

**Minutes of meeting of North Lopham Parish council held on  
7.30 p.m. Wednesday 8th January  
2014 at The Mess, St Andrews School, North Lopham.**

**Attendance and apologies;**

Heather Potter (Chair), Dawn Eagle, Mick McManus, Lesley Bird, Julie Crossley,  
(Parish Clerk) Jan Tate (vice chair)

8 Members of the public attended

Apologies received from David Hammond

**Declarations of interest;** none

Minutes of last meeting held 13th November 2013 read, approved and signed.

**Matters arising;**

**Affordable housing;** JLC spoken to Savills nothing from duke of norfolk as yet.

**Drains in Tanns Lane** - Gary Overland has inspected the drain. He thinks it belongs to a property rather than being the responsibility of the Highways. Mick McManus disagreed but Mr Overland from BDC will check and come back to the Parish Council.

**Road sweeping.** – JLC has reported this and asked Dawn Eagle to keep a check when the sweeper next came down Tanns Lane

**Grit bins** – JLC has reported online as had Mike Cox and Lesley Bird

**Rangers** - notice to go in the Kings Head and notice boards. Mick McManus has had a few complaints re overhanging trees at Box tree farm, The White House, and in front of the Limes. Jan Tate will phone Street Scene about the Ranger and when they might come again and clear in front of these properties.

JLC will write to the council about the particular properties and see whether they will contact the owners or visit the residents personally.

**Road signs** - kerb drop has been done. None of the signs have been done. Jan Tate will be speaking to Gary overland.

**Traffic calming** - JLC advised the meeting that the VAS sign bid had been put in and that if the bid is approved we will receive 50% of the cost of a 30 mph sign to be placed at the Kenninghall end of the village. David Hammond has indicated that he would seek sponsorship from local businesses for the balance of the funds if bid is successful/

**The Mere** – One volunteer from Tanns Lane has come forward and will meet with Mick McManus in the Spring to discuss what is usually done around the pond and Eric Bird has kindly agreed to stain the benches.

**Finance report**

Balance of current account is £1658.59

Balance of deposit account £2685.50 at the Post Office

Income since last meeting £40 from Perfitts and £50 from newsletter and VAT rebate of £131.40

Spend December and January £25.50 newsletter, £192 clerks salary, £48.00 PAYE and £10 room hire.

### **Reports on planning applications;**

Ivy Dene - approved

### **Elizabeth Bellamy. Member of NL Methodist church Group spoke to the meeting about development plan and ideas for site for use. 4 areas they have considered**

1. Remain place of worship – they do have regular monthly worship on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
2. Heritage, 2nd oldest chapel in East Anglia. Important in own right. Listed and with grave yard. Hoping to refurbish. Would like it to continue as Heritage centre for the district with library and artefacts.
3. Education - it was village school at one time keen to continue to see it as educational. Hope to have open days or a possibility for village to consider
4. Building for North Lopham residents to use for meetings and/or education. Used to have allotments at the rear. What would the village like to see done. What ideas for use.

They have a few ideas. Meeting room, kitchen refurbished so could be a community cafe.

Initial idea at the meeting was a playground at the rear. There will need improvement to car park and access but they believe there is a 35 metre square plot which could be used as a play area at the rear.

From previous fund raising for a play area, some of the money was handed back. Money was agreed to be held in case a suitable area could be found.

JLC will contact Elaine Aldous – in addition to the cost of equipment they would have to pay a nominal rent and long term agreement.

Elizabeth Bellamy to be contacted once some suggestions have come forward

Tony Osler suggested a drop in centre like village of Horley and will make further enquiries.

### **Items of correspondence – none**

Precept - came in from 2 separate sources. Now all comes from BDC in two tranches. Last years spend was £3400 the additional funding coming from the bottle bank and cemetery receipts. It is anticipated that costs for grass cutting will increase this year. Given the loss of the bottle bank income Precept was suggested and agreed at £3300.00. Mike Cox and JLC completed precept form

### **Solar Farm Planning update** - Alan Briggs addressed the meeting.

As we know following consultation in November when 4 sites put forward 3 withdrawn - now saying 2 may be re submitted. The site at Whitebread Farm is going ahead. Letter of appeal has been sent to Eric Pickles and examples were given to the meeting of inaccuracies and inconsistencies which warrant the decision to be overturned.

Given email from Richard Pike today should we press ahead with a meeting.

Ask RP to set up meeting before planning for Whitebread Farm is put in. Should be a meeting before the full planning application is put in. Bring in pressure group as party and ask that all interested parties be notified and asked to attend.

JLC to talk to Caroline at SLPC after their meeting.

JT when comes to planning we insist a representative looks at site physically.

Mike Cox has had letter from NCC adopting 4 out of 5 lanes. Now confirmed Mr Goodrum raised his disappointment. Concern about maintaining the lanes.

Items for next agenda

Solar farm updates  
LB Litter clean up  
Email communication

**Any other business**

Heather Potter announced that she is stepping down and the PC requires a new Chair person and there will be a vacancy on the Council. JLC thanked Heather and Gerald for all they had done.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Date of next meeting 12th March 2014