**MINUTES FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held om 11th May 2022 – approved by MMc

2. Attendance; Julie Crossley, Dawn Eagles, Lesley Bird, Mick McManus, Mike Tipple, William Nunn

 Apologies: none received

Members of Public – 13 in attendance

3. Any declarations of interest – none declared

**Matters arising**

4. Co-option of Peter Smith as new Parish Councillor

5. Dean Farm Project – The meeting was advised that there is a Public meeting at Bressingham Village Hall 7-9 on 14th July 2022. From Lophams point of view may not be overly challenged. Chairman advised it is a large digester, planning is retrospective, it is likely to add to traffic in the village at harvest time. The Parish Council have already lodged their objections but as new application these will have to be sent again. District Councllor is also raising objections.

6. Pylons – unsure of what the plans are currently. Nearest link might be close to Blooms at Bressingham. WN has asked for a co-ordinated meeting with 3 County Councils and their MPs and currently waiting for this to be organised.

7. Land at The Mere /fallen Willow Tree – since the collapse of the willow tree, NCC say that is not their land, and have produced a photo from 1946. Still not heard from BDC. But in 1946 Breckland didn’t exist so there may a delay whilst they look in the archives. Mrs Vere said they had done extensive research when the Lophams book was written and she understood nobody owns the land. Not registered at The Land Registry. Councillor Lesley Bird will contact Chris Hunter to look at the tree. Re cutting the grass round the Mere, Clerk will get a quote from John Ritson who cuts the cemetery.

8. Housing Survey Clerk read email from Hastoe Housing – worth exploring with Kenninghall/SLPC to reduce costs. Trying to work with Housing Association to build some affordable housing for young families to stay in the village. Clerk will contact South Lopham and Kenninghall PCs.

9. Complaints re noise at Airbnb behind Looms Cottage – email was circulated from Environmental Health about how they should act moving forward. Raised their concerns about noise, parking and damage in driveway. Simon to circulate the email to other couples close by, to contact Airbnb and Police and they will have it on record. Nuisance to neighbours. Concern about where hottub waste goes.

10. Bins at the Mere both need replacing with one joint litter/dog poo, Clerk will order from Gladsons. Agreed cost up to £500 approved.

**Financial**

11. Approval was given for the following

i) Hire of Church for meeting £10.00

ii) Clerk Salary £192.00

iii) HMRC £48.00

iv) Request for further cut of Primrose Lane 50% SLPC £30.00

v) Payment of Groundscape invoice £540.00 – paid

vi) Paint for phone box £76.57

All payments approved.

**Receipts**:

Headstone re John Callow £50.00

Headstone re Richard Vere £50.00

Internment of Ashes – Fulcher £50.00

Inscription – McManus £45.00

Breckland bottle bank £559.39

Balance of Barclays £4998.94

Balance at NI account £2838.00

**Planning applications**

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| 3PL/2021/1693/VAR – Church Farm development **APPROVED** 3PL/2022/0288/HOU Oak Tree House, side and rear extension **APPROVED** **Any Other Business**Concerns about the hedge to the village hall and new planting of crops before the path is put in. Clerk advised she would ask speak to the developer. Trade vehicles parking in the village hall which may be connected to the Church Farm site and delivery vehicles in the road. Clerk will speak to the developer. Concern that this may be used as an overflow car park once houses are built. **High Common Road campsite**. – planning refused but they are advertising MCA has notified Chris Curtis enforcement officer. Until appeal has been determined nothing that Enforcement Officer can do. They have not fulfilled any of the criteria when it was rejected initially. Even if refused UK planning law lets them go through Gov Planning Process. Could drag on for some time. If planning inspectorate allows it then it can proceed but if they do not then BDC can enforce it to prevent them using it for camping. Application was for 3 tents and the cabin. Their argument will be that the planning is on appeal. Might be able to get them on an environmental issue. No harm in keeping a log of what happens.Query if they have any public liability insurance. Concern was raised about where they would get rid of waste. Chairman suggested residents keep an eye on it and keep a log. Chris Curtis (BDC) asked for photographs if that was possible. **Parking at the school**Clerk to get information from the school about proposals.MMc advised that he has had complaints that hedge next to church is encroaching onto the road.Resident – queried about responses to emails he sent to Planning Officer at BDC. Advised to send to Marion and she will chase. Meeting finished 19.40 Next meeting is 14th September 2022  |  |