



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Moore, and Wilson (Chair)

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Lomax's reason for absence (holiday). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (personal).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hill declared an interest as a Member of the Village Hall Committee

5. PUBLIC SESSION

As two members of the public were present the Council agreed to move the Public Session forward. The reason for their attendance was to state the case for horse riders to continue to make use of the yellow marked footpath alongside Liden Brook, in response to the article in the July edition of the Lyden Magazine. They also stated that the private landowner was aware of the horse riders using the pathway and had no objections. They explained that the alternative route down Bell Lane was dangerous and confirmed that similar issues were experienced with regards to safety along Medbourne Lane. Cllr Wilson explained that there had been a suggestion to mark a 2 metre wide section in red tarmac running the length of Bell Lane to indicate a safe area for pedestrians and horse riders, however this suggestion was not well received by the members of the public at this meeting. Due to the current family circumstances, the Landowner would not be approached for the time being.

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Ward Councillor Sumner had another meeting that he needed to attend so the Council agreed to move his report forward.

SHELAA delayed again. Parish Council's will have first sight by end of October

Keypoint – the plan for renewable energy planning application. Due to the high numbers of residents expected to attend the planning meeting, this will be held at STEAM on 14th September.

Superfast Broadband – SSE due to isolate power to the overhead cables on 7th and 8th September to enable the mast to be erected. Testing will then commence with go live in mid-September.

Winter Service Review – roads have been excluded from the gritting route that the officers do not have knowledge of so Cllr Sumner has raised several issues in his patch. Cllr Wilson confirmed that a comment with regards to The Street had been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

Speeding – Cllr Sumner is due to complete his Community Speedwatch training on 25th September. A meeting had been held with the police re speeding issues and the lack of contact with the Parish Councils. He has requested that quarterly crime statistics be provided for the villages and sees no reason why the police cannot attend a Parish Council meeting at least twice a year. Suzanne Coles from SBC has promised that the traffic monitoring strips will be installed in Badbury shortly to assess the amount of traffic coming from the Marlborough Road.

Councillor Sumner left the meeting at 7.45pm

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5th July 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Spinney Close – two issues raised by a resident that had been reported to SBC have both been resolved.

Gate at the top of Spinney Close that needed repairing/replacing – no response received yet from SBC. Clerk to chase. **Action - Clerk**

Footpath alongside the B4192 – SBC had confirmed that there was no longer a rural team so no maintenance works were planned. Highways confirmed that they would only deal with the first metre at the top part over the M4 Bridge. Clerk to arrange a site visit with a member of the Highways Inspectors team to discuss way forward. **Action - Clerk**

Kidson Trigg Estate Agents had dealt with the hawthorn growing over the footpath.

The hedge bordering the Old Rectory and the B4192 had been cut.

Meadow Way 30mph – Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent to SBC but no response received.

Spinney Close Green – Clerk confirmed that the Green was classed as housing land. Clerk to arrange meeting with two Officers from SBC to discuss future plans **Action - Clerk**

Listed building in a state of disrepair had been reported to Liz Gibbons-Smith at SBC, who had confirmed that there was no law or legal requirement for the property owner to keep it to a good standard. She would inspect the property and report back.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Most items of interest from the Clerk's report had been covered under 'Matters Arising'.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the External Audit report had been received from Grant Thornton with no advisories or comments to be actioned. The Notice of conclusion of review with the rights of inspection conferred on local government electors exercise will be completed week beginning 25th September.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Application:** S/17/1246 (8th September)
Location: Fairview, 22 Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HA
Proposal: Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works
Resolved: that the following comments be submitted

The Parish Council would request that you be mindful of the other Consultee remarks. We have no other comments or objections to this application.

- (b) It was noted that the following application had been granted:
S/HOU/17/1078 – 10 Spinney Close – Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Parish Projects

- To agree the replacement or repair of stiles – Quote for the two kissing gates either end of the playing field had been received from Adams & Watt. A further quote for comparison would be requested from Mark Reynolds. **Action - Clerk**
- To agree whether to fence off the play area or request all dogs to be kept on a lead – Clerk to research signs stating that all dogs should be kept on a lead and report back. **Action - Clerk**
- To discuss response and agree future action re footpath being used as a bridleway – see Public Session
- To discuss and agree future strategy for allotments – to be deferred until after the Village Meeting
- To comment on Cabinet paper on Winter Service Review arrangements – see Ward Councillor's report
- To decide date for Parish meeting in September, topics to be discussed and format of meeting – the agenda proposed by Cllr Wilson was agreed with possible dates of 29th September, 4th or 13th October. Clerk to confirm availability with all Members. **Action - Clerk**

10. FINANCE

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

- Valerie Curtis – Purchase of printer, Kaspersky internet security - £63.97
- Adams & Watt – installation of dog bin and strimming Hillside Cottages - £87.60

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

- Glasdon UK Ltd – litter bin - £311.48
- Valerie Curtis – Purchase of laptop, Office 365 & mouse - £481.99

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – September instalment - £352.20

(d) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following Direct Debit:

- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) – October - £36.00

(e) Amended budget

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the amended budget due to receipt of the Transparency Fund Grant

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections on the play equipment on 15th and 29th July and 12th and 26th August.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane sent the following update:

Equipment and sessions

- * Camera equipment schedule established with Chiseldon CSW.
- * This allows team scheduling in advance and increased likelihood of availability.
- * Sessions since last update all record speeds of 40/50+
- * Three sessions arranged for September (12/19/20) with 2 further possible dates (15/18) if second team member can volunteer.
- * Location on corner of Church Rd used so far. Second location (half way down Purley Road) to be also used for sessions.

Team Leader event

- * Wiltshire Police CSW Team Leader event in July gave opportunity for problem resolution and ideas generation. New Police senior management is giving greater focus and energy to CSW.
- * Larger number of training dates and locations to be offered as a result of team leader feedback.
- * Lots of feedback from TLs that we would like to know the outcome of the results from our sessions:
 - What are the Police doing as a result?
 - Where we get information wrong, need timely advice on what to do instead.

New Liddington team members

- * Lorraine Brown is completing the application now to join the team. Mike Brown to join next year.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Meeting
- Recent burglaries
- Parish Councillor Vacancy

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- Countryside Voice
- Dragonfly Magazine – Summer 2017
- North Wessex Downs AONB Annual review 2016/17

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that Cllr Brown had resigned from the Parish Council to take up a facilitator role with a voluntary organisation. The Parish Councillors expressed their thanks for her contribution and wished her well in her new venture.

Cllr Moore offered the Parish Council's congratulations to Cllr Wilson and Mrs Wilson on their 50th Wedding anniversary.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm

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