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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council Annual meeting held on
Tuesday 24th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Billingford Village Hall

Present:- Cllr A Lake, Cllr Skinn, Cllr S Harris, Cllr M Baldwin, Cllr V Wilson
and Cllr Mary Reeve

Others Present: - 10 members of the Public, Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge and Dist. & County Cllr
Bill Borrett

Matters raised under time allocated to the Public.

Cllr Lake stated that he felt he needed someone else to take on board the subject of the Lanpro new development. He asked for another Parish Councillor to offer to receive from the Clerk emails regarding this development and also for them to send correspondence from the Parish Council to Breckland. Cllr Wilson offered to take on this task and Cllr Lake will instruct Jennie Borgnis at North Elmham and the Clerk will send to Cllr Wilson all the emails she had sent from various people to Cllr Lake. Cllr Bambridge stated that at the moment no one knows very much about what Lanpro are proposing, It is thought the proposal is to build 10,000 houses on a piece of land. So this could mean 20,000 extra cars. Cllr Bambridge is only reporting what he has heard and he is not for or against it at the moment. He had a site visit and heard many explanations regarding what is proposed. The proposal includes the existing rail line from County School to Wymondham but this is a Heritage line limited to 25 m.p.h. £50m has been promised to the Heritage organisation. Ultra fast broadband speed is supposed to be put in place, 300+ megabytes. Lanpro, the developer, claims that they have added sufficient funds for infrastructure to take place in the new town development before the houses get built. The new town will be surrounded by several villages and they will all be affected. Traffic will be affected as it will increase. Cllr Bambridge suggested that all residents present their views to Breckland and Central Government who will help if the development goes ahead. He thought a set of conditions need to be put together. The declaration of interest needs to be in by the end of July and Lanpro have 3 months to submit their application.

Cllr Borrett stated he is firmly against the proposal. Breckland need to agree everything. Breckland, Councillors and M.Ps. need to be lobbied if the residents of Billingford do not want this development. Some pressure needs to be put on Westminster. Cllr Bambridge stated that if the residents of Billingford want to oppose this idea, they need to have clear reasons why they oppose it. He felt it could fail to be accepted for several reasons.

Cllr Lake and Cllr Skinn attended a meeting last week and there were representatives present from about 6 villages. Most of the houses will be modular but of different sizes. Cllr Bambridge thinks some of the houses should be social houses. The town is supposed to have Hi-Tec industries in it. Letters need to be written to William Nunn at Breckland and copies sent to Cllr Bambridge and M.P. George Freeman. Cllr Skinn proposed a resolution, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and carried, that a letter be Drafted, and sent to William Nunn at Breckland, Cllr Bambridge, Cllr Borrett and the M.P. George Freeman. The main reason for the opposition is that the land in question is not adequate for 10,000 houses because of the lack of infrastructure outside the site.

Cllr Lake proposed and Cllr Harris seconded a proposal, which was carried, that Cllr Wilson has the support of the Parish Council to enlist the help of whoever she wishes to carry out the task at hand. She will be compiling the letter to be sent.

Cllr Bambridge reminded the residents that they can read about the Local Plan on the website.

Cllr Bambridge and Cllr Borrett were thanked for attending the meeting.

The subject of the SAM2 sign was discussed and the Community Speedwatch organisers think its existence really helps to slow drivers down. The question of the Parish Council owning one completely itself, rather than sharing it with other Parishes was discussed, and the Clerk will investigate costs and funding through the Parish Partnership and N.C.C. The Clerk will report back at the net meeting.

There was some criticism regarding difficult parking on the Bintree Road and Cllr Lake offered to organize someone from Norfolk Constabulary talking to the culprit.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr P Payne and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2018

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Baldwin proposed that the minutes of 15th May accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Harris and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true copy.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of 15th May (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

5. To discuss Correspondence received

There was no correspondence received that needed discussion. The only mail received were copies of the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine and Open Spaces magazines.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2018/0595/H Mrs Leeming, Old Bells Farm, Elmham Road, demolition of existing barns and construction of new single storey dwelling and associated parking. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Garage built opposite Blacksmith Cottage, Bintree Road. Report from Clerk on the situation. No information had been passed to the Clerk so she will endeavour to find out some facts for the next meeting.

7. To discuss Highways Matters – speed calming

Cllr Payne is dealing with this subject but as she was not present, it will be deferred until the October meeting.

8. To receive a report from the Community Speedwatch organisers

The organisers are still looking for more Volunteers. There is a notice regarding this need on the notice board. More Volunteers would make the job more manageable.

9. To receive a report from the SAM2 speed sign organisers

The SAM2 speed sign was discussed under matters raised during the time allocated to the Public.

10. To authorize financial payments

The Parish Council agreed to pay the following necessary financial payments:-

Clerk’s salary for June and July	£416.00	Clerk’s expenses for June and July	£33.20
Cllr A Skinn’s training fee	£28.00	T D Gardens	£75.00

£75.00 was paid to T D Gardens in June

11. Amendment to Clerk’s contact of employment, due to extra role of Data Protection Officer

It was felt there is no need to update the Clerk’s contract as the Government has changed its mind on the Data Protection rules and Parish Councils now do not need to have a Data Protection Officer but must still continue to adhere to the new Data Protection rules.

12. To discuss the play equipment for the playing field situation

No progress to report to date, as the Parish Council is still waiting to hear from the Playing Field Committee.

13. To review the current Standing Orders

There are more amendments pending for the Standing Orders so they will be revised and adopted at the next meeting.

14. To discuss the website

The Chairman will endeavour to speak Mr Jackman when he can regarding making some small changes to the website.

15. To receive items for the next agenda

Adopt amended Standing Orders
Planning – New proposed development through Lanpro. Mid Norfolk Garden Town Proposal
Information regarding a SAM2 sign purchase

16. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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