

North Lopham Parish Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2011,
in the Methodist Schoolroom, North Lopham

1. **Attendance and Apologies:** Present were Lesley Bird, Dawn Eagle, Heather Potter, Valerie Garnham, Mick McManus, Jan Tate and Mike Cox (Clerk). Also present Robert McCaw (SLPC) and 2 members of the public. At this point the Clerk took the chair and announced the resignation of Lesley Bird as Chairperson, he called for an election of a new Chairperson and Dawn Eagle elected unanimously.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of last meeting 7th Sept 2011:** Read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - Pond and village clear up - Lesley Bird reported that sixteen members of the public helped with the village clear up and filled 4 ½ large bags. She thanked all those who attended and George and Angie for their hospitality in providing refreshments afterwards. Breckland Council will be notified at their request.
5. **Financial Report and Accounts for payment:** Current A/C £1313.19 Deposit A/C £2665.80
 - Clerk's fees - £240.00 (£192.00 and £48 to HMRC to be paid end Dec).
 - Hire of Methodist Schoolroom - £20.00
 - RGM grass cutting - previously paid.
 - Parish Newsletter - previously paid.
6. **Planning Applications:**
 - 3PL/2011/0847/F - The Limes - refused.
 - 3PL/2011/0856/F - Callow & Sons - refused.
 - 3PL/2011/0843/F - Whitebreads Farm - refused
 - 3PL/2011/0928/CA - 40 The Street - refused.
 - 3PL/2011/0770/CA - 40 The Street - pending.
 - 3PL/2011/0769/F - 40 The Street - pending.
 - 3PL/2011/1186/F - Octavia House - reposition of garage - pending.
 - 3PL/2011/1096/F - 23 Kings Head Lane - extensions - pending.
7. **Footways, Footpaths and Roads:**
 - Bridleways update - Clerk reported that under Sec. 53, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, there are four claimed routes and two additional routes which have been agreed upon and confirmation will be forwarded in due course. Maps distributed.
 - Footways - Jan Tate reported that she had been in contact with the new Dog Warden for Breckland regarding fouling. She has requested more signage and Dog warden will be visiting local area at relevant times and speaking to offending parties.
8. **Community matters:**
 - Biomass facility - Clerk reported that permission has been granted although this has now been widely reported in local press.
 - Cemetery - Gerald and Heather Potter have cleaned the hedgerows around the cemetery. Clerk had removed offending branches of a dead tree. Chair thanked all those involved.
 - Litter bins and Grit bins - Lesley Bird requested litter bin be provided near School and Clerk has received requests from members of the public for grit bins (Kings Head Lane & School). Clerk indicated there are sufficient funds to supply these. Agreed to purchase.
 - Clerk has served his apprenticeship in Back Lane under supervision of Bruno Brown and pointed out this was as member of the public and not in connection with Parish Council.

- Jan Tate raised an issue of children cycling on footpaths, her son had been in collision with a young cyclist whilst stationary in the Street; the cyclist was uninjured. A discussion followed regarding the rights and wrongs of cycling on the footpath.
9. **Correspondence:** None.
 10. **South Lopham Parish Council:** Robert McCaw reported that their Parish Clerk had resigned and asked if we could advertise the fact that they require a replacement and this has been formally advertised with Breckland. They also discussed speeding on A1066 especially from the Bressingham direction.
 11. **AOB:** Andrew Hilder raised a question about monitoring of power lines obstructed by trees in the village. Mick McManus had raised this matter on a number of occasions. Mr Hilder works for a power company, although not in this area, and offered to survey the area, contact the power supplier and report back to the Parish Council.
 12. **Items for next Agenda:**
 - Power lines.
 13. **Date and time of next meeting:**
Wednesday January 11th 2012 in the Methodist Schoolroom at 7.30pm.