



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 4th January at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Lomax (Chair), Moore and Spillane
Also in attendance: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner and Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: to approve Cllr Wilson's reason for absence (holiday)

2. 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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th December 2016 were approved and signed as a true record after amendments to Item 9 – Ward Councillor's report were made.

Library Provision £40,000 had been received from Wimpey for school facilities. Part of the extension may be able to be used as a small library.

The no left turn was requested to stop traffic rat running via Wanborough and Liddington and force Redlands residents to use the Southern Connector road.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Matters – Cllr Wilson has replied to Suzanne Coles, Traffic Manager, SBC highlighting several issues with her response about the traffic survey data. No further response has been received as yet.

Cllr Sumner commented on the perception of speeding and said that evidence and data was needed

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane reported that 16 people had shown an interest in participating. All volunteers had been emailed requesting preferred dates in January and February for training to take place. Once training had been completed a schedule will be put in place immediately for monitoring to commence.

Road signage – it was noted that there were too many signs on the B4192. It was seen as excessive for 3 brown tourist information signs for the Village Inn as traffic safety should be a priority. Cllr Sumner suggested to photograph all unnecessary signs and email them to request removal. The Clerk was asked to research the cost and possibility of another flashing speed sign being installed at the bottom of Purley Road
Action - Clerk

The meeting noted that the Ward Councillor to be the first point of contact for all road related issues. Cllr Sumner confirmed that he is happy to copy the Clerk in on all communications.

Playing Field fence – the meeting agreed to put this on hold temporarily due to the cost implications.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

As no members of the public were in attendance, the Parish Council continued with the meeting

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Allotments – The Diocese has confirmed that the matter had been passed to their Land Agents, Savills, and provided contact details for the Clerk to make direct contact
Action – Clerk

Contractor – A contractor had been informed of decision to be awarded the contract for the additional services needed around the Village. PC to provide the contract, Clerk had sourced examples from other Parish Councils

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) There were no planning applications to consider
- (b) It was noted that the following applications for 'Works to trees within a Conservation Area' had been granted permission:

S/TWC/16/2100 – Parsonage Yard, Church Road, Liddington

S/TWC/16/1940 – 47 The Street, Liddington

S/TWC/16/1762 – Liddington Manor, The Street, Liddington

S/TWC/16/1709 – Church View, Bell Lane, Liddington

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sumner had attended the M4, J15 presentation at SBC. Concerns were raised for Badbury and Liddington due to rat running and something needed to be done prior to work being started. A suggestion was made for a 'no right turn' from the A346 into Badbury. Rob Rossiter from SBC took the suggestion on board as the plans were still a work in progress.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) **To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** – it was noted that the fence to the right of the entrance into the playing field was in need of repair. Mark Reynolds had been asked previously, the Clerk was asked to chase **Action - Clerk**
- (b) **To provide an update with regards to services transfer from the Borough Council** – Leon Barrett had confirmed that the four major roads, Purley Road, Medbourne Lane, Bell Lane and Ridgeway Road are included in SBC's rural routes maintenance programme going forward. The Parish Council now needed to confirm the additional services they will include which will be itemised in the legal agreement. Once completed the calculation can be done and transitional funding confirmed. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Leon Barrett and inform Cllr Sumner

Action - Clerk

10. FINANCE

(a) Invoices

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

- Clerks Remuneration October – December 2016 - £409.99
- Administration payment October – December 2016 - £37.50

It was **resolved** to ratify the following payment made between meetings

- Chairman's quarterly allowance - £75

(b) Clerk's remuneration and hours

Cllr Hill proposed to accept the recommendation put forward by the Personnel Committee to increase the Clerk's average hours to 18 hours per month and to increase the admin/expenses allowance from 1 January 2017. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Spillane and agreed unanimously.

(c) Quarterly budget monitoring

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the Q3 finance statement

(d) To agree the annual budget and precept for 2017/18.

With the imminent transfer of services from SBC to the Parish Council and a further reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant, it was agreed that an increase in the precept was necessary.

Resolved: that the precept be set at £8,375, which together with the Council Tax Support Grant of £357 will make a total income for 2017-18 of £8,732.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field - Cllr Bunney advised the meeting that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment on the 11th and 25th December. He reported that there was an issue with a panel on the rocking horse. He was asked to send a photographs of the piece of equipment and the panel to the Clerk for her to contact KOMPAN **Action – Cllr Bunney and Clerk**

Swindon Area Committee meeting on 12th January – Cllr Moore agreed to attend in Cllr Wilson's absence. Clerk to forward the agenda **Action – Clerk**

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Council **resolved** to put the following in the Parish Magazine:

- Precept increase
- Community Speed Watch update

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

In preparation for the annual audit, the Clerk asked if a Councillor would be willing to provide assistance with the preliminary review of two policies:

Risk assessment – Cllr Bunney

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – Cllr Lomax

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm

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