

South Lopham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Pansthorne B & B on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm

Present:

Council Members Robert McCaw (Chair)

David Huggins

Rob Webb

Jim Pursehouse

Tim Frizzell

Sarah Martin

Parish Clerk Lynn Perry

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

1. Apologies for absence: Peter Coster

2. Declaration of interests: None

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 14th July 2011: The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Matters arising (other than those listed elsewhere)

The grit bin at the corner of Blo Norton Road has been installed and filled. There is a contact telephone number inside the lid for refilling.

The display of art work in the phone kiosk has been a success and the next proposed use is for a book exchange. **RW** is to speak to Pat Blanchet and to Steve Morley with regard to installing some suitable shelving.

The pavement by the War Memorial has been resurfaced and potholes on Redgrave Road have been repaired.

The Church notice board has been completed and is in situ. It was agreed that it looks splendid. Mrs Evelyn Logsdail wrote to the Parish Council stating that she thought it a good idea to place a small brass plate on the board with information about the funding provided by the bequest from Miss Bernice Malsom, Lord of the Manor. Mrs Logsdail is looking into the cost of such a plate and the Parish Council will use remaining funds from the bequest for this purpose. The Council recorded its thanks to Mrs Logsdail for acting on its behalf in relation to the notice board.

5. (a) The proposed Memorial of Ralph E Bowell (World War II) was discussed and subject to speaking to the family, approval was given.

(b) There was tabled and approved the Risk Assessment for the coming year relating to the activities of the Parish Council.

(c) The Council agreed to increase its annual contribution to the cost of The Lophams' News from £93.79 to £258.00 necessitated by the change of regime at the journal.

6. Financial Report The accounts were scrutinised and approved by **SM** before the Meeting.

Current A/C £1,275.83 Savings A/C £1,769.50 Jubilee A/C £444.51 The following cheques were unanimously approved for payment: Clerk £240; HMRC £60; Venue hire £10; Mazars Audit Fee £60. Nigel Martin's invoice for £806 (Church notice board) was presented and approved for payment once funds had been transferred from the savings account. A short discussion about the precept for next year took place in view of increased expenditure and a Budget will be produced at the next Meeting.

Steve Reynolds attended the Meeting as he has kindly agreed to take on the running of the PC website. He said he was pleased to be making a contribution to the village and was keen to develop the website. Villagers are encouraged to contribute by contacting Steve at webmaster.southlophampc@gmail.com. **RW** thanked Steve on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. Reports from Councillors

Planning SM Mr I Beckford Ref No: 3/PL/2011/0774/F Refused. The dilapidated mobile home is still on site and **SM** will write to Breckland Council asking for it to be removed. It is proposed that the Settlement boundary for the village be removed next year from which it would seem that the submission from the Parish Council has been ignored. **SM** is to follow it up.

Highways PC A report from **PC** was read out at the Meeting stating that Brick Kiln Lane's hedges, verges and road surface needed attention. This has been reported. The bend between South and North Lopham has still had sitting water after the rain but it was felt that due to the high rainfall recently, the drain was coping as well as could be expected. Mike Cox would monitor in consultation with **PC**. The Meeting was informed that the posts near the War Memorial had again been knocked down by a heavy lorry. **PC** to take up with the Highway Department. With regard to the forthcoming litter pick, **PC** can produce posters to publicise the exercise. Despite the proposal by **PC** to plant more bulbs this autumn, it was generally felt by the other Councillors that there are sufficient for the time being. A discussion followed about resiting the village sign but the feeling of the Meeting was to leave it where it is, by the Church.

Community Matters DH. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee were asking the Parish Council to sponsor the annual bonfire. The issue was discussed but no decision was made. The White Horse PH is now closed and up for sale. **TF** will take on supervision of the litter-pick which takes place at 10.30am on Sunday 30th October, meeting at the White Horse PH car park. A risk assessment will be available for all participants to view.

Footpaths RW Nothing to report.

Works Nothing to report.

8. Lophams' Link JP The business plan has been presented to the Village Hall Committee again and a consultant has been appointed to advise on the best way to obtain grants etc. A recent car boot sale had been poorly attended. There will be a Talent Show in October to raise funds,

9. The Lophams' Society The Queen's Jubilee celebrations will take place on 2nd June 2012 and a number of representatives from various village organisations will collaborate through a committee to make this a successful event. The Society will hold its Autumn Quiz on October 15th from which a large portion of any profit will be paid to the Jubilee Committee. The Christmas drop-in will be on December 16th.

10. Correspondence None

11. Items for next Agenda Precept budget.

12. Other matters (a) **JP** mentioned that there had been a number of accidents on the section of Redgrave Road near his home.. **PC** would be requested to investigate whether any steps could be taken to reduce the danger.

(b) **SM** requested that the Parish Council write a letter of complaint about the excessive noise caused by a 'rave' or party on Sat/Sun 3rd/4th September in or about Fen Street. **SM** will give the Chairman the necessary information to draft such a letter.

13. Next meeting Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7.30pm