

South Lopham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Pansthorne B & B on Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm

Present:

Council Members

Robert McCaw (Chair)
Peter Coster
David Huggins
Jim Pursehouse
Tim Frizzell (after Item 3)
Parish Clerk Mrs Lynn Perry

Mr Granville Horan (LS); Mr Mike Cox (North Lopham PC)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Rob Webb; Sarah Martin
2. **Declaration of interests:** None
3. **Co-option of a new Councillor (Tim Frizzell)** Firstly, on behalf of the Parish Councillors, the Chairman offered condolences to Tim following the recent death of his father. Having tabled a written application, Tim was unanimously elected as a Parish Councillor by co-option.
4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 10th March 2011:** The Minutes were unanimously approved. (The Meeting in May was the AGM whose Minutes will be approved at the next AGM.)
5. **Matters arising (other than those listed elsewhere)**

Installation of the recently purchased grit bin for the corner of Blo Norton Road was discussed. The Clerk is to provide **PC** with contact details for Norfolk County Council to fill it with grit as soon as it is in situ.

The phone kiosk is now in use for the display of art work by the school children of St. Andrew's School. There are plans to change the usage over the coming months.

It was noted that Steve Milbourne, editor of Lophams' News has resigned. A card was signed by members of North and South Lopham Parish Councils expressing appreciation for all his work over the years. This month's issue was prepared by Jenny Vere. Mike Cox reported that a volunteer had been found to take on the task.
6. **Financial Report** The accounts were scrutinised and approved by **SM** before the Meeting. Current A/C £1,334.47 Savings A/C £1,769.50 Jubilee A/C £444.51
The following cheques were unanimously approved for payment: Clerk £160; Clerk's expenses £3.49; HMRC £40; Venue hire £10; NLPC (Grass cutting) £40; Jenny Vere (South Lopham share of printing the latest edition of The Lophams' News) £19.20.

7. **Reports from Councillors**

Planning SM Prior to the Meeting SM reported that there were no outstanding Planning matters. The proposed sale of one of the Council houses on the Blo Norton Road was discussed. The house cannot be passed on to a local family and the Parish Council could not become involved in the sale. There followed a discussion about the proposed incinerator near King's Lynn, about which there has been much correspondence and controversy. The Parish Council felt no inclination to object to this scheme.

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ys PC The cleaning of local road signs is to be taken on by PC and RSM. The exit to the Council houses which had been in poor repair has now been repaired.

There are ongoing complaints about the pavement surface opposite the War Memorial – **PC** to follow up.

There are several marks on the roads denoting repair sites which have not so far seen any action – PC to follow up .

Community Matters DH. A report from **SM** stated that work on the Church notice board is underway. The telephone kiosk and The Lophams' News are reported above. The bi-annual litter pick will take place on Sunday 30th October.

Footpaths RW. Nothing to report.

Works. Tim Frizzell is to take over this portfolio from Steve Morley and will meet with Steve to familiarise himself with the role.

Fuel Allotment Trust SM. At the recent half yearly meeting, the issue of how to identify the "needy" in the village arose and the general view was that as the income is so small it can be disbursed in bereavement donations and Christmas gifts.

8. **Lophams' Link** JP had little to report. A meeting with the Village Hall committee had taken place to present the business plan and one or two points were addressed. Grants have been applied for. There will be a Car Boot Sale at the August Farmers' Market and a Talent Show in October to raise funds,
9. **The Lophams' Society** Granville has been to a Lophams' Link meeting to support them. The summer BBQ was very successful. The Society proposes to hold a big event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year in collaboration with other groups in the village. There will be an Autumn Quiz on October 15th and the Christmas drop-in on December 16th. Granville is now the Chairman and Simon Dilloway the President of the Society.

10. Correspondence None

11. Items for next Agenda Risk Assessment to review and confirm.

Next meeting Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.30pm