

MINUTES FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

1. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the meeting on 8th July 2020

Minutes were approved unanimously

2. **Attendance** on Zoom: William Nunn (Chair), Julie Crossley (Clerk), Johanna Tuck (Vice Chair), Dawn Eagles, Mick McManus, Liz Barnard

Marion Chapman Allen and Tim Colyer

Apologies: Mike Tipple, Lesley Bird

3. No declarations of interest declared

Matters Arising from July Minutes

4. North Lopham Website compliance

The Clerk had a 2 hour IT meeting with Helen at NALC on 20th July re compliance for accessibility. A test should be undertaken to ensure that compliance is met.

5. Parish Plan – to consider comments from BDC

An Officer from Breckland has been provided with a copy of the Parish Plan in the final format agreed by the Parish Council. The Officer was impressed by the document and the work that had been undertaken. It was an interesting and informative plan but unfortunately it would not carry any weight particularly with regard to planning. The Parish Council agreed that the Plan should be put on the website for future reference and to give residents a flavour of what the survey had covered and what the views of the residents were. The Parish Council to thank Leo and his team for the work undertaken.

6. Village pond

The majority of removal of the reeds has been undertaken save for a section where there was a nesting moorhen. This has been left. The Parish Council were unanimous that once the nest has been vacated Peter and his team return to remove the remaining reeds. The concern being that otherwise we will have the same problem in the not too distant future. The Clerk advised that **LB** and other residents had suggested the forming of a working party to try and tidy up around the edge of the pond and any volunteers would be welcomed.

7. Proposed planning for chicken huts on 1066

The Clerk had received an email and there had been comments on local website about the proposed plan. The huts are to be located on 1066 towards Lamberts on left hand side, close to a concrete pad. The proposal is for 4 broiler huts heading toward Blo Norton and Smallworth. Should go to BDC Planning Committee. Not sure of Garboldisham PC view.

The Chair did not have much concern, unlikely to cause any smells. Similar to the site on the Lopham to Kenninghall road. Unlikely to be visible. It is on a main road so would appear logical site.

MCA advised the meeting that Garboldisham PC did not raise any concerns as lorries would not be affecting local villages. There had been local concern but Garboldisham PC had raised no objections.

WN has spoken to residents on the main road who are worried about smells but the application will go through due process and environmental Dept.

JT felt that given what it would go through in planning she had no objection and the PC generally have no objections.

8. Email from Resident re increase in HGV's

The Clerk had received an email from a local resident concerned about volume of HGV's/Sunday working and pig smells. The latter is likely due to spreading. Most arable landowners will have muck spreading done at this time of year.

Early lorries through the village are likely to be chicken catchers. Crown Milling do not start before 7 a.m. Crown lorries are also generally respectful of speed. The Parish Council recognise it is a concern but due to nature of the industry in and around the village it is an integral part of rural life. The Parish Council do what they can to ensure that all vehicles comply with the speed limit. Any HGV's going to and from Crown do not have to comply with the weight restriction. Police did attend recently and confirmed that those they checked were going to and from Crown.

Financial

8. Approval was given for

- Clerk salary payable by BACS 6th October 2020 £192.00
- HMRC – payable by BACS 6th October 2020 £48.00
- Frizzels for pond clearance £678.00 inc VAT
- SLCC Membership £65.00
- 1 to 1 Computer services 50% of Bullguard security £19.99
- Wreath for Remembrance Day £20.00 - cheque

Receipts

LOHP £50.00

Balance of account £6212.43

Planning applications

9. 3PL/2020/0740/F Erection of a replacement poultry building and associated feed bins following demolition of existing poultry buildings in High Common Road. No objections but when commenting BDC were asked to protect mature oak trees around that site.

3PL/2020/0927/F Tanns Lane – supportive of application but BDC should be aware of foul water drainage as the water table in this area is high and often leads to localised flooding .

AOB

Jubilee Lane clearance – the cost would be £200. **WN** will attend and see if he can trim back some of the overhanging thistles.

It was noted that the footpaths are narrowing. A wheelchair could not get along on the path and had to be pushed half on the grass. This was adjacent to first property from Kings Head Lane. The hedges at some properties from Kings Head Lane down toward the phone box in parts need trimming right back. The Clerk will contact Stephen Askew to see who best to contact and whether BDC can write to properties and ask them to cut hedges back or they will attend which may incur a charge for residents.

Meeting closed at 07.50

Next Meeting 11.11.2020