

Lyng Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at Lyng Village Hall, 7.30 pm

Parish Councillors present: C Davis (Chair), S Bird, K Meader, P Lambley and C Boycott. Also in attendance: 5 members of the public and Clerk S Hunter

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor K Graham, Councillor G Moore and Breckland District Councillor Gordon Bambridge

2 Declarations of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items

K Meader declared an interest in item 11.3

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017

The Parish Council resolved to amend the minutes in the following areas:

- 5.1 Add 'potential' to line 4: 'as a new potential councillor'
- 11.2-7 Delete Mazars External Audit £150 from payments list
- 11.2-7 Include Payment to P Lambley - Field Maple Sundries £22.99.
- 11.2-7 Change Clerk's salary and expenses dates and payments from 1 Dec 2016- 4 Jan 2017 : 311.25 to 1 Dec 2016 – 31 Jan 2017 : £529.05.
- 15 (Second bullet point) Change this to: A member of the public discussed the footpath to the village sign and was happy that this was being addressed. He asked if the Parish Council were happy to be partly funding it. The Chair responded that they were not happy but there was no money left in the pot and that was the only way it could be done.

4 Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public (members of the public are allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each)

- (i) A member of the public discussed Back Lane and wanted to know if there was any progress on the work that was going to be done to the drains. The perpetual water is eroding all the concrete directly outside their house and silt is creeping out onto the road. The Chair stated that this will be pointed out at the next Highway rangers visit. Cllr Lambley stated that after a meeting with Highways about speed signs, Highways stated that the drainage was in hand. **Action: Clerk to speak to Highways to find out if this work is in hand.**
- (ii) A member of the public discussed the Bailey Lakes development. There has been a digger on site digging holes. It looks like they are building an electrical sub station. He has made a formal objection. The enforcement officer explained that the works

are being carried out by UK Power Network and they have a right to carry out works without planning permission. The member of the public wants to know what the commercial reason for this is and will look further into this. He also discussed his meeting that was cancelled in January with the Environment Agency. He is trying to arrange another meeting and will try and encourage them to take materials off the site, as this would be damaging to their plans.

5. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (Clerk's report)

The Clerk presented the report to Councillors. They were all happy with the progress on items since the last meeting. The Chair queried the woodchip around the base of the tree carried out in recent tree works. Cllr Lambley stated that this had been agreed beforehand in the specification.

6. Appointment of Councillor and Co opted Councillor

Cllr Lambley proposed that Cecilia Boycott become a co opted councillor. This was seconded by Cllr Bird and Cllr Meader.

The Chair explained that Gareth Moore had also been elected as a new Councillor on the committee. She went on to explain that they now needed to co opt another member.

7. Planning matters

7.1 To receive results of planning applications

- 3PL/2016/1260/O: Land at Rectory Road, Lyng - refusal of planning permission
- 3PL/2016/1435/HOU: Ivanhoe, Lyng Planning permission
- 3PL/2014/0373/F: Lakeside Country Club, Lyng. Planning permission. Cllr Lambley noted that this is no longer Lakeside. Chair reported that they have no recent knowledge on this. **Action: Clerk to phone Breckland and find out any background information on this and report back to councillors.**

7.2 To comment on planning application received- 3PL/2016/1346/HOU: Lynghurst, Elsing Road. No objections from councillors.

7.3 To comment on planning application received - 3PL/2017/0154/F: Homelea, The Street.

Councillors decided that this dwelling dominates the properties either side and in front and parking appears very restricted. It also seems to be too big for the site. Councillors wished to make comments about this application, but didn't necessarily want to object. Action: Clerk to notify Breckland Council of the councillors comments on the application.

7.4 To comment on planning application received- 3PL/2017/0236/HOU: Flint House Manor Close. No objections from councillors.

8. Highways

8.1 Update on speed signs

Cllr Lambley met with the Highways officer and reported that they had decided on possible sights for the speed signs. Site 1. The Street – facing west bound traffic on the approach to the bridge over the Wensum. Site 2. The Street – Outside the rectory facing west bound traffic. Site 3 The Street – As site 2 facing east bound traffic. He stated that the location on Heath Road was more challenging. Clerk reported that they had received an email that day from the Highway Officer explaining that where they had wished to put the sign on Heath Road would detect vehicles in advance of them entering the village speed limit which is in breach of its terms of use. There are also a number of power cables immediately under the surface of the verge at this point. So he had added the location of outside number 23. Clerk reported that they could apply for the Parish Partnership scheme but not

until 2018/19. **Clerk: To find out the date to apply for this next Partnership scheme. This matter to be reviewed closer to this application date.**

8.1 Back Lane – to be reported at next highways rangers visit

Matter was discussed in 'Open Forum public participation 4.1.'

8.2 Update on NWL local working group meeting

The working group reported the monitoring of the routes over the last six months, to help inform road work in 2018. Cllr Davis asked for feedback on the monitoring already carried out in Lyng. It was agreed to send us the information. By mid-March possible duelling of the A47 would be confirmed and various routes will go out to consultation. Councillors felt that if no link road was in place this would adversely affect Lyng. **Action: Clerk to put the minutes of the meeting on the website.**

9. To discuss the Commonwealth War graves Commissions

The Commission are working on a project to erect Commission signs at as many sites as possible that contain war graves. Councillors agreed in principal to the siting of a sign. The Chair stated that we have four war graves at Lyng. The PCC would be involved in this as well. Cllr Lambley stated that the PCC have their AGM on the 27th April and he would ask them about this project. **Action: Mr Tom Davis to let Cllr Lambley know the situation of these graves. To review at next meeting.**

10. Finances

10.1 Payments list approved.

Payment to	Description	Payment	VAT to be reclaimed
Community Car Scheme	January payment	£69.75*	-
S Hunter	1 Feb- 31 Mar Clerk work (including expenses)	£587.57	-
S Hunter	Purchase of a new printer/scanner	£54.99	£10.99
G Lake	Grounds maintenance (allotment fence)	£284.00*	-
G Lake	Grounds maintenance (hedge cutting and planting)	£200.00*	-
G Lake	Burial Ground Gates	£300.00*	-
Norfolk Training & Support	Financial year end course	£45	-
Playdale	Playground repairs	£208.68	£41.74
Treemenders	Tree works	£760.00	-

Total payments for approval

£2509.99

*already paid by bank transfer

10.2 Receipts

Allotment payments received £158.00

11. Correspondence

11.1 Letter from member of the public concerning matters arising from previous meeting

The concerns raised by the letter were discussed:

The Environment Agency: there was an offer for them to come and explain current work to the rivers. However, as there are no present issues with the Wensum, the Parish felt that they would call on that when necessary.

Himalayan Balsam: the Parish Council recognise that this is a species scheduled in the Wildlife and Countryside Act and should not be spread. Councillor Lambley has consulted the BSBI and Bob Ellis and the general scientific view is that it doesn't compete with other native plants. Other animals are far more of an issue than this plant, including the white clawed crayfish.

The Horse Chestnut tree adjacent to the Fox Public House: the tree does have canker and is split and will need to come down and there has been acceptance that the new tree will replace the old one. It has been decided to let the new tree settle into the ground, then review the situation. **Action: Clerk to reply to the letter.**

Other matters arising from the previous meeting from a member of public were discussed. With regards to the footpath, Mr Brigham's offer of providing machinery and manpower was discussed. Mr Brigham, who attended the meeting, understood that as this was a Highways verge various insurance issues would arise and therefore his offer was kindly declined. **Action: Clerk to reply to this letter.**

11.2 Letter from member of the public concerning Lyng football club

Raising money for the fitting room was discussed and it was decided that they would need planning permission. It was stated that they could come to the Council with any proposals and the Council will look at it, if they were happy with the proposal they would happily provide any supportive letters. **Action: Clerk to reply to the letter.**

11.3 Letter from member of the public concerning Vehicle traffic on the playing field

It was decided to write a polite letter to the bowls club informing them to take care. **Action: Clerk to respond to this letter and write the letter to the bowls club.**

11.4 Upper Wensum crime updates

The crime updates was circulated to all present.

11.5 Hornsea 3 Project events

The Hornsea project events was circulated to all present.

11.6 To discuss PC pledge Breckland

Councillors were made aware of the campaign to enlist their support to ensure that no new sites are allocated for house building until all existing allocations have been developed. Councillors decided to join the alliance and sign the pledge of support.

Action: Clerk to sign the pledge and return it.

12 To receive Councillors' questions

- The chair explained that this was Cllr Lambley's last meeting. She thanked him for all his expertise, hard work, the many meetings attended and for his time and commitment to Lyng over many years and that he would be sorely missed.
- Cllr Lambley reported that Elsing Road was in a bad state, the drainage has gone and there are deep holes.

He went on to say that he had worked with a number of great Chairs, each had given a different role as a chairman. He thanked Cllr Davis and said that she had been a brilliant Chairperson and had given a great deal to the village.

- Cllr Meader said it was a shame that there weren't enough volunteers for the speed watch and that would have been a good thing.
- The Chair reported that a lady from Bramble House was going to have her drive leveled. The householder had asked the chair if the council would like her to put some of the skimmings in the lobe that floods by the small church gates. The Chair explained that as this may cause flooding elsewhere it was better not to do this until proper landscaping was required.
- Cllr Meader stated that it would be helpful for the Clerk to have access to the Lyng website.
Action: The Chair to discuss with Peter Clough.

13 To receive items for the next meeting agenda (10th May 2017)

- To review the Commonwealth War graves Commissions

14 Public participation brief items

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.31.