

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2011

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Jonathan Miller, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor).

### 1. APOLOGIES

None

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.4 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

Maurice Spillane declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Actions completed

Consult villagers to gauge interest in a second meat feast Action:

All

The clerk advised the meeting that Emily Sykes had stated that as the current regulations for road signs did not cover signs for website addresses, she would contact the department of transport for advice. The village groups are in favour of a second meat feast and are considering setting up a small committee to organise it.

### 5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 5.1 Ongoing Matters

(i) Electricity Poles – No further update. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Swindon Borough Council again.

(ii) Flooding & blocked drains – It was noted that Bell lane has been cleared and that Medbourne lane was cleared last autumn. The ditch along Purley road is to be cleared.

5.2 Projects for 2011 – The Parish Council agreed that the playing field hedge should be trimmed and approved the quote for £100. It was agreed that the main focus of projects for this year is to bring together the community and to carry out significant landscaping around the village.

5.3 Best Kept Village Competition 2011 – The Parish Council agreed to enter Liddington into the Best Kept Village competition. The competition application forms were passed to Maurice Spillane for completion.

5.4 Village Clean Up – It was agreed that the Parish council would meet 10am on 9th April by Jubilee Gardens to walk around the village and draw up a list of tasks required to tidy the village. A

village clean up will be organised for May.

5.5 Parish Plan – The discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

5.6 Parking Issues – It was noted that some people using the Village Inn were not parking in the pub car park. Some vehicles are being parked along the Street, close to the junction with Bell Lane. This was considered hazardous to other road users. As a consequence the Parish Council is considering putting in double yellow lines on the pub side of the road, from the telephone box to The Green. The Parish Council discussed issues with parking on The Street and is considering creating a disabled parking space. It was noted that this could not be allocated for the sole use of an individual vehicle or person but would be available to any one with an appropriate disabled sticker.

5.7 Village Roads – The state of repair of local roads was discussed. It was noted that Church road needed resurfacing and a large pot hole at the bottom end of the road needed to be filled in.

Report pot hole to Highways Action: clerk

5.8 Grit Bins – It was noted that Bishopstone had received several new grit bins. The grit bin from the top of Lydenbrook was previously removed as it was damaged. The Parish Council agreed that a replacement grit bin should be requested.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the Parish Council that he decision on the Coate application had been deferred at the Plannig meeting. It was noted that there was a suggestion that both end of Day House lane should be stopped up. This is in direct conflict with the wishes of the local residents. The Planning Committee had decided that more discussions wre needed on the buffer zone. The new PCSO for the Liddington area is Harriet Mathews. During the first week in April the Pilice are launching operation Stay Safe whichi s focused on the safey of young people whilstthey are out and about. It was noted that local elections on 5th May do not affect the Ridgeway or Blunsdon wards. Councillor Bennett advised the meeting that the Boundary Commission is expected to announce its decision at the end of March.

## 6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no planning applications for consideration by the Parish Council.

6.2 Application S/11/0027/JABU for a single storey rear extension

at 56 The Street has been granted full permission.

## 7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The Parish Council reviewed and approved the account summary.

7.2 The Parish Council approved payment of the following ;  
Stratton St Margaret Parish Council invoice 2189 (dog waste collection service) £10.39

Clerk's remuneration for Jan -Mar 2011

Administration payment (2nd instalment) £50

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

– Consultation on Swindon Borough Council's revised Parish Charter and Planning Protocol, deadline 17th March . It was agreed that any comments on the Parish Charter should be sent to Gordon Wilson. It was agreed that 21 days to respond to a planning application was insufficient when the Parish Council met monthly.

– Swindon Borough Council consultation on the 16 – 19 Transport Policy for the 2011-12 academic year, deadline 25th March. No comment.

– Street Trading & Ancillary Retail Kiosks Development Management Guidance Note, consultation deadline 11th April. No comment.

8.2 Correspondence for information – The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

– SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 547 – 550

– Jeffries Land Conservation Trust Annual Report for 2010

– Swindon Borough Council, Planning Committee agenda 8th March 2011

– Swindon Borough Council Agenda document for cabinet 9th March 2011

## 10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on the 11th and 25th February and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – The last meeting was the AGM and the committee had a good year. It was noted that there was support for another meat feast .

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – It was noted that 40% of households had

responded to the survey. Four groups have been set up to analyse the results and to get the information formatted into a readable document to disseminate information to the villagers. The grant application form still needs to be completed.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – Nothing to report.

## 11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Parish plan progressing. 4 sub-committees analysing results.

Parish Council planning village clean up for May.

The decision on the Coate planning application has been deferred.

Liddington is being entered into Best Kept Village competition.

Anyone wanting information on local crimes and news, or who

wants to set up a NHW scheme should contact

Jonathan Miller.

## 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Ideas for improving the playing field.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2011.