

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
8th NOVEMBER 2017**

Attendance and apologies

In attendance Julie Crossley (Clerk), Jan Tate (Vice Chair), Mike Tipple, Mick McManus, Dawn Eagles, Robert Carley
Apologies from William Nunn (Chairman)

Steve Askew attended

2 member of the public attended

Declarations of interest – none declared

Matters Arising

Jan Tate as Vice Chair chaired the meeting in William Nunn's absence.

1. Minutes of Meeting of the meeting of 13th September 2017 by Councillor McManus
2. Thanks to Jeremy Callow, Peter Cook, Mike Tipple and Mick McManus for dealing with overgrown hedges, trees around the Mere, clearing drains and fixing the dog bin in Kings Head Lane. Their assistance and time is much appreciated.

3. **Budget and Precept requirements**

The Clerk asked the Parish Council for consideration to be given and decision to be made regarding the precept for 2018/19 at January 2018 meeting.

4. **School Crossing patrol –**

Councillor Askew updated the meeting following his meeting with Matt Worden and Ginny (parent) in October when they spent an hour at the school monitoring the traffic and considering how best the issue of the school crossing can be dealt with moving forward given that the Crossing Patrol will not be replaced. A number of suggestions were made and the preferred option was for a dropped kerb using a specialised mix of red asphalt to at least make it easier to cross if you are in a mobility scooter or pushing a pram. It is not a designated crossing. The cost of this at this time is £2355. Is this something the PC want to consider and if so to put in for ½ the cost in the next Partnership scheme. Cllr Askew also has access to a new local members budget and he has been allocated £6k to spend on district projects. He would be willing to use some of this budget to contribute to the cost of the dropped kerb. He could not guarantee he would be allocated this in the next financial year however. The question of double yellow lines was also raised and Cllr Askew agreed he would put this to Highways. The PC thanked him for all his time and efforts.

5. Discussion about whether a letter be sent to Crown re service road to ask whether a decision has been made about this. The Parish Council agreed unanimously that a

etter be sent.

6. Final payment for Trod – update meeting with Stefan Clifford BDC

The Clerk advised that she had a meeting with Stefan Clifford to sort out the £2000 grant from BDC. This has not been paid as BDC need the invoices from NCC who advised that they did not have final figures. These have been received since the meeting with the final figures coming out at just over £16,000. The £2000 will now be paid to the Parish Council by Breckland and we will forward this to NCC

7. Parish Partnership grants application has been made for 50% of the cost of the remainder of the Trod up to the path in Cherry Tree Close. £4214.19 (total cost) We will know if we have been successful in January 2018

8. Update re Rangers

The Clerk had an email from Darren Thompson re the Highway Rangers. Drains to be rodded in November and the verges won't be re-seeded if cars are parking on them. Siding out the paths is not a priority. An email has since been received asking what further work we might want to be done with responses to be made by 27th November 2017

9. The Parish Council circulated a response from Breckland with clarification of planning matters on North Lopham proposals map which had been discussed at September meeting

10. Mike Tipple will represent the PC at the Remembrance Day Service on 10th November 2017

Financial Matters

Approval was sought for the following payments and agreed

Newsletter for September and October 2017 - £71.60

Payment to Glasdon for dog bin in Kings Head Lane - £170.85 in retrospect

Costs of fixings for dog bin. £11.48

Training on 1st November at Swaffham for General Data Protection Reg - £30.00

NALC membership £150.58 in retrospect

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were confirmed

Consultation Outline planning approved for 3PL/2017/0966/0 2 new dwellings to rear of The Gables

Consultation Full approved for 3PL/2017/0909/F demolition of agricultural barn and replace with single storey dwelling.

Any other business

- i) The Clerk updated the meeting about recent training on the new Data Protection Act she had attended on 1st November and the impact of this on the Parish Council and them as Councillors.

- ii) The Clerk noted that from December payments to HMRC will have to be made by BACS payment this was approved
- iii) **JT** raised her concern about faded road markings at the junction at Harling Road/The wooden road sign remains broken
- ii) **MT** noted that the Grit in Kings Head Lane was full of water and solid salt, **Mmc** and **MT** will try and remove it.
- lii) Ask Groundscape if he can maintain the grassed area at the Mere inside the fence up to the water edge. Give Grounscape **MMc** details to contact re churchyard and Mere.
- iv) **JT** advised that there had been complaints re bonfire debris over the weekend.
- v) **Mmc** advised that there had been complaints about stones on the footpaths – can residents please sweep them back into the driveways as they are causing a tripping hazard.

Next meeting 10th January 2018

Signed.....

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