

Draft Minutes

South Lopham Parish Council Thursday 2 July 2015

1. The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome
2. Attendance: John Crisp (Chairman), S Martin, T Frizzell, D Huggins
Marion Chapman-Allen (District Councillor)

Apologies were received from J Pursehouse, S Reynolds and R Webb

The Clerk was unable to attend - Mrs Martin agreed to take the minutes

3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting on 14 May were approved and signed
5. Matters arising
 - a) Pecuniary Interest and Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms are still outstanding for Robert Webb. RW not in attendance – Clerk to follow up.
 - b) Telephone kiosk - no follow up as JP not in attendance. JC reported discussions with a parishioner living near the box who felt the book exchange was supported and that it was also used by people living outside the village.
 - c) Village Meeting Recent correspondence from Roy Clark (Chairman Lophams Society) was discussed. The council felt that a response should be sent to Mr Clark acknowledging his letter. As the PC hold regular meetings, advertised in advance and to which all parishioners are welcome the PC are happy for the Lophams Soc to take the initiative regarding Village Meetings.

6. The Chairman reported the bank balances: Opening balance £3426.50 at 1 May 2015, Closing balance £3610.74. no cheques cleared, £184.24 received from bottle bank. Approval was given for payment of:

- a. Lophams News June & July (2 x £22)
- b. Clerk's salary April – June £300
- c. Clerk's expenses £36.85

d. Audit expenses £14.47

7.

a) Planning SM reported the following

White House Pub – Marquee and hedging - Undecided

Bridge Farm – replacement dwelling – Undecided

Noodle Farm – Lifting of conditions – Partial approval

Landsdown House – alterations, extensions and outbuildings – Undecided

Nissen Hut – (behind Allotment Farm) Permitted development – there was some discussion about this “PD” application. Breckland are not seeking the PC’s opinion however several members felt this was not a suitable building for conversion .

Letter not yet sent to Breckland Enforcement Officer, Chris Curtis, regarding unsuitable use of land in Brick Kiln Lane. It was reported that the land appeared to be being used as a builder’s yard and that another large portable building had been placed there.

b) M C-A has been in contact with Highways on behalf of the PC and reported: Outer village sign is available but Highways are awaiting the post. 30 MPH sign not yet replaced. Repairs to Blo Norton road were inadequate, only partially complete and paint makings had been ignored.

M C-A suggested that SR should contact our County Councillor (S Askew) to arrange a site meeting to discuss the possibility of moving the 30MPH signs on the 1066 road. M C-A to forward details of contacts.

JC reported that fire hydrant in Church Road is damaged. JC to contact Anglian Water

M C-A informed PC of possible funding available from County Council for Parish projects. Any grant would have to be match-funded. Details to follow.

c) DH reported Village Hall gates have been moved back to allow easier access when the gates are locked. PC expressed approval of this action.

DH has been invited to attend a meeting with Gressingham Foods in August.

d) Footpaths – TF reported the footpaths have not been left clear through two fields on the Redgrave Road. These are the field of rape between

Duttlebridge and Rectory corner and the field of beet between Duttlebridge and Chequers Farm. Clerk write to James Alston to request that footpaths are cleared.

e) TF reported Bus Shelter had been tidied and out of date notices removed. It was also reported that there is some garden debris behind the bus shelter.

Litter has been removed from the War Memorial triangle. TF to inspect and clean Jubilee bench.

JC asked if it would be possible for the Village Sign to be refurbished.

8. Other Reports

Website – no report.

Village Society – see matters arising

JC reported that Clerk has send Audit to Mazars.

Thanks have been expressed to P Hodgson

9. Other correspondence - none

10. AOB

DH expressed the wish that notices of village events displayed on the roadside and verges should be removed promptly after the event.

Items for next agenda

RW forms

Telephone box

Community Construction Fund

Village Sign – refurb

Date of next meeting 3 September 2015