do the first tranche of lanes in their Parish to get the County map updated and then will work with NLPC to get other lanes done provided farmers were on board. SLPC might be able to bid jointly for grants to register two additional paths that run down the border of both Parishes.

#### **9. Financial**

Approval was given for		
Clerk salary payable by BACS 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020		£192.00
HMRC – BACS		£48.00
Receipts		
BDC Bottle bank	£550.00	
Cemetery	£ 80.00	
Cemetery	£ 50.00	
Balance of Barclays		£6352.43 inc Community Support Grant

## **10. Planning applications**

3AG/2020/0009/AG – Electric Gates at Eden House

3PL/2020/0586/F – Agricultural Barn at Tin Barn – has been resubmitted with amendments

3PL/2020/0298 – 2 properties with garages behind 7 The Green – approved

Clerk raised the development of new Feed Mill at Snetterton and impact of more traffic through the village. **WN** will raise this with our District Cllr M Chapman-Allen to check and see what stage the planning is.

Housing Survey – waiting for Housing Association to respond.

Broken drain outside Octavia House the Clerk will report this

Meeting closed at 20.15

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020