

THE MINUTES OF LYNG PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2025 STARTING AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllr Steve Davies (Chair), Cllr Kirsty King, Cllr Helen Young, Cllr Steve Wright and Cllr Tom Gittins.

Parish Clerk - Jo Boxall and 3 members of the public

District Cllr G. Bambridge

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received and noted from Cllr J. King.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declaration of Interest received from Cllr J. King on matters relating to the allotments for which a dispensation has already been granted.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th February 2025 were unanimously **AGREED** as a true record as proposed by Cllr Gittins, seconded by Cllr K. King. Minutes were duly signed.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING –

All matters covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

Electronic reports received from the District and Council Councillors were circulated.

District Cllr G. Bambridge gave an update on the Local Plan and confirmed that there would be a further call for sites. The Parish Council would be invited to attend a meeting at Breckland to discuss whether there is room for more housing in the village and if so, where it could go. It was confirmed that the reorganisation of ward boundaries was continuing despite proposed devolution (for which an update was given). A link to the consultation on devolution to be put on the Lyng Village Facebook page.

County Cllr B. Borrett and the Police were not in attendance.

6. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were received.

7. SAM2 & COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – To receive updates

Data for Elsing Road 12/01/2025 to 11/02/2025 and data for the Street from 11/02/2025 to 11/03/2025 was circulated by Cllr J. King and will be published on the website. Data to be sent to Breckland Police. Cllr Davies confirmed that the Community Speed Watch would recommence at the end of March.

8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING VILLAGE PROJECTS – Basketball Court / kick board for Football

Cllr Gittins met with the MUSA management, and it was agreed in principle that the funds raised for the pump track could be used to refurbish the basketball court. The proposal was to test community interest in the first instance. The proposal for a football kick board is on hold and there has been no further discussion.

9. PLAY AREA / PLAYING FIELD

To consider / approve signage for clamber wall to prevent balls being kicked against unit.

Concern was expressed about the clamber wall being used as a kick board for footballs. It was agreed not to install signage at the present time but to continue to monitor.

To approve use of playing field due to change of date for Lyng Fling to 13th September 2025

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the use of the playing field for the Lyng Fling on the 13th September 2025 (date changed) as proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Wright.

Play inspections had been carried out. Cllr Wright raised concern about the reduced level of rubberised chippings under some of the play equipment. It was understood the chippings were being thrown about. It was

confirmed that a play inspection was scheduled for the week ending 21st March which it was hoped would confirm required levels of chippings. It was agreed to put the matter on the next agenda to consider purchase of more chippings as necessary and ratify approval for Cllr Davies to purchase more pins to keep the membrane in place.

10. COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME – The grant application had been submitted to Breckland.

11. CEMETERY – There was nothing to update

12. ALLOTMENTS

To review allotment rents in respect of allotment rent 2026/27.

Following discussion, it was unanimously **AGREED** not to increase allotment rent 2026/27 as there had been an increase this year as proposed by Cllr Gittins, seconded by Cllr Wright.

To receive allotment report and approve further action as necessary.

An allotment inspection was carried out. It was acknowledged that one of the plots which had been recorded as having not been cultivated had previously had approval for late cultivation of the plot. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the plots concerned to confirm their intention to cultivate.

The work to reduce the allotment hedge at the rear of plots 10 to 17 had been carried out. There was an issue with deer cutting through the hedging which made dead hedging difficult. It may be necessary in future to have the waste removed.

**13. HIGHWAY MATTERS–To receive update / approve further action as appropriate on highway matters
To consider further action regarding request for weight limit on bridge - HGV traffic review**

Cllr Gittin installed a camera to record vehicle movements over a 24-hour period at the junction Heath Road / Elsing Road. The data was circulated. Following discussion, it was agreed to repeat the survey during the school term with possible other locations for future consideration.

District Cllr Bambridge highlighted that when the Northern bypass was built, NCC agreed with the Planning Inspector to keep monitoring traffic on byroads on A1067 until the link road was completed so it may be useful to request these figures from NCC. Cllr Davies to send the report to the Police along with the SAM2 data.

14. TO RECORD PLANNING ISSUES

a) To consider planning applications received

No new planning applications were received.

b) To consider late planning applications

No late planning applications were received.

c) To receive decisions from Breckland District Council

No decisions were received from Breckland District Council.

15. FINANCE

a) To receive financial update & income / expenditure

The balance of accounts as at 5th March 2025 were confirmed as follows; Community account £13801.56, Business Premium account £8974.65. Bank reconciliations / budget comparisons were carried out by the Clerk. and circulated.

b) To approve payments made and to be made & record receipts

All payments made since the last meeting to date in accordance with the schedule below were unanimously **AGREED**, and receipts noted as proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Gittins.

PAYMENTS			
4th February 2025	Alan Cooke - CCS January		£50.50
4th February 2025	Christopher Black - CCS January		£55.50
4th February 2025	Pete Clough - CCS January		£24.25

28th February 2025	Mrs Jo Boxall - February salary & exps		£542.67
28th February 2025	HMRC PAYE		£6.00
5th March 2025	Muddy Badger - Allotment hedge cutting		£320.00
5th March 2025	Alan Cooke - CCS February		£42.25
5th March 2025	Christopher Black - CCS February		£18.00
5th March 2025	Pete Clough - CCS February		£49.00
RECEIPTS			
3 rd March 2025	Interest Savings accounts Business Premium 30933287 Business Premium 93016897	£31.63 £1.07	
FUTURE PAYMENTS			
	Mrs Jo Boxall – March salary & exps (including postage NPLAW)		TBC
	Lyng Village Hall Hire Jan - March		TBC

c) To approve transfer of funds to earmarked reserves

It was unanimously **AGREED** to transfer the unspent budget £2000 for future tree work, £500 cemetery and £1500 for community improvement into earmarked reserves and underspend from allotment rent (£63.25) to be transferred to the allotment account as proposed by Cllr Gittins, seconded by Cllr Young.

16. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, RECEIVE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA

Correspondence was received from Breckland regarding a consultation on devolution for Residents and Town and Parish Councils

Future agenda items to include the end of year finance, Councillor emails, rubberised chippings, tree survey – to obtain quotes for survey.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS – To review and approve future meetings

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting 9th April 2025, the Annual Parish Meeting currently scheduled for 23rd April and the Annual Parish Council Meeting 21st May.

Future meetings were confirmed as June 18th, July 16th, 10th September, and 8th October with no meeting scheduled for August.

18. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.31pm