**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGM**

**WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on **12th May 2021** and for the meeting on **9th March 2021**

2. Attendance and apologies

William Nunn (Chairman)

Lesley Bird

Dawn Eagle

Mick McManus

Mike Tipple

Liz Bernard

Julie Crossley (Clerk)

Marion Chapman Allen

10 members of the public

**Representation from Breckland Council re planning – Rob Walker and Simon Wood**

Concerns re Meadow Lane Development –

Questions from the public;

When planning goes ahead who decides what the challenges are, we were Informed land was conservation land.  Previous meeting re drainage being so bad, no street lights, narrow paths, roads not wide enough to cope with the traffic. Worst part is the bends by the school.  15 more houses planned in a village that cannot cope now?

Who makes decisions? Rob Walker is the Breckland officer who signs off applications but large or contentious applications go to planning committee to be determined by Elected members. If an application isn't contentious, say for simple extension, planning officer can determine it

The Meadows  developments was contentious and would have gone to elected members for a decision.

We watched the developer ripping out pieces of hedgerow at The Meadows, said trees are diseased.  Seems Planners allow it to happen without justification?

BDC as a whole had to find 15600 houses, of which 3000 in the villages. We need to find space in villages where we can, this is always contentious as very few villages or Towns welcome additional housing. But If we don’t meet target set by central Government, local gov policies carry less weight and would be in less control.  Every LA had a target it had to meet based on population.  A proportion have to be in villages.  No village will be safe from development.  Even in conservation areas.  Other organisations have to be consulted re education, highways, environment, before a development can be passed.

At The Meadows having discussed with the Developer he promised hedging and fencing would be replaced in the future.

Permission once granted is not reversible but If built not in accordance with the plans BDC will review.   BDC make no money from the Planning – fee received for planning application set by Govt

Future development – looking at a new Local Plan for the district of BDC.

Breckland didn't promote the Meadows but we have to consider every application that comes before us.

10 dwellings or more to qualify for social housing which is them 25% of the development.

S106 agreement can be for several things, school, social housing.  Obliged to spend it in the area that the application was in.

At Church Farm the developer is putting in a path to the village hall as part of his obligation to the village.

3. Any declarations of interest - none declared

4. Confirmation of election of Officers Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Proposed William Nunn

Seconded Mike Tipple

Vice Chairman Proposed Liz Bernard

Seconded Dawn Eagles

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman wished to thank Johanna who had done an excellent job for the last few years. He also thanked the Clerk and PC for all the work that had been done in the community in the past year.

6 BDC Achievements 2021/22 – report on website/paper copy available

Referred to Jubilee Event organised by BDC,

Grant Funding available up to £5000 but has to be match funded

**Matters Arising from March Minutes**

7. Hastoe Housing – Housing Survey undertaken in 2019 - re plot for 2-4 social houses - see what Isobel Wright says, ask her if findings of the survey still stand now. Re previous discussions houses being built in the village currently, not suitable for young families with links to local area. Query whether these proposed houses had to be included in other developments. It was understood Hastoe were prepared to build purely as a social development but the village has to find the land.

**Matters arising**

8. Resignation of Johanna Tuck and vacancy – co-option 2 potential applicant. The Chairman and 2 others e will arrange to chat with both and make a decision.

9. Update on Jubilee Celebrations – **WN** final meeting next Monday, 4 singing groups, Mick the Baker and 2 other, BBQ starting at 5 p.m. and music starting at 6 p.m. free entry, selling food and drink to pay for the cost of the bands. Nothing in the afternoon going ahead. No response from the school.

Church has Sunday service inviting community to bring a picnic, exhibition in the church and residents from the village with children can collect their medallions.

10. Dean Farm Project

Regarding Bio Mass at Bressingham and potential for additional traffic through the village. Waiting to hear from NCC regarding the route.

**Financial**

11. Approval of Annual Governance Accounts and internal Audit and Certificate of Exemption – approved and signed.

Approval of following payments was given

i) Zurich PC Insurance £439.33

ii) Community Heartbeat Trust £151.20

iii) ICO payment (GDPR) £40.00

vi) Internal audit – donation to Church £25.00

vii) Laptop £309.00

viii) Hire of Church for meeting £10.00

iii) Frizzle

**Receipts**: April Precept BDC £2,000.00

Balance of Barclays account £6654

NS&I account £2838

**Planning applications**

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| 3PL/2022/0152/HOU Willlow Tree Farm **APPROVED**  3PL/2022/0261/HOU Conifers, Tanns Lane **APPROVED**  3PL/2021/1461/F Kings Head **REFUSED**  3PL/2022/0179/F Vehicular access to field **APPROVED**  **Any other business**  Write to NCC re hedging at Bell Corner  Parking at the school  Drain cover at Bell Corner  **Meeting closed at 20.11**  **Next meeting 13.07.2022** |  |
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