**MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGM**

**WEDNESDAY 10th January 2024 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH LOPHAM**

1. Attendance and apologies

In attendance;

Mick McManus, Dawn Eagle, Lesley Bird, Peter Smith, Mike Tipple

Liz Bernard chaired the meeting

Apologies received from William Nunn and Marion Chapman Allen

1. No declarations of Interest received.
2. Minutes of 8th November 2023 were approved

**Matters arising from November 2023 minutes**

1. Update regarding Village gates

Finance applied for from the Parish Partnership scheme overall cost of £6500 which the PC have to pay 50%. It is hoped that Stephen Askew of NCC will contribute from his personal budget. Decision will be made in March 2024 and further consideration will be given then as to whether it is financially viable. The cost would be for 3 gates 1 coming in from Kenninghall where there is insufficient room on the verge on the left for a gate and 2 approaching the village from South Lopham.

1. Speedwatch and speed enforcement update

LB is making enquiries about starting a rota and arranging a meeting at the pub to see what interest there is. Will ideally need 9 volunteers. May share equipment with South Lopham. The Police have also confirmed that they are in attendance in the village regularly and that they advised they would put in a speed detection recorder and monitor the level of non compliance.

**Other Matters**

1. Date for Spring Village clean up 16th March

10 a.m. meeting at The Mere. To clean road signs as a priority in addition to litter collection.

1. Jubilee Lane

Concern has been raised about the extent of clearance. But there is a plan moving forward and once the ditches have been dug out hopefully the footpath will be clearer moving forward.

1. Opportunity for public to ask questions – 20 minutes 3 minutes per question

Meeting paused.

Non resident asked about flooding on Harling Road. Ditch overflows and is dangerous in very cold weather. Clerk will make enquiries and send a letter to the owner

Clerk will follow up junction opposite Florence Cottage having emailed NCC after November meeting but it is difficult to know what can be done.

Planning application at 7 The Green – Resident noted that they were aware that application was made in December with comments by 4th January. Notices had been posted 28th December. Due process not followed as some residents had not received notification and BDC were advised by the residents and Clerk and they have agreed that the date for comments be extended to 18th January 2024.

Meeting continued

**Financial**

1. **Decision regarding Precept form to be completed discussion followed and 5 of the 6 Parish Councillors agreed we should request a 10% increase rather than 6% as put forward**

**10% agreed £440.00 new precept £4840.00**

Approval was given for the following

Hire of church £20.00

Safe and Sound Pest Control re moles in churchyard £72.00

Chris Hunter removal of diseased tree in churchyard £180.00

Peter Frizzel – Cutting of Primrose Lane £153.00 (paid)

Clerk Salary £240.00

**Receipts**

Balance of Barclays account £5479.73

NS&I account £2841

1. **Planning applications**

3PL/2023/1173/O Land at The Gables, 7 The Green - undecided

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised

Meeting closed at 19.25

Next meeting is **13th March 2024**