

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
11TH NOVEMBER 2020
REMOTELY VIA TEAMS**

1. To approve the Minutes of the meeting on 9th September 2020 approved by **LBird**
2. Attendance and apologies – Mike Tipple, Mick McManus, Dawn Eagles who have no IT
3. Any declarations of interest – none declared

Matters Arising from September Minutes

4. Parish Plan LV's email of 29th September 2020

LV had emailed on 29th September to advise he was going to go back to his team for further comment. **WN** responded to that email that the PC had already discussed and adopted the amended Plan and thanked **LV** for his time and advised that the plan was on Parish website. **BDC** have a copy if they wish to refer to it and it is on the website for new residents.

5. The Mere clearance

The work has been completed. Some reeds remain and just need to keep an eye on these in case they start to encroach. Frizzels did an excellent job.

6. Footpaths and Drains in The Street

NCC have now attended to cut back the verges to widen the footpath, overhanging hedges are still an issue in places. They have also attended to deal with the drains by Octavia House which will hopefully resolve the standing water problem

Matters arising

7. Noise nuisance next to Back Lane – email from resident dated 22 September 2020

WN spoke to the farmers concerned. We recognise this is an annual issue after harvest and that there will probably be young people that congregate on the back lanes next year as they have for many generations. **WN** considered that there is not much to be done as it is private land but recognised that residents would be dissatisfied with this. However if the issues escalate and people come from outside the village then we will once again discuss with the landowners and do our best to prevent it.

LB noted it is a rare event. However, if it became a real nuisance the PC would have to think differently about it.

8. Date for clearance around the Mere

The land on the perimeter of The Mere needs a good clearance. It is currently too wet and it was agreed to put on the Agenda to discuss in January for a date in Feb or March

9. Concern over children crossing between parked cars near school

DE contacted the Clerk to ask for a letter to the school as concern had been raised about children crossing between parked cars.

WN felt that the school is probably aware and it is the parents parking on the “keep clear” that causes the problem. The PC have addressed this previously. Clerk will flag with the school. Concern is still HGV's having to get past the school on a blind bend. There is a dropped kerb to

allow people to cross as safely as they can which we would encourage people to use.

10. **Sam2 speed sign rota**

The clerk has re-done the rota and distributed this to the 8 volunteers who have kindly agreed. The more volunteers we have the less often they have to move the sign. **WN** agreed he would be happy to go on the rota.

11. **Volunteer to paint shelter at the Mere**

WN said that he would take on the painting of the Notice Board

Emma and Richard Bensley attending the meeting to discuss their plans at The Rushes. The plans have been circulated and the Clerk will put the PC comments on the BDC website by the weekend. There were no objections raised at the meeting.

Financial

12. Approval was given for the following payable on 12.11.2020

50% of cost (SLPC) of cutting Primrose Lane Inv SI 919	£120.00
50% of cost (BNPC) website training	£ 15.00
Groundscape invoices	£1350.00

Receipts

Precept	£2,000.00
Memorial for A.W	£ 230.00
Plot reservation J and E,E	£ 40.00

VAT has been claimed for Pond clearance £113.00 (made 20.10.20)
Balance of Barclays account £7,419.48 inc Grant £1000

Planning applications

3PL/2020/0849/HOU – **approved** – Erection of electric wooden gates at Eden House

3PL/2020/0740/F – **approved** – Erection of replacement poultry building in High Common Road

Any other Business

The PC were asked if they could support putting Christmas lights up in the village. The point was raised that the purchase of lights would not be an issue it was the cost of insurance and H&S which would be the problem.

It was agreed that the village be encouraged to put up as many outside lights as possible to put on a great display and for these to be turned on on the 1st December as suggested by resident Keri-Michelle Soanes Woods.

Meeting closed at 19.30

Next meeting 13th January 2021