

NORTH LOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of meeting of North Lopham Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at the Mess St. Andrews School, North Lopham

Attendance and apologies: present were

Heather Potter (chair), Dawn Eagle, Mick McManus, Lesley Bird, Julie Crossley (clerk), David Hammond, Robert Carly.

4 members of the public attended

Apologies received from Jan Tate

Declarations of interest: None

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

Matters arising:

Rights of way tribunal - Mike Cox updated the council on the outcome of the tribunal which took place in September. 4 out of the 5 rights of way applied for were accepted. There will be reliance on the goodwill of farmers to keep clear

Neighbourhood plan – Julie Crossley noted that she had been handed a DVD and will need to discuss with Judith Farren Bradley but currently the cost of this might be prohibitive.

Drains in Tanns Lane – Mick McManus advised that he is to resign from maintaining the pond, strimming the lanes and other work he has previously done. He noted that the Tanns Lane, manhole cover was dangerous, this is on the junction and there are 4 concrete slabs, middle one cracked badly. JC said she would contact Gary Overland at NCC to see if this was his responsibility. MM also noted that the 2 benches on the pond need to be cleaned and treated.

HP thanked Mick and Eric Bird for clearing the trees at the pond last week and MM for all the work he had undertaken voluntary over the years. Volunteers would be requested for in the newsletter.

Conservation area at cemetery - HP advised nothing more to be done until the Spring

Road sweeping – DE noted that Jan Tate usually does the roads. They are now resurfaced but the sweeper only goes part way down Tanns Lane - Serco/BDC to be contacted to ensure they go to end of Tanns Lane

Rangers - HP understood that Mike Cox would be advised when the Rangers were coming and a decision made as to what they could do. Generally they will sweep pavements, sweep up leaves, clean road signs etc. They normally come out 6 times a year.

George from Kings Head would put a note up in pub about jobs that villagers felt might be done but will need a note of what the Rangers cannot/won't do.. Jan Tate has been in contact with Serco. As pathways are dangerous particularly opposite the Post Office

Dog fouling Lesley Bird reported that on Graham West's land a dog walker has tied the bags in the tress rather than use the bins. To report in Newsletter but generally not as bad in the Main Street and no reports of any problems at present.

Finance report – M. Cox still dealing as transfer to JLC not complete

£2013.87 in current account
£2685.50 in deposit account

But money to come out to cover the cost of

Wreath for Remembrance day £25.00

Bill from IGM. £175.00 anticipated

Wages for Parish Clerk and some stationary costs of £17.18 paid to JC

This will leave about £1,000 at beginning of year - which will provide a buffer as this is usually the most expensive time.

Reports on outstanding planning applications

Ivy Dene pending
2 the street - approved
39 the street - approved

Traffic calming update

Dave Hammond reported that he had heard from Gary Overland who asked for any new issues to be sent to him via email

20mph restriction needs to be applied for again money ran out for this last year so we missed out. But noted that even if there is a 20mph around by the school this is not enforceable by law.

He read out email received from Gary overland 13.11.13 reporting back on road signs to be put up and other matters discussed at his meeting with DH and LB in October 2013.

No money left for white lines so signage in place

VAS sign. Should we apply for grant £6.000 for LED NCC will pay 50 per cent No traffic calming in village at present.

Chair asked for vote of council whether we approach HGV companies to sponsor the 30 mph sign. and should David Hammond go back to Crown with another member of the Council to see if Crown would sponsor this.

It was Voted in favour for them to go as it is mainly Crown lorries or their suppliers who came through the village. DH will do some research about 20 mph and LED and which pots and see if we can we apply for both.

Correspondence

The Clerk read out the items of correspondence which had been received since last meeting.

Responses re traffic speeding – from Crown, DPD and Tuffnells

Openness and transparency letter – no comments on this

Recycling effect on precept - bottle bank to be removed from Kings Head car park as plan is that glass to go in black bins – to discuss further with Landlord at Kings Head.

Local highway improvements – grants from Council for DH to follow up

Parish clerk contract of employment – approved and for JT and HP to sign

Any other business - solar panels

Read out email received from Sam Jones at Richard Pike about proposed public consultation.

Members of the public had looked at the plans and raised their concerns.

Was the proposed time and date of the meeting sufficient to allow attendance from those at work. JLC said she would approach Richard Pike to see if a Saturday could be considered

Concern was also raised about how far the planning had gone as application made in May 2012 according to website.

It was agreed that once the date for public consultation was finalised house to house notification of meeting would be made.

LB asked if she could put sign on Kings Head grit bin that it is not for public use - no objections

It was confirmed that John Bush to continue to maintain war memorial

Meeting closed at 20.30

Next meeting on the 8th January 2014