**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2023 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. Attendance and apologies

Apologies from W. Nunn and M McManus and Marion Chapman Allen- Attending were;

Liz Bernard, Dawn Eagles, Mike Tipple, Lesley Bird, Peter Smith and 5 members of the public

1. Declarations of Interest – none declared
2. The Minutes of 10th May 2023 were approved

**Matters arising from May minutes**

1. **Any update re ownership and clearance of the ditch at The Meadows**

The ditch has been cleared. Councillor PS had been in touch with the Council who have confirmed it was their responsibility

1. **Rubbish being put in ditches at rear of Post Office**

Councillor PS has looked at the ditch and it is very overgrown and would be difficult to get to. Query about who owns the land adjacent to the bungalow behind the Post Office. Assuming it is the owner of the bungalow then they would be responsible for keeping the ditch clear. WN had said he would go and have a look and the Clerk will email him to see if he had made any progress. DE noted it could be connected to the house on the right hand side of the post office.

1. **Footpath to village hall**

The Clerk has been in touch with BDC to find out what is the hold up and will report back at the September meeting.

1. **Flooding in Kings Head Lane**

The Clerk will try and speak to Serco and see what they say and whether they can investigate

1. **Parish Partnership/Rangers**

The clerk has asked for the footpath to be sided out. Also the black and white chevrons need replacing outside Southlands. Footpath sign in Kings Head Lane (MT will review) and North Lopham sign by village hall to be reinstated.

**Financial**

1. Approval is sought for the following

Hire of church £20.00

Battery and carriage for Speed sign (spare) £91.50 + VAT £109.90

Clerk Salary £240.00

Glass for telephone box – L Bird £7.99

Printer ink (Clerk) £9.98

**Receipts £40.00 Grave reservation. W. Auger**

Balance of Barclays account £5792.57

NS&I account £2841.00

Resident noted that other Parish Council had made an annual contribution to Cock Crow. Parish Council agreed to make annual payment of £50.00

1. **Planning applications**

3PL/2023/0470/VAR conditions 2 and 4 of 2021/1685/D Church Farm development

2PL/2023/0492/VAR – Church Farm development **APPROVED**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. LB will ask John Rednall if he could please cut back some of the hedgerow in Jubilee Lane.
2. Response to BDC letter of 29th June re Meadow Rear of White House, High Common

Camp site. Objections were given previously and these were circulated. Relates to policy and that is how it should be argued. If they appeal the planning they can continue until it is refused. The PC will be objecting. Clerk to ask MCA to put in her objections and ask her if there is anything the PC can add to their original objections.

1. Potential self builds

Regarding self builds at the rear of 7 The Street. PC objected to the planning before. Main reasons objected before related to the number of houses already built in the village. The Clerk will advise it has been discussed and suggest they put in a planning application in the usual way.

1. The verge at junction of High Common Road should be done by 20th July 2023
2. Kings Head public House has changed hands and the Parish Council would like to wish the new Landlord and Landlady well and hope the village will support them.
3. Knitted bible exhibition 14th to 17th September in St Nicholas Church
4. The Lophams Charity is available to the North Lopham residents and they would welcome applications, e.g for students equipment or travel for school trips, heating oil, etc. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence. Contact Malcolm Birchall 01379 687608 [malcombirchall@btinternet.com](mailto:malcombirchall@btinternet.com).
5. The Clerk will send objections to Secretary or State re objections to the appeal for the Bressingham bio mass.
6. Meeting closed at 19.40
7. Next meeting is 13th September 2023