

South Lopham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 July 2024 at Lophams' Village Hall, Church Road, North Lopham, IP22 2LW.

Present:

Councillors: Mr Rob Webb (RW) Chair
Ms Alana Gudge (AG)
Mr Barry Harber (BH)
Mrs Kate Patel (KP)
Mr Jim Pursehouse (JP) Vice Chair
Mr Simon Puttock (SP)
Mrs Anne Shipperlee (AS)

Clerk: Alison Pena (AP)

Members of the Public (MoPs): nil

1. **Apologies for absence** – District Councillor Chapman-Allen.
2. **Declarations of interest** on items on the agenda and any requests for dispensations - none.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Meeting held on 23 May 2024** – proposed by SP, seconded by BH, all in agreement and signed off by the Chair.
4. **Public Forum** - none
5. **Reports from the District and County Councillors** – none
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan – the draft presented by the Clerk was approved subject to minor changes. It was proposed for adoption by AS, seconded by AG and all in agreement. The action plan will be reviewed annually at the July meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to include on website. B/F July 2025 meeting.

7. **Financial Report** to 30 June 2024 was noted and agreed by all.
 - a. Lophams Village Hall - £25 for hire of hall for July 2024 PC meeting
 - b. Clerk's Pay for July and August - £196.67 per month
 - c. HMRC for July and August - £2.80 per month

All payments were proposed by JP, seconded by AS and all in agreement to be paid.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

8. Reports:

- a. **Planning Matters** – nothing to report this month.
- b. **Highways** - AS had circulated her report and there was no progress to report on any of the matters raised with NCCH. RW reported that the overgrown hedge had been cut.
- c. **Community Matters** – JP reported the Vintage Rally had been well attended and raised £1200 for the village hall funds.
- d. **Blo' Norton Road site** – A discussion took place about clearing the land and contacting UK Power Network about overhanging trees close to power lines and BT line. AG shared her ideas for the site, promoting this on the Facebook page and applying for grants via Norfolk Community Foundation. The White Horse public house had also offered their support.

ACTION: AG to circulate proposed dates for a Work Party. AG and Clerk to apply for grant funding via NCF.

- e. **Footpaths, hedges, and ditches** – RW had sent out his report in advance of the meeting.
- f. **Works** – The village bench needed repairing.

ACTION: SP to action.

- g. **Facebook Page** – nothing to report this month.
- h. **SAM2** – No update received this month.

9. Correspondence:

- a. **Deal Farm AD Plant** – the Clerk updated the meeting on the Public Inquiry ongoing at SNDC.
- b. **National Grid Norwich-Tilbury consultation** – noted
- c. **Village Gateways, Parish Partnership Scheme** – costs for two gateways to be obtained and discussed at the September meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

- d. **Breckland Local Plan – Preferred Option for Larling** – the Clerk noted that Roudham and Larling Parish Council requested that all nearby parish councils support their campaign to oppose the inclusion of the proposed 1900 homes in the small parish of Larling – it was agreed to note objections on Breckland Commonplace.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

10. **Suggestions for items to be included on the agenda for the next Meeting:** Respect and Civility Pledge to be circulated for approval.
11. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** at Lophams' Village Hall at 7pm.
 - a. **Future Date for 2024 – noted as 12 November 2024**

Signed:

R. M. Webb

Chair

Dated:

18/9/24.