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**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2021 which MMc signed

2. Attendance : WM, JT, DE, MT, MMC, LB, EB

Apologies from Julie Crossley 3.

3. Any declarations of interest None 4.

**Matters arising**

4. Jubilee Celebrations – Event at Village Hall – Commemorative coins WN/JT There has been suggestions about purchasing commemorative coins for the children in the village. Some of the funds raised from the Produce stall could be used. Funding from the Lophams Society £250 donation from Parish Council North Lopham and South Lopham donated Band and singers booked Barbecue School hoping to be involved Jenny Vere in contact FOSTA. Help needed e.g. Marquees putting up the day before.

Commemorative Coin: Johanna and Jenny.

Church will match fund for commemorative coins

Discussion about age of recipients. Discussion about coins, bookmarks or commemorative badges.

Agreed 100 coins £160 from Parish Council. Church will provide the rest Jenny will do the headcount and the ordering.

5. Hastoe Housing - Clerk to make contact with contact with Breckland to ask them to chase Hastoe

6. **Date for village clean up** – Saturday 6th April 2022 – to meet at the Pond at 10 a.m.

7. Approval of Groundscape quote for cutting the cemetery at £90 and the pond £35

8. Hedges and Gravel The Clerk has received concerns about the hedge about Bell Corner and has spoken to the resident. They are concerned about the danger of cutting the hedge given the speed and volume of traffic. They do cut the hedge back when the road has been closed for other reasons. Concern about safety on Bell Corner Go back to resident and suggest employing someone with a hedge cutter perhaps early on a Sunday Morning?

Councillor MMc has received complaints about gravel from some properties and the Kings Head car park spilling onto the path, this should be swept up to avoid accidents.

9. Sewage treatment plants in Meadow Lane – email from BDC After a complaint about potential effluence in a ditch in Tanns Lane the Clerk contacted BDC who attended – an email had been received from BDC regarding PC advising resident about the need to empty and service treatment plans and to empty septic tanks regularly at least annually. The Clerk will put this on the PC website

10. Damage to water hydrant in Tanns Lane – DE Councillor DE contacted the Clerk regarding damage in Tanns Lane and the Clerk contacted BDC and NCC to see if either were responsible. The Clerk has now spoken to Anglian Water and they will attend.

11. The Parish Council wish to thank to those who cleared the fallen tree at cemetery, and to those who went out and collected litter post storm and clearing round the pond.

12. Removal of trees at Meadows site It would appear that some trees have been felled on the roadside by the Meadows site causing a great deal of concern from residents. These were apparently not protected. The Clerk will approach the developer to see if some replacement planting could be planted. A resident had already written to the Council. The Planning response: diseased. No evidence of this. Reason was to get a strimmer in, has been left in a terrible state, developer needs to be held accountable. 10 trees. Prime reason for a conservation area. Marion CA did talk to council. Response was that was in the splay. Contractor stated there was no sign of disease. Developer’s excuse: trees were stopping the flailer coming along

13**. Financial** .

Approval was given for the following

i)Clerk Salary £192.00 (6th April 2022)

ii) HMRC £48.00 (6th April 2022)

iii) Charger for Sam2 £24.99 – retrospective

iv) Payment to Church £20.00 (inc cost of Church Farm mtg)

v) Frizzels quote for Primrose Lane £570 inc VAT – now cleared

vi) Weed Clearance at Mere £425.00

vii) Clerk has permission to source a new laptop

**Receipts**

Headstone Inscription – Worby £45.00

Headstone – Worby £45.00 Ashes Internment –

Goddard £50.00

Balance of Barclays account £6159.28

NS&I account £2838.96 Planning applications

Public Questions – 20 minutes

These related to the planning application **3PL/2022/0169/F**

Members of the public noted this was Inappropriate for the area, Houses close together Danger from trees e.g. Oak Tree No need: other camp sites in the area No services. Bio toilets, no water and no electricity environmental Health reasons Noise: from holidaymakers Fires a concern. Conifers along the back, Lack of supervision, onus would be put on local residents. Noise, fire medical emergencies. Could be up to 15-20 people. No warden or supervision. Within proposal badly informed comments about local facilities, speed of traffic, local communication. Stated to be a brown field site: not clear how this can be? Already felled some mature tress on the western border Lots of errors in the application. Owner lives in Hemel Hempsted. Known family for 17/18 years. Always told for family use, including log cabin. The application is for 3 pitches and log cabin. Will compromise residents enjoyment, single track lane. Retrospective consent for log cabin and design and location is different on the plan to the position on the site.

Web version of Cock Crow magazine – would like to create a link on the website to the Cock Crow magazine. The Clerk is investigating this.

Resident raised concern about pond on the Harling Road belonging to Ferndale. It is brimmng and dangerous when icy

Site at Church Farm The plans have been amended to change parking. Agreed that we should object to the changes to the affordable houses to flats. Church Farm: concern about pavement. Developers need to hear from the County Council to approve the plans.

3PL/2022/0229/O PROPOSAL:

Proposed Residential Conversion of Existing Clay Lump Barn to dwelling and Conversion of Existing Outbuilding Into a 4 Bay Cart Lodge. - Felt that the application is lacking detail. However, it is an outline application.

Resident raised concern about Crown Chicken lorries. Timing: 6am. Is there a line of communication from parish council to Crown. Concern about weight of lorries. Councillor MT noted a huge improvement over time. Further information needed about whether the lorries are Crown, sub-contractors or other companies.

Meeting finished at 20.00

Next meeting **Wednesday 11th May 2022**