

MINUTES FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2021 at 7 p.m.
REMOTE MEETING VIA TEAMS

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 11th November 2020 were approved
2. Attendance and apologies – Mike Tipple, Mick McManus, Dawn Eagle unable to attend no IT Attending : William Nunn, Liz Barnard, Lesley Bird, Johanna Tuck, Tim Colyer and Marion Chapman-Allen, one member of the public
3. No declarations of interest made

Matters Arising from November 2020 Minutes

4. Set date for The Mere clearance and village clean up – this was deferred due to Covid but **WN** suggested litter picking should be safe when out exercising as roads are fairly quiet.

Matters arising

5. Blocked drains/fractured tarmac in The Street – reported issues as they arise and there are tracking numbers on website. **LBird** raised issue of damage on the verges, and flooding on East Harling Rd. **WN** noted it was so wet, and not much we can do until they dry out other than discourage residents, delivery vans etc from parking on the verge. The Clerk will report the flooding on East Harling road.
6. Thanks was given to the Birds re painting the shelter at The Mere and the clearance around it.
7. Accessibility re website. The Clerk advised of the progress regarding this and that there will be a need to re visit this in the future to ensure that our site was compliant. It was agreed by all to leave as is for the time being due to the difficulty of getting the computer support due to Covid.
8. North Lopham Charities- The Clerk had emailed Mr Birchall for a report on the Charity but had not received a response. It was felt that it would be useful to know what funds were available, who could apply and how. **JT** will speak to Mr Birchall and report back. Tim Colyer noted that South Lopham Charities regularly report in the Cockcrow.
9. Grass cutting costs **WN** proposed that some or all of the churchyard be left as wild flower meadow but appreciated this would need management and cutting. **LB** would prefer to see it kept cut as it is the first thing you see as you enter the village. **EB** would prefer wild meadow. **JT** felt wild areas need looking after. This would need managing. The Clerk will speak to the Gardener and see whether he can suggest an area set aside for wild flowers and report to a future meeting.
10. Planning application for Ruses Cottage - applicants have been advised application will be turned down on basis of abandonment. Applicant asked for advice on what they should do. **MCA** unaware it had been turned down and was aware the PC had supported it. It will be a sustainable eco house and **MCA** advised they go for appeal once refusal is received and reapply to Breckland again, she will call it in and **WN** will speak at the planning meeting and give the Parish Council's support.

Financial

10. Discussion regarding Precept. It was increased last year and whilst the PC has to pay for tarmac on the trod in the Spring no other expenses other than usual costs such as grass cutting, Clerk salary and HMRC, insurance and memberships anticipated. It was agreed given the financial climate to not increase the Precept this year and request £4000.
11. Retrospective approval given for the following for January

I)	Clerk salary	£192.00 (06.01.2021)
ii)	HMRC	£ 48.00 (06.01.2021)
iii)	Receipts	nil

VAT has been claimed for Pond clearance £113.00 (made 20.10.20)

Balance of Barclays account £5847.48 this includes £1000 Community Grant

Planning applications

11. 3PL/2020/0927/F **Approval** for change of use to garage and store to residential unit at Tanns Lodge
3PL/2020/0586/F **Approval** for erection of dutch barn to provide smallholding storage workshop and food storage for household chickens at land north of Tin Barn
3PL/2020/1232/HOU **Approval** for removal of carport and erection of new timber cart lodge
3PL/2020/1274/HOU **Approval** proposed 2 storey side and front ext along with single storey rear extension.

Meeting closed at 19.40

Next meeting 10th March 2021