

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2012 AT 7.30pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL[/heading]

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

1 APOLOGIES

Stephanie Penfold and Jonathon Miller

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Section 7.3 of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March was amended to read 'It was agreed to use Stratton St. Margaret PC to provide dog waste service'. Subject to his change the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Speak to Mo Shaffi about parking in Purley

Action: GW

Create three months stock of articles
MS/SP

Action:

Actions ongoing

Contact Grass Roots people

Action: JM

Produce proposal for Village Sign

Action:

GW/DL

Speak to Bryan Greenwood about Liddington pages in Lyden magazine

Action: MS

Look at potholes in Medbourne Lane and along The Street and report back

Action: SB

Chase up removal of telegraph poles

Action: clerk

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Trough in The Street – It was noted that Basil Archer was happy for the Parish Council to keep using the trough so long as it is returned to him when it is no longer required. Kay Archer has volunteered to maintain it. It was agreed that the trough be removed to another location and be set on a solid base. The

Parish Council agreed that a quote for relocating the trough and setting it on a hard standing should be obtained.

5.2 Church Road – It was noted that the resurfacing of Church road has been delayed and that, despite Swindon Borough Council sending a letter about the pull-in, the grass verge has yet to be re-instated.

5.3 Village Sign – It was agreed that the village sign should be made as a permanent of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

5.4 Queen's Diamond Jubilee – It was noted that confirmation of the acceptance of the request for road closure has been received and that James Garrad may be able to provide fencing for the road closure. It was agreed that there should be a reminder poster for the Street Party asking people to return their slips. The proposal put forward by Maurice Spillane that up to £700 be spent on the Street Party was seconded by David Lomax. The proposal was put to the vote and agreed.

5.5 Communication – Maurice Spillane advised the meeting that he had produced 4 articles for the magazine. He has been unable to contact Bryan Greenwood via email or phone. It was agreed that Maurice Spillane should produce and distribute an independent newsletter for Liddington.

Obtain quotes for printing magazine

Action: MS

5.6 Parking in Purley & Revised Planning Application S/12/0093 – Gordon Wilson advised the meeting that he had spoken with the Planning Officer, Janet Busby. He read out a letter from the agent. It was noted that not all of the Parish Council's issues or concerns have been addressed.

5.7 Election Nominations – A nomination form was given to David Lomax. Guy Allen and Sid Bishop confirmed that they had submitted their nomination forms.

5.8 Highways Matters – It was noted that James Garrad has been given a new position as a Compliance officer and will no longer be involved in the Liddington village maintenance meetings.

5.9 Parish Plan – The Council noted that the Chair of the Parish Plan Committee had proposed an open meeting in mid-May to review the action plan. Possible dates of the 14/15 or 16th May were agreed.

Book village hall for Parish plan open-meeting

Action: clerk

Maurice Spillane left the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.

6. PLANNING

6.1 Commonhead Planning Appeal – The appeal decision was discussed by the Parish Council. It was noted that there are about 40 more conditions put on the application. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider taking further action – possibly to mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

Consider what further action to take

Action: All

6.2 It was noted that no planning decisions had been received since the last meeting.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed.

7.2 It was agreed that the Parish Council should donate £250 to the Jubilee Flower Festival.

7.3 The invoice for £7.73 from Stratton St Margaret Parish Council for emptying the dog bins was approved for payment.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CPRE gathering 11 April from 4.30pm. Correspondence given to Gordon Wilson.

8.2 Notification of Summer Breeze Festival – It was suggested that, in the interest of local residents potentially affected by the festival, the Parish Council should write to the organisers to confirm that there is an action plan for a change in the weather conditions e.g. alternate parking areas.

Contact organisers re. action plan

Action: clerk

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Jackie Moyles had organised a 'week of action' which had been held in Wanborough, Bishopstone and Wroughton but had excluded Liddington. It was noted that new rural economy grants were available and were aimed at farming, tourism etc. Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Teresa May would also like female entrepreneurs to come forward for funding. Large sums than the Grass Roots grants

are available.

Speak to Jackie Moyles re. Liddington being missed out of the 'Week of Action' Action: clerk

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 5th and 8th March and there was nothing to report.

10.2 Village Hall – There was no-one present to give a report.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was no-one present to give a report.

10.4 Parish Plan – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – It was noted that the AGM is being held on 4th April.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

– Everyone should have received their copy of Parish Plan. Open meeting planned for mid-May to discuss the action plan. All welcome.

– Commonhead Planning Appeal upheld. Parish Council will be looking at the detailed planning proposals as they come through.

– Please respond to the Jubilee Street Party leaflet

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

It was noted that a payment for the printing of the Parish Plan had been made between meetings.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm