

LYNG PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall Wednesday 13th January 2016

Present: Mr. G. Mason, Mrs S. Bird, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. P. Lambley, Ms K. Graham and Mrs. C. Davis in the Chair.

Clerk: Mr. P. Dilloway, Mr W. Borrett (County & District Councillor) and 6 members of the public.

(1283) Apologies. Mr. K. Meader. Mr. G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

(1284) Meeting adjourned for public speaking

- (i) It was reported that Rectory Road had flooded during recent heavy rainfall as had Back Lane. This was due in part to excess run-off from higher ground and the inability of existing ditches and gullies to drain away quickly enough. NCC is aware of most of the issues. It was also pointed out that the District Council has powers to ensure that privately owned drainage ditches are properly maintained. Dr. Paul Strickland offered to take the matter up with NCC and all welcomed this. To assist, the Clerk will provide PS with recent correspondence with NCC. WB & GB to be kept in the loop so that Breckland DC can assist where necessary.
- (ii) The recent note in H&V suggesting support for local business was welcomed.
- (iii) There was public dissent toward the lack of support for local business shown in the planning consultation response to the Lakeside application and a heated discussion ensued. Whilst both the presentation of the proposed scheme, given by Manor Adventure at the September Council meeting and the public presentation day that followed, were both well attended by parishioners, the November Council meeting, where the application response was determined, was not. The Council's response was based upon the detriment and uncertainty caused by the site as it stands weighed against the definitive proposal before them. It was suggested that a site visit of the Parish Council be requested to discuss the points raised. The visit took place at the end of November but Members found that the plans had been amended beforehand to reflect the points raised. It was also suggested that the Breckland Planning Committee should hold a site visit as part of their determination process.
- (iv) CW asked that it be noted he and KW had sent a joint personal letter of objection to the application in support of local business.

(1285) Minutes of meeting 9th September 2015 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

(1286) Lyng & District Community Hall Report.

- (i) Stage 1 application for a Lottery Grant has been accepted.
- (ii) The vacancy for a Trustee is becoming urgent. CD had approached a possible candidate and was hopeful the post would be filled.

(1287) Matters Arising

- (i) Letter to the chairman of BT. The matter was passed to a High Level Complaints Officer and following an exchange of emails, the main cables which Supply Heath Road, Bakery Lane and Duffield Crescent were replaced. This is exactly what was required.
- (ii) Letter to Norfolk County Council in respect of traffic mitigation for the Northern Distributor Route. As expected, the response to our letter was negative. A further letter will be sent to keep the pressure on with the aim of reducing the speed limit through the village and barring HGVs. WB said that he was part of a lobby group, pressing for the last leg of the route to run from Taverham to the A47 Easton roundabout, this being the most direct route. Such a route would negate the use of rat-runs further East.
- (iii) Breckland Council has released further funding towards better broadband.

(1288) Correspondence

- (i) Breckland Local Plan Consultation. The consultation offers greater planning power to Parish Councils. Consultation closes 22nd February. Walk in Q&A sessions are available 28th Jan in Dereham and 4th Feb in Elmham.
- (ii) Norfolk Age UK – request for donation.
- (iii) Freedom of Information request received from Suzan Jarvis. The Clerk will reply within the statutory period.

(1289) HM The Queen 90th Birthday Celebration. Following discussion it was resolved that the replacement tree on the green will be dedicated to the celebration.

(1290) Parish Trees

- (i) Following a public site meeting to discuss the Horse Chestnut tree (report attached). Members discussed the matter and resolved that the tree will be appropriately trimmed this year to clear any cables and permit the planting and growth of a replacement tree (probably a Field Maple). The Horse Chestnut will be felled when the new tree is established. The Clerk was asked to investigate relocation of the utility poles.

(1291) Permissive Path (Fairmeadow).

Quotation received from G. Lake to carry out initial clearance of paths £110, supply and erect posts £75 (to include fitting existing signs). Addition to annual maintenance contract £20 per cut. 8 cuts suggested. The number of annual cuts to be reviewed as required. Members felt the quotation to be good value for the work involved and resolved to accept it. Work will proceed as soon as the weather permits.

(1292) Planning Matters:

(i) Informative

- a) 3PL/2015/0512/F – Bailey lakes - Lyng Easthaugh. Change of use siting of 45 holiday lodges. Awaiting decision.
- b) 3PL/2015/1141/CU - Change of Use of buildings and land currently in C3 use ('Dwellinghouses' - restricted occupancy) and D2 - Lakeside Country Club – Permission granted.
- c) 3PL/2015/1149/F - Demolition and construction of 2 replacement dwellings 28/30 Richmond Place. Awaiting decision.
- d) 3PL/2015/1167/F - Construction of 2 new 3 bedroom houses 3PL/2014/1012/F Conditions(s) 2 - Fox and Hounds. Permission granted.
- e) 3NM/2015/0087/NMA - Old Rectory, The Street – additional windows/veluxes. Permission granted.

(ii) Consultation

- a) 3PL/2015/1407/F - Old Rectory, The Street - Extension to residential annexe. No objections
- b) 3PL\2015\1470\F – 49 Pightle Way – porch extension. No objections
- c) 3PL\2015\1461\F – 50 Pightle Way – rear extension & porch. No objections
- d) 3PL\2016\0021\F – Variation to condition 11 - Dwelling adjacent to Priory View. CW declared a potential professional interest in this project and withdrew from debate. After discussion it was resolved to be guided by Highways response as the condition was imposed at their behest. The variation was felt unlikely to cause any problems.

(1293) Financial Matters

- (i) Set Parish Precept for 2016/17 – Following consideration of the estimates presented together with the requirement to fund future Parish Election costs (potentially £600 plus for a contested election), it was resolved that the Precept should be retained at the present level of £8000 for the coming year.
- (ii) Community Car Scheme payment November bank transfer £129.00. (paid by bank transfer).
- (iii) Community Car Scheme payment December bank transfer £48.25. (to be paid by bank transfer).
- (iv) Clerk's Salary payment (£364.94) & expenses to date (£69.58) (to be paid by bank transfer).
- (v) Grounds Maintenance 2nd half year payment – G. Lake - £1425.00. (to be paid by bank transfer).

(1294) Councillor's Questions

- (i) It was suggested that the request from Norfolk Age UK be looked upon favourably as the charity does carry out important work in the community.
- (ii) Village hall roadway remains in poor condition. SB will deal with arranging materials and contractor.
- (iii) It was requested that when the hall building work is carried out, access to the sports field, cemetery and bowling green is maintained.
- (iv) CD is to meet with a prospective candidate for the forthcoming vacancy for a new Clerk.

(1295) Questions from the Public. None

(1296) Date & time of next meeting Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.