



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Brown, Bunney, Hill, Lomax, Moore, and Wilson (Chair)
Also in attendance: Val Curtis (Clerk) and one member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (CSW meeting at Police HQ, Devizes). Ward Councillor Sumner also sent his apologies.

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 June 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Allotments – No response received from article in the Lyden Magazine to date. Cllr Wilson suggested a Village Meeting in mid to late September inviting all residents, to discuss several items of local interest including traffic concerns, Community Speed Watch update, speeding traffic along the B4192, road safety on Medbourne Lane, the planned M4 Junction 15 improvements due to begin next year, the status of Superfast Broadband in the Village, the new responsibilities taken on by the Parish Council and improvements to allotment provision. A flyer will be delivered to all residents nearer the time.

6 The Street – SBC confirmed that there was not a traffic management plan in place, however a condition had been included in the permission preventing construction work from taking place outside of 8am – 6pm.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

A resident from 3 Spinney Close raised three matters of concern:

A tree that had fallen down in spring 2016 and removed leaving behind the dangerous, sharp stump. SBC contractors had been due to return and grind out the stump but to date nothing has happened. More recently this had again been reported to SBC by the Clerk but still no action had been taken. Clerk to chase.

Action – Clerk

The fence by bus stop was damaged on the junction of Spinney Close/The Street. This had been reported over a year ago to SBC who had inspected and measured the area for replacement/repair but had not been actioned. Clerk to copy Cllr Sumner.

Action – Clerk

Due to the speed of traffic using the B4192, the junction from The Street accessing Purley Road was dangerous. Cllr Wilson explained that this was an ongoing issue with SBC that the Parish Council are trying to address.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Kompan – confirmed on 5th July that a credit note was to be issued for the full amount for the defective part

Transfer of Services Deed – hand delivered to SBC on 14th June

Transparency Fund – cheque received and banked on 5th July for full amount requested. Due to annual subscription method of paying for software and security packages, applied for a debit card for this purpose only. No guarantee of success due to signature requirements on bank account.

Hillside Cottages – SBC has agreed to cutting double the width at the roadside verge due to health and safety concerns raised by residents, the Parish Council and grass cutting contractor, who has been asked if he can cut down the bank to meet in the middle

Wiltshire Police – email with attached survey received on 13th June with a closing date of 20th June. Survey completed and submitted on behalf of Liddington PC. The meeting discussed the poor response by the police to the 101 non-emergency hotline and the lack of police presence in the Village. There appears to be no satisfactory means to contact them. This was brought to a head recently when M4 west bound traffic was, for about 2 weeks, diverted through the village overnight between the hours 10pm to 6am. Clerk to write to Angus McPherson, Police Commissioner raising issues. **Action - Clerk**

Waste Bin – ordered, due to be delivered by 7th July

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Application:** S/HOU17/1078
Location: 10 Spinney Close, Liddington, SN4 0HQ
Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions
Resolved: that the following comment be submitted

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

- (b) It was noted that the following applications had been granted:
S/HOU/17/0694 – 10 The Street – Erection of a detached summer house
S/HOU/17/0756/IH – New House, Bell Lane – Erection of a single storey rear extension

It was also noted that the following application for 'Works to trees within a conservation area' had been granted permission:

S/TWC/17/0971 – Church View, Bell Lane

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no Ward Councillor's report as Councillor Sumner was unable to attend the meeting

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Parish Projects

- Gate at the top of Spinney Close providing access to B4192. Clerk to contact Martin Fry, SBC suggesting that the Parish Council will carry out work needed to repair and it and bill SBC. **Action – Clerk**
- Stile needed replacing with a kissing gate at the top of the playing field out to the TINS path. Contractor to be asked for a quote **Action - Clerk**
- The meeting noted that Adams and Watt, the Contractor responsible for grass cutting and related works around the Village was doing an excellent job. Clerk to inform Richard Adams. **Action - Clerk**
- Responsibility for the footpath down the B4192 from the Vicarage remains the responsibility of SBC. Cllr Lomax commented that work was needed again and suggested that the hedges should be cut further back. Clerk to confirm with Rob Core, SBC how often work will be carried out and when it is next scheduled for. **Action – Clerk**
- The Parish Council had received complaints from residents about hawthorn coming through the hedge and growing over footpath. Clerk to contact Kidson Trigg Estate Agents to request remedial action be undertaken. **Action - Clerk**
- Complaints had also been received about the hedge bordering the Old Rectory and the B4192. Action to contact the resident **Action - Clerk**

10. FINANCE

(a) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:

- Gordon Wilson – Chairman's allowance - £75.00
- Valerie Curtis – Clerk's remuneration - £526.25
- Valerie Curtis – Admin and expenses - £80.65

(b) It was **resolved** to ratify payments made between meetings:

- Wendy Curtis – Plants for the trough - £82.92

(c) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following standing orders

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – July instalment - £352.20
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(d) **Quarterly Budget monitoring**

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the Q1 – 2017 finance statement

11. UK BROADBAND LTD

Robert Buckland, QC, MP to be invited to September meeting

Action - Clerk

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr John Martin from Chiseldon Parish Council has written to SBC to question modelling undertaken. Cllr Wilson to circulate the reply **Action – Cllr Wilson.**

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane sent the following update:

3 further sessions completed, 1 x morning and 2 x early evening of between 30 – 45 minutes. Speeds in excess of 50mph recorded. 30+ vehicles each session exceeding 36 mph. Many Casavant, Katherine Lynham and Andrew Caird all supported the sessions with Cllr Spillane. Next training in September when Cllr Wilson and Ward Cllr Sumner to be trained. It will be good to have a wider team as able to run more sessions and recording the full required data is possible with 3 experienced people per session. Wiltshire Police have started 1/4ly CSW Team Leader meetings due to amount of feedback received.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections on the play equipment on 10th and 24th June. The equipment is currently being cleaned down to remove moss and remove rust from springs in preparation for repainting. Cllr Brown raised an issue concerning suspicious van looking at playing field and questioned whether the gate should be padlocked for security.

13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- A tribute to Joel Joffe, who died on 18th June
- Village Meeting
- Footpaths/Bridleways

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Meadow Way 30mph restriction – email received from SBC re the proposed introduction of 30mph speed limit. Cllr Moore commented that the restriction actually included Medbourne Lane. It was also noted that the small section of road over the M4 is derestricted and for consistency should be restricted to 30 mph. Clerk to inform SBC, copying in Cllr Sumner and request that the road be correctly entitled and suggest that the small section over the M4 be restricted to 30mph. **Action – Clerk**

Clerk to check, if possible, owner of Spinney Close Green and if registered as a Village Green in order to protect its use **Action – Clerk**

A listed building in Village is in danger of falling into disrepair. Liz Gibbons-Smith, Conservation Officer at SBC to be contacted **Action – Clerk**

An email had been received from Joyce Holman, Clerk to Central Swindon South Parish Council asking if Liddington Parish Council had any objections to the name being changed to South Swindon Parish Council. No objections were raised, Clerk to inform accordingly **Action – Clerk**

The meeting concluded at 9pm

Signed.....

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