

North Lopham Parish Council

Draft minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 14th November 2012**,
in the Methodist Schoolroom, North Lopham.

1. **Attendance and Apologies:** Present were Heather Potter (Chair), Jan Tate, Lesley Bird, Dawn Eagle, Mick McManus, Valerie Garnham, Robert Carley and Mike Cox (Clerk). Robert McCaw (SLPC) and two members of the public also in attendance.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of last meeting held 12th Sept 2012:** Read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - Cleaning of American Memorial slab - Clerk reported that the memorial stone was now barely legible and requires specialist cleaning and refurbishment. He has contacted Perfitts to obtain quote which amounts to £225 +vat. Part of the memorial fund was transferred to the main account earlier in the year. All agreed that work should be carried out.
5. **Financial Report (to include outstanding accounts for payment):** (Deposit A/C £2665.80
Current A/C £740.56)
 - Clerk's fees £192.00
 - PAYE - £48.00
 - Hire of Methodist Schoolroom - £20.00
 - Parish Newsletter - £25.50
 - Remembrance wreath - £25.00
 - Wheelie bin 'Speeding' stickers - £20.00
6. **Planning Applications:**
 - 3PL/2012/1077/F - adjacent 14. The Green, new dwelling - pending.
 - 3PL/2012/1161/F - 14 The Green , alterations & extension - pending.
 - 3PL/2012/0923/F - 11 The Street, new garage and extension - approved.
 - 3PL/2012/1013/D - Alcliffe, Kings Head Lane - new dwelling - pending. PC have objected to this application and architects have responded to Breckland regard objections raised.
7. **Footpaths, Roads and Footways:**
 - Highways - Jan Tate reported that road markings have finally been repainted at Harling crossroads. She has reported the flooding on bends on boundary with South Lopham and reminded Highways that the road still requires attention by The Old Cherry Tree as temporary repair has not been effective. Mick McManus complained about the increase in vehicles through the village creating artificial widening of the road by driving over the verges.
 - Village clear-up - Lesley Bird reported that this attracted 10 volunteers and 1 ½ large bin bags were filled mainly from village hall area and a comprehensive clear up around the pond of scrub, tree branches and shrubs took place in mainly wet weather. Volunteers retired to the Kings Head where George and Angie provided tea/coffee and biscuits. Thanks to George and Angie for their hospitality and Mick McManus for his efforts around the pond this year.
 - SNAP meeting - Clerk reported on the recent meeting where he raised concern regarding speeding vehicles through the village and requested support from the panel towards a 20mph by the school and area. Thanks to support from Robert McCaw the issue speeding was taken up by the SNAP panel as a priority. A PC member from the Breckland area has ordered 500 stickers for use on wheelie bins to advise motorists to slow down.
 - Special thanks were extended to Laurie Farren-Bradley for the maintenance of Back Lane this year.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - Precept - correspondence from NALC and Breckland District Council regarding precept and declarations of pecuniary interest. The PC have been advised that prior to setting the precept of £3000 that each councillor is required to sign and submit a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest form as residents of the village. The forms were duly signed but the general feeling was that this was an imposition on the councillors.

9. **South Lopham PC meeting:** Robert McCaw reported on the recent Lopham Society function in September that made a loss of £67.00. The quiz night to be held this Saturday 16th November is £7.00 per head including hot food. The bonfire night made a loss in excess of £1000.
10. **AOB:** Various complaints received about overgrown hedges, leaves and fencing. Clerk to address a number of these issues.
11. **Items for next agenda:** SNAP priority - 20mph speed limit.
11. **Date & time of next meeting - Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.30pm**