

March

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2013

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Vincent Jones, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

None - all Parish Councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 9.2 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Paragraph 2, declarations of interest, was amended to show that David Lomax had declared an interest in agenda item 10.2, not agenda item 10.3, as he was the representative on the Village Hall Committee, not the Parish Plan committee. Subject to this change the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Send Vince Jones contact details for Jonathan

Miller

Action: GW

Respond to Swindon Borough Local Plan

2026

Action: clerk

Respond to schools admissions

scheme

Action: GA

Speak to Community Payback Scheme

organisers

Action: GW

Contact Jackie Moyles re. getting drains

cleared

Action: clerk

Actions ongoing

Consider locations for

trees

Action: All

Speak to Geoff Hale about designs

Action: GW

Send Gordon Wilson the information on the Cumbria broadband

Action: AB

Arrange Neighbourhood Watch handover from Jonathan Miller

Action: VJ

Write to Wanborough Parish

Council

Action: clerk

Arrange for speakers to attend a future meeting

Action: clerk

Arrange meeting/training for all interested parties with Maurice Spillane

Action: GA

The meeting noted that Guy Allen was waiting to hear back from Maurice Spillane about the website training.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 April and May meeting dates - The Parish Council agreed that, as the first Mondays in April and in May were Bank Holidays, these meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of the month instead.

5.2 Commonhead Design Codes - The design codes were reviewed and discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should submit a response with the following points : issues with access to Dayhouse lane and the likelihood of rat running through the villages, concerns regarding the sustainability of the public transport system accessing southern part of the development , ratio of visitor parking too low, properties with cars parked one in front of the other will be constantly moving them around and may opt to park on the road instead,

Respond to Commonhead Design

Codes

Action: clerk

5.3 Community Payback Scheme - Gordon Wilson advised the meeting that the CPS is now making a charge for any work that they do. Clarification is required of whether the rate quoted was for the job or the day. The Parish Council approved expenditure of up to £250 - this is to cover all costs including materials and CPS charges.

Arrange site

visit

Action:

GW

5.4 Best Kept Village Competition 2013 – The Parish Council decided to enter Liddington in the Best Kept Village competition.

5.5 CASE event on 26 March – Gordon Wilson stated that he may be able to attend.

5.6 Councillors' Roles – This matter was deferred to a future meeting when more Councillors have been co-opted.

6. PLANNING

6.1 It was noted that planning application S/13/0110, 22 Purley road, came up between meetings with a response date of 25th February. As these are amended plans to S/12/1628 and are for a smaller extension without the garage development, and the Parish Council had no objections to the original application, no response was submitted.

6.2 It was noted that permission had been granted for application S/12/1804/ NISM, Great Western Hospital, for the retention of a single storey building.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed and approved. It was noted that a VAT refund has been received. The clerk advised the Parish Council that this could not be taken as an indication that HMRC had validated the claim for the VAT on the village hall roof as they had previously paid out on a claim that mistakenly included an item that did not attract VAT.

7.2 Playing field hedge – The Parish Council approved expenditure of up to £400 for cutting the hedge along the bottom and far edge of the playing field and for infilling any gaps with more hedging.

7.3 The Parish Council approved the following payments:

- clerk's remuneration Jan -Mar 2013 £375
- clerk's administration costs £50

7.4 The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information:

- Swindon Borough Council : Neighbourhood Planning Protocol

- Notification of publication of Planning Inspector's report on the examination into the Wiltshire and Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan
- The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust News 2013
- Letter from the Chairman of NALC regarding the retirement of the Chief Executive

8. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

8.1 Andrew Bennett was unable to attend the meeting.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

9.1 *Playing Field* - Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 13th & 27th February and that there were no issues to report.

9.2 *Village Hall* - It was noted that water and electricity increases had put costs up £1000 per year and consequently the Village Hall Committee have decided to make a small increase in the cost of hiring the hall. Events planned for this year include a safari supper, quiz evening, treasure hunt and mince pies and carols at Christmas. More publicity is required as bookings are down.

9.3 *Neighbourhood Watch Scheme* - There was no report. It was noted that there have been two recent car accidents, one of which included a fatality.

9.4 *Community Speedwatch* - Guy Allen is waiting for Rory Draper to get back to him.

10. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items be put in the Parish Council's report:

Change of meeting dates

Liddington entering Best Kept Village competition

Villagers respond to Adriane Moore, or the PC, about actual and preferred broadband speeds

Thank you to everyone who helped with village cleanup

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

It was noted that Adrian Moore has been writing to Roderick Bluh about getting an improved broadband service. Swindon Borough Council, along with Wiltshire and Gloucestershire Councils, was in discussions with BT but has withdrawn after BT

asked for a further £120,000. SBC is now working with Broadband UK to see how services to rural areas can be improved.

Guy Allen recommended that the website was updated before the website signs go up.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm