**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 11th January 2023 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

**To approve the Minutes of the 30th November 2022**

Attendance and apologies – William Nunn sent apologies

In attendance: Liz Bernard, Dawn Eagle, Lesley Bird, Mick McManus, Mike Tipple

Any declarations of interest – none declared

**Matters arising**

1. Memorial Bench for John Bush

The family met with one of the Parish Councillors and agreed a site by the Mere they will deal with laying slabs and maintaining the bench

1. Work on brick plinth under the Village sign

Paul Wright has agreed to undertake this work. Some leading

1. Clearance of ditch at The Meadows

The Clerk has been advised by NCC that it would appear that the ditch is to be maintained by the adjacent land owners. Jack Griffiths is asking for this to be confirmed by his Infrastructure and Development Team. The Clerk has asked Grady Development if this might be something his Management company (Matt Butcher of Watsons) could assist with.

1. Any update re Waste bin at The Mess

We have heard nothing further regarding the emptying of the bin and Serco advise that it does not belong to BDC. Agreed to leave it and see if the school will deal with emptying it into their large bins.

1. Thanks to Mike Daley re Village Sign

**Financial**

1. Approval is sought for the following

Hire of church £20.00

Invoice from Frizzels for 50% of cost of cutting Primrose Lane £144.00

**Receipts**

John Bush Headstone £50.00

Discuss budgets and Precept for 2023/2024 It has been agreed that the precept should be increased from £4,000 to £4,400 per annum and the Precept Form B was signed

Balance of Barclays account £5,753.68 (end of December 2022)

NS&I account £2838.00

1. **Planning applications**

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3PL/2022/1178/LB and 114/HOU Garden room at Trennel House – **APPROVED**

3PL/2022/1251/D re 2 single storey dwellings – **APPROVED**

3PL/2022/0983/F Change of use of residential land to small scale camp site - **REFUSED**

**Any Other Business**

**Concern re dogs at Church House**

No idea who the dogs belong to. The problem has been going on for months, dogs left in the heat, locked in the barn. Currently 3 dogs in the barn as far as we are aware.

MCA advised this is an Environmental Health issue.

Starting point has to be the noise. Doesn’t cover all concerns. Environmental Health have to be first point of call. Had contact in September and December forms were sent out for dates and times to create a document/log. Not returned. That is what they need to take action. If the form is filled in they can use this as evidence and contact and involve other agencies such as Police and RSPCA. Co-ordinated collation by residents to be sent to the Clerk

Screen shot Next Door comments

**Coronation**

Money from BDC including flag poles for Parish Council re coronation. Talk of resurrecting Jubilee Committee.

Grant for £500 (charities) - £200 for flagpole and flag is match funded.

2 separate grants open to Parish and Town Councils. Clerk will email Village Hall Committee in support of their application. The PC decided against a separate flag for the village.

Attenuation pond at The Meadows, no fencing – Clerk will email Justin Grady and speak to Developer at Church farm re secure barrier as a safety measure.

**Planning**

Village no longer has criteria for further new housing as we no longer have a shop.

Meeting finished at 07.38

Next meeting 8th March 2023