



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on

Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Lomax, Moore, Spillane, Wilson (Chair)

Also in attendance: Gary Sumner (Ward Councillor), Val Curtis (Clerk) and 17 members of the public

Action

1. GUEST SPEAKER – SUZANNE COLES, TRAFFIC MANAGER, SWINDON BC

Suzanne Coles attended the June Parish Council meeting to hear residents' concerns with regards to traffic speed and safety issues on the B4192 through the village particularly at key crossing points and junctions near to Church Rd, The Street and Medbourne Lane. Residents highlighted the excessive speed experienced, the lack of warning signs and the lack of traffic calming measures, such as traffic lights or a pedestrian crossing. It was becoming increasingly hazardous to cross the road to visit the village hall, church or the playing field.

Village roads are increasingly used as a rat-runs to avoid congested main routes nearby. This is potentially a more serious problem due to being very narrow with blind spots and cars parked on the pavements causing pedestrians having to walk in the road.

Suzanne acknowledged that the last traffic survey for Purley Road had been carried out in 2010 and conditions will have changed. It was agreed that new surveys would be carried out to determine the current situation. It was also noted that the B4192 is the designated signed diversion route for the M4 in the event of a closure between J14 – J15, and therefore any proposed traffic calming measures must take this into consideration.

The implementation of Community Speed Watch, a proven visual deterrent, would provide the Police with evidence based data which could lead to targeted enforcement action. Seven residents signed up to being involved to move this forward.

It was agreed that a working party of local residents will be set up, in conjunction with the Parish Council.

2. TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hill proposed that Fiona Spillane be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lomax and agreed unanimously.

3. APOLOGIES

No apologies received as all members of the Council were in attendance.

7. PUBLIC SESSION

Due to Mr Graham and his Architect being present it was agreed to bring the public session forward. Cllr Spillane declared an interest as she was an immediate neighbour. Mr Graham explained that he was intending to re-submit a revised planning application to develop 6 The Street within the next week and wanted to explain the changes being proposed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee. Cllr Hill declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th May 2016 were approved and signed as a true record after a small amendment was made to the Ward Councillor Report

6. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Wilson advised that he had visited Lloyds Bank with the Clerk to facilitate the additional signatories

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications: -

Application: S/16/0951

Location: 35 Purley Road, Liddington

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey side and rear extensions

All Councillors were asked to send any comments to the Clerk for a response to be provided

(b) Proposed conversion of footpaths to cycle track

Part of Footpath 12 in the parish of Liddington

A response will be sent requesting if there is any segregation for the cyclists and pedestrians for health and safety reasons

CLERK

9. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Gary Sumner informed the council that as yet no response had been received with regards to the alternative bus service.

A meeting was being held on Tuesday 14th June with the transport planners to look at what was needed for the Ridgeway villages as priorities have changed due to the NEV.

Parishing – further consultation was planned for the coming months to answer residents' questions and address concerns raised. Full details can be viewed on SBC website.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month

It was noted that Mark Reynolds was still to respond

(b) To further determine if the Parish Council wishes to explore potential services transfers from the Borough Council

A further meeting had been held with Kirsty Cole. Cllrs Wilson, Hill, Bunney and Lomax would carry out a site visit on Tuesday 14th June to confirm the areas that the Parish Council would be willing to take responsibility for.

11. FINANCE

(a) Invoices

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:

- WALC Swindon Area Committee 2016/17 - £14.50
- Liddington Village Hall Invoice 016/8008 – Room hire - £30.00

(b) Liddington Queen's 90th birthday celebration

It was **resolved** to approve donation of mementos (mugs for village children) for the Liddington Queen's 90th birthday celebration on 11th June

(c) Annual Return

It was **resolved** to approve and sign:

- Section 1 – Annual Governance statement 2015/16

- Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16

(c) Risk Assessment

Changes need to be made with a second column ‘Likelihood of occurrence’ to the Risk Assessment document. CLERK

12. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was **resolved** to adopt the updated Standing Orders due to the Openness of Local Bodies Regulations 2014, which amended the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and updated Financial Regulations to facilitate internet banking arrangements. It was noted that a further thorough review was needed due to the small monetary values included and for the policies to be separated.

CLERK

13. COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed that the following Councillors would take responsibility for:

- Playing Field – Cllr Bunney
- Planning – Cllrs Moore and Wilson
- Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane
- Footpaths/Village – Cllr Lomax

14. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Bunney advised the meeting that he had inspected and carried out safety checks on the play equipment on 14th May. He noted that there were some small areas that needed minor attention.

15. PARISH MAGAZINE

Resolved: to put the following items in the Parish Magazine:

- Suzanne Cole
- Parish Councillor vacancy

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted the following correspondence for information:

- Bobby Van Trust – thank you for the contribution
- HAGS 2016 Brochure

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To discuss possibly updating play equipment
Website Content

Signed.....

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