**Minutes FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

**Approved the Minutes of the 21ST September 2022**

In attendance; William Nunn, Julie Crossley, Lesley Bird, Peter Smith, Mick McManus, Mike Tipple, Dawn Eagle and apologies from Liz Bernard

4 members of the public attended

Any declarations of interest none declared

**Matters arising**

1. Camp site at High common Road

**WN** updated the meeting, the application is to be refused, **WN** has met with applicants and residents adjacent to the site. There was a discussion about an application for use of thelog cabin only

1. Memorial Bench for John Bush

The clerk has had a request from John Bush’s grandson, re a bench in his memory at the War Memorial as Mr Bush used to maintain the War Memorial. The view was that this might be better place by The Mere as the benches there are well used and the Clerk will call Ashley Bush to discuss

1. Work on brick plinth under the Village sign

2 quotes received – Paul wright £240.00 including materials

2nd quote received from one of the councillors builders £160 per day plus materials but unsure if it would be 2 days.

To contact Paul to see about his timescales.

Councillor Bird has also given the sign to Mike Daly for a facelift. Free of charge

1. Tree planting at Mere

This has now been done. A new tree has been planted with some of the money raised from the produce stall. The produce stall is still up and running in Tanns Lane currently offering jigsaws, books etc.

1. Rubbish collection at The Mess

The blue bin by The Mess is not currently emptied by Serco.. WN will try and find out if this can be resolved. The Clerk had an email from the Refuse and Recycling Supervisor to say that this is not a bin belonging to BDC so they would not empty it.

1. Clearance of ditch at The Meadows

A resident has raised concern about the ditch on the road at The Meadows. Justin Grady has been contacted but disputes there is any building rubbish in the ditch. WN will email him to see if the ditch can be cleared before he leaves the site

1. Meeting with Jack Griffiths from NCC

The Clerk noted the outcome of the meeting and the work carried out as follows;

* The North Lopham sign has been removed due to the current building work and NCC will clarify with the builders at Church farm when it will be moved and by whom
* Yellow signage at the school to be done by the Spring re parking
* Siding out of the footpaths through the village has been done
* Grass cutting (verges) to be done 3-4 times pa depending on weather and budget
* By The Mere NCC are only responsible for the grass in front of the treeline
* Some damage to the footpath has been repaired
* Residents at the Meadows whose garden backs on to the road will be responsible for the hedges.   
  Hedging to the village hall would become NCC responsibility following sign off and official adoption process

1. Solar Panels at village hall for discussion and support

The village hall committee has applied for a grant for solar panels. Application has gone in. The Parish Council agreed to support the application and the Clerk will respond to the committee outlining this.

**Financial**

1. Approval was given for the following

John Ritson for tree pruning and hedge cutting at the Cemetery £660 inc hedging

Hire of church £10.00

Wreath for Remembrance Sunday £20.00

Invoice for Hi Viz vests for village clean up £16.84

Invoice for Grabbers for village clean up £24.99

Clerk salary (January 2023) £192.00

HMRC (January 2023) £48.00

**Receipts**: Headstone for Eddie Smith £50.00

Precept Sept 2022 £2,000.00

Headstone for Cliff Berry £50.00

Discuss budgets to be circulated and decision made in January 2023

Balance of Barclays account £6455.11

NS&I account £2838.00

1. **Planning applications**

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| **3PL/2022/1035/F** Erection of 6 dwellings Plots 10-15 including change of use of land to residential **APPROVED**  **3PL/2022/1004/F** Retrospective permission for conversion of former goat shed to Warden dwelling and erection of 6 pods to house homeless adults – **OUTSTANDING**  **3PL/2022/1000/LU** Single storey rear extension Cert of lawfulness – **REFUSED** |  |
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| **Any other business**  MM has spoken to resident about hedging at Church Cottage who has agreed to cut the hedge back and remove some of the scrap which is building up in his garden.  Flooding in Kings Head Lane again, done about 6 months ago. The Clerk will speak to Jack Griffiths about clearing the drains.  Gresham Duck lorries are coming through the village. The Clerk will contact them to ask their drivers to refrain.  More speeding in the village generally. Noted that the Police do sit in South Lopham. Clerk will write to the Police at Transport at Wymondham. |  |
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Who has long term responsibility about attenuation pond in new developments. A Management company should be set up once the developments are complete. The PC will contact the builders to find out who the Management companies are in case there are future problems.

Meeting closed 19.46

Next meeting 11th January 2022

Circ budgets