**Draft MINUTES OF NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2024 at 7 p.m.**

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH**

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendance; Mick McManus, Dawn Eagle, Lesley Bird, Peter Smith, Mike Tipple, Liz Bernard

William Nunn chaired the meeting.

Apologies; Marion Chapman Allen

1. Declarations of Interest; none declared
2. Minutes of 10TH January 2024 approved

**Matters arising from January 2024 meeting**

1. Update re Village gates and speedwatch

The Clerk has now received confirmation that the bid for village gates has been successful and will be funded up to 50% of the costs which total £6,500 so NLPC to fund £3250. However Steve Askew has agreed to fund £1500 from his personal budget. Leaving balance of £1750 to be paid. NCC are requesting this asap.

NCC will then send someone to inspect the sites and they order and then install the gates which may take some months.

Speedwatch training is on 25th March after which equipment will be handed over

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1. Delegated grass cutting application form

The Clerk has received an email from Darren Walmsley about delegating grass cutting and an application form has been received (divider 5) this needs to be signed. They have provided figures in the email and even if they are not increased in line with RPI this will cover the cost of Groundscape taking over the cutting of the verges.

1. Reminder re date for Village clean up

This is on Saturday 16th March. The Clerk has cleaned the phone box as unable to attend on the day. Groundscape have asked whether the mole hills in the Parish Cemetery can be flattened if possible. Rubbish and road signs to be cleaned

**Other Matters**

1. Private Rental properties (**WN)**

Proposal by landowner to consider smaller properties to be rented. Already has permission for two family homes. Concerns expressed re potential planning application. Actions LB to approach Parish Council.

1. Direction sign and renovation

The signpost by The Cherry Tree is damaged and Mike Daley has very kindly agreed to renovate it free of charge. It has been suggested that a Garden Centre Voucher is purchased as a thank you. Once a figure is agreed for that the Clerk will purchase.

1. Update from SNAP meeting **(LB)**

Priority for next 3 months is road safety. Contact made with local Community Policing team. Next meeting is at Rocklands and PC aiming to send representative.

**Opportunity for public to ask questions – 20 Minutes – 3 minutes per question**

- Concern about flooding Harling Road and Kenninghall Road – report via portal

- Post Office – still showing as a working post office on the Post Office website?

- A concern raised about discussion of planning application.

- A concern raised about village development – that residents should be able to

develop land.

- Point made about due process, opportunities for parishioners to put forward their

point of view. Concern about notification of nearby residents.

- Questions raised about openness of considering planning applications at parish

councils or in public.

**Financial**

1. Approval is sought for the following

Clerk Salary (April 2024) £240.00

Hire of Church £20.00

**Receipts**

Grave reservations (Brock £80) and Backlog (£120)

Balance of Barclays account (21.01.24) £5167.73

NS&I £2841.60

1. **Planning applications**

**3PL/2023/0974/F proposed siting of Shepherds Hut for holiday/family use APPROVED**

**3PL/2023/1173/O Outline planning for residential developments up to 3 houses - REFUSED**

**Any Other Business**

King’s Head Lane – NOT flooded

- However Tann’s Lange has flooded, possibly due to clearance of drains from Kings Head Lane

- a voucher to be purchased for Mike Daley who has made the new road signs with Eric Bird