

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FOR NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
14th March 2018**

Attendance and apologies

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

Please also note that Jeremy Callow was in attendance at both the January 2018 and November 2017 meetings but was mistakenly omitted from the attendance list.

Mrs McGall representative from St Andrews School attended

6 members of the public attended

Declarations of interest – none declared

Minutes of meeting from 10th January 2018 approved by Mick McManus

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jeremy Callow, Parish Councillor who sadly passed away recently.

Matters arising

4. The School Crossing

On going concern, dropped kerb to be put in where crossing lady was to allow safer crossing for buggy's and wheelchairs. Thanks to Steve Askew for funding this from his personal budget. Red tarmac not suitable. Opened to the floor about safety and parking. Parish Councillors advised about dangers of parking on the road, vehicles coming round bend on wrong side of the road. Where do they park? The parking close to the bend, can we make parents away, perhaps more toward the church. Can't enforce double yellow lines the County Council have been approached. Mrs McGarr is deputy head. Asked about joined up thinking re long term parking that school Parish and County can work on together. Some parents have been campaigning but it is a recurring problem. Numbers at school are around 60 there is capacity for more children so potentially more cars. Chairman suggested sensible solution lies with parents to not park on the road on or close to the bends. Under 7's have to be seen safely into school so it is not a question of just dropping off. Suggestion that staff park might be utilised. Mrs McGarr will raise some of these points at her next Governors meeting, she will report back to the Parish Council.

5. Parish Plan and Local Plan update

Leo Verhaag had sent Parish Clerk the minutes, now have committee of 6. Looking for a younger member and canvassing a possible member. Whether they approach residents or BDC can the PC/WN offer any guidance. There is reference to Parish Plans on the BDC website. WN asked LV to email him so he could talk to someone at Breckland on guidance or grants. No time frame as yet. Aware of another village where it took 2 years. The Local Plan has now gone off to the consultants so it should be further forward by the Spring 2019 unless rejected. For it to be a useful document it needs to have as much input from the village as possible, particularly regarding parcels of land and what residents

would not want building on.

6. GDPR and appointment of DPO

There is no clear guidance as to who should be appointed as a DPO. NALC who oversees Parish and Town Councils implying Parish councils will have to employ an independent person as DPO. Training on 7th April by the Clerk.

7. Update re Partnership bid for completion of The Trod

Not heard from Norfolk County Council that the funding grant has been approved.

8. Update re Dryer application for Mr Alston

Applicition still going forward, Applicant has tried to argue no Social Housing as unsustainable but BDC has challenged that. Put to District Valuer. They think 27% of the houses should be Social Housing/Right to Buy. Applicant can challenge. Not challenged the number of properties. **MCA** has been canvassing for sympathetic planning comparing to Linen Lane. Purely outline application at present.

9. Date for village clean up

12th May 2018 meeting at The Mere at 09.30 JLC to collect

10. Kickstart Moped Hire scheme

Based on Industrial Estate in Dereham Aimed at youngsters or those struggling with transport. Clerk has the information.

11. Finger post for Lopham Village Hall

Asked by resident whether a finger post to village hall is a good idea. Suggested a post be put opposite the village hall entrance. Put to the Parish Council who unanimously agreed that this was not necessary. The Clerk will advise the Mrs Packer.

12. Breckland Lottery

BDC have started a Parish lottery which any community organisation can become part of. Parish councils not generally encouraged but no reason why they could not be involved. Residents can buy tickets to assist in raising funds for particular projects. Top prize is £25,000 and 60p of any ticket goes toward the funding being raised by the Parish council or organisation. If residents are interested please contact the Clerk or look on the Breckland website.

13. Funding for Transparency code update

Funding approved and in the Parish Council account

14. Letter to Crown 18th Jan 2018

A letter has been sent to Crown asking them to keep the Parish Council updated about relief road.

Financial Matters

Approval given for the following payments

Newsletter for February 2018 - £35.80

Hire of The Mess - £10.00 for March meeting

Clerks Salary and HMRC for April 2018 £240.00

GDPR training E.Harling 7th April £30

Balance of current account £3429.52 inc £529.65 for laptop and printer

Balance of NS&I account £2762.87

Income for Jan/Feb £80 cemetery for M.Fulcher

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

1. Variation of conditions re 3PL/2017/1611/VAR 27 The Street, N. Lopham

Any Other Business

The Clerk has reported potholes and flooding in The Street and completion is 4th May 2018

JT has chased The Rangers,

JT no longer painting white lines at junctions

Approach Steve Askew on both points.

Next meeting AGM 9th May 2018

Meeting closed at 20.

Signed..... Dated.....