**MINUTES FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2022**

Approval of the Minutes of the **13th July 2022**

Attendance and apologies

William Nunn (Chairman) Liz Bernard, Dawn Eagles, Mick McManus, Mike Tipple, Peter Smith, Julie Crossley (Clerk)

Any declarations of interest – none declared

**Matters arising**

1. Work on the Willow Tree and other trees by the Mere

Estimate received for further works to the trees at The Mere. Chris Hunter has quoted £350 to reduce the poplar and remove the deadwood and fell the Purple plum. Leave until the Spring and see what happens. May need further estimate at that time.

1. Grass cutting around the pond – Quote for £60.00

Write to Steve Askew to see if someone will come out and meet us to try and sort out the verges.

1. Purchase of new Bin at Mere and disposing of old bins

New bin to be delivered imminently and Peter Smith and Eric Bird will lay some slabs for the bin to be placed on and resident has advised that he will take the old bins away.

1. Parking at the school and land in the lane

Liz B will speak to the office about parking. Ask Steve Askew about re-painting the yellow lines.

1. Reeds at The Mere

Ongoing issue with the reeds which were cleared earlier this year. To keep an eye on them and make a decision in due course.

1. Excess produce stall in Tanns Lane

£120 has been raised to date. The money to be used for children in the village perhaps a gift bag at Xmas – big age range. Perhaps a book voucher. Need to know number of children who live in the village.

1. Hastoe Housing

Liz will email South Lopham and Kenninghall about this project to see if she can attend their meetings to explain the situation.

1. Road closures

Closure of High Common Road will be in October now for work by Anglia Water.

1. Camp site at High common

Parish Council has now put their objections to Breckland. Residents of High Common Road attended. Woodburner has now been put in the cabin. Maybe looking at rental through the winter. The cabin will sleep 6 and with the tents this has increased the numbers. Applicant appear to be by passing any regulations. Date for comments and decision has been extended. MCA has asked it to go to the Committee to be heard in front of collective members. Residents can speak and suggested that as many residents as possible turn up for the meeting if possible. If it gets refused they have the option to appeal. This could take 6-9 months. Allowed 6 months to put in the appeal.

1. Village and Mere clean up – Autumn

Mere needs some tidying and Jubilee Lane needs tidying. 15th October 10 a.m. Meet at the Mere.

1. Community Involvement

Lots of people do things quietly, the Lopham Society used to do a lot but they have disbanded. This has left a gap. The village has no shop any longer. Unclear if FOSTA is still going who used to organise an annual Yard Sale. Ideas for events would be welcome.

**Financial**

1. Approval was given for the following
2. Chris Hunter Tree Surgeon £500.00 paid
3. Clerk Salary £192.00 (6th October 2022)
4. HMRC £48.00 (6th October 2022)
5. Church hire £10.00

 **Receipts**: Rosedale for Internment of Angela Goddard Ashes £50.00

 Rosedale for reservation and burial of Eddie & Mrs Smith £120.00

 Reservations of plots 52&53 for Sharyn Robinson £80.00

Balance of Barclays account £5446.76 (26.08.22)

NS&I account £2838.00

1. **Planning applications**

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| **3PL/2022/0821/F** Erection of 3 bed bungalow **– WITHDRAWN** **3PL/2022/0229/O** Conversion of clay lump barn to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to cart lodge **WITHDRAWN****3PL/2022/0983/F** Camp site in High Common Road for discussion **Any Other Business**Resident concerned about school parking and parking on the bend and asking parents to park elsewhere may have a knock on effect on other residents. Possibility to hand children of North Lopham vouchers at end of the school year. North Lopham sign has gone. Ask Steve AskewFootpath is on the way to being put in from Church Farm development to Village Hall. |   |
| Query was raised as to whether Building Inspector has been out to the site as concerns were raised about parking and the ability to turn. Resident will speak to building regs about bonfires/situation re parking. PS noted he watched the planning committee on stream. Question re building and development in North Lopham. WN suggested there would be exceptions. Still have a lot of plots in the village that are developable. There are still potential plots within the building envelope. Meeting closed at 20.00Next meeting 9th November 2022 |  |
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