



MINUTES OF LYNG ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM, ON WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022 AT 7:15PM

To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Meader and Cllr Davies

To receive Chairman's report

The Chairman gave a brief report highlighting the Council's efforts over the past year. It was acknowledged that a great deal of time had been spent trying to resolve the situation with the Bowls Club, chasing the request for a weight limit in the village and tackling speeding concerns.

It was reported that following an unexpected meeting with the Highways Engineer, the following matters were raised with Norfolk County Council

Increase in through traffic from the NDR. As it is understood this is an issue for several villages, Highways were asked if there was any signage which could be displayed at Lenwade to encourage HGV traffic to use the designated route to the A47

Heath Road (the road out of Lyng towards Dereham and the A47). The 30 mph limit stops immediately at the edge of the settlement boundary; however the road beyond is narrow and winding, with few or no 'escape' opportunities. The Council would like to see the 30 limit extended, and ideally backed by a 40 mph 'buffer' as is the case approaching the village via Lyng Road (where we met this morning).

Primrose Green Residents have expressed concerns regarding vehicle speeds through this area. It is acknowledged that there is a newly-installed 50 limit all the way from the Stone Road junction to beyond North Tuddenham. Although this is a designated HAG route, there are few properties and much of the route is the former A47, of good width and with a centre line, whereas the section from Lyng, through Primrose Green to the Stone Road junction, is mostly narrow and winding yet enjoys no speed protection at any point; and, though not so designated, now attracts HGV through traffic from the NDR.

Traffic speeds through the village. The Parish council already shares NCC Highways view that the way forward on this issue is to collect and collate the data from the recently installed SAM 2, and then to consult with both Highway and the Police on any specific problems revealed.

The Chairman confirmed that the Highway's engineer was sympathetic but gave no guarantees

The recent issue of dogs and pedestrians straying from the permissive footpath and causing damage to crops was addressed. Part of the boundary between the playing field and the arable field was destroyed. This matter has been addressed with new notices and requests on the village facebook page for residents to stay to the designated footpath.

To receive the District Councillors' report

District Cllr Bambridge – A comprehensive report has been circulated and will be published on the website alongside the minutes from this meeting. A verbal update was given including information about the recruitment of mental health volunteers to support the signposting of patients to the relevant help.

It was confirmed that the waste contract had been renewed and although there had been issues due to Covid, the change was a positive one. It is long contract and a lot of time has been spent working out logistics. The lorries are larger but narrower so can collect a larger amount of refuse, carry out longer rounds, be more efficient and make less trips to the tip. They are half diesel, half electric. It is accepted that they cannot currently be all electric due to rural location,

As Lyng is in the Wensum Valley, it is affected by Nutrient Neutrality (Natural England explains this in its advice note as: "a means of ensuring that a plan or project does not add to existing nutrient burdens so there is no net increase in nutrients as a result of the plan or project") It is understood that anyone with a planning application will be asked to defer for 12 months and alterations to existing properties may be affected. It was suggested that anyone with any concerns should contact the Planning Officer at Breckland.

There was discussion about the new working arrangements at Breckland with an open desk policy. It was confirmed that there would still be enough desks for all staff as a partial home working system had always been an option.

Residents were given the opportunity to ask District Councillor Bambridge any questions.

To receive the County Councillors' report

County Cllr Borrett was not in attendance but a report was sent and will be published on the website alongside the minutes from this meeting.

To receive written reports from community organisations

All written reports received from County and District Councillors and Lyng community groups will be published on the Parish Council's website to allow matters raised by members of the public to be addressed as a priority. At the date of the meeting no reports received but would be published once received.

Open session – To consider any items raised by members of the public

Concern was raised that the Bowls Club situation had gone on for months, and the Council were asked what the costs were in association with this. It was confirmed that the legal advice sought to date was free through the Council's annual subscription to Norfolk ALC.

It was confirmed that the Council were seeking definitive legal advice and it was hoped that a conclusion could be found. It was accepted that the Council's resolution to only allow vehicular access for those with a disabled badge, did not fully equate with the terms of the lease and there was no desire for there to be a breach of contract but in light of the information received from the insurer, there was a need for the Council to be diligent.

The Council were asked why they were reviewing a decision made back in 2010. The Clerk confirmed the decision of the Council regarding access for disabled bowlers and advised that the Bowls Club would need to seek their own legal advice if they were unhappy with the current decision of the Council.

A resident suggested that Bowls Club members use trolleys to transport the bowls to the club and queried the concern that Bowlers were unable to walk the short distance to the club from the car parking area. A Bowls Club representative confirmed that they had found issues with transporting alcohol across the playing field in a trolley.

It was acknowledged that the Bowls Club feel that there is a lease which exists which gives them the right to drive across the field and that the council has denied them this right.

There was a further suggestion to approach the landowner of Fairmeadow and try and create access another way. Suggestions from a resident that the Bowls Club had not contributed to the Village were strongly disputed by representatives of the Club.

A resident enquired about water provision on the allotment and used Elsing as an example. It was confirmed that the Allotment association may wish to take that up and bring forward proposals for consideration