



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Brown, Bunney, Hill, Lomax, Moore, Wilson (Chair)
Also in attendance: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner, Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: to approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (work related)

2. CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Councillor Bunney proposed that Lorraine Brown be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed unanimously.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st March 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Allotments – as further progress has not been achieved, the issue will now be escalated **Action - Clerk**

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane sent the following update. CSW training had now been completed in Liddington and four people were now trained. Three people will be attending the Devizes Police HQ session on 11th May, information will be provided on any further HQ dates. The first CSW sessions will run from 08.15-0.45, 12.00-12.45 and 17.00-17.45/18.00. Most trained members have supplied their availability over the next three weeks, both weekdays and weekends. Cllr Spillane to put a schedule together of proposed sessions and inform Wiltshire CSW co-ordination. Non-trained, interested Parishioners can join a scheduled CSW session to observe prior to training.

Action – Cllr Spillane

CIL/S106 – Sarah Screen, Planning Obligations Project Manager/CIL Project Manager had sent a detailed response to the request from the Clerk asking if any consented S106 or CIL funding had been generated out of any developments in Liddington Parish? No planning permissions had been identified that are capable of being implemented, so no s106 receipts that could potentially emerge in the future for the Parish to use. There were three planning applications that were CIL liable since the Council started charging CIL on 6th April 2015. An application for self-build CIL exemption had been made and granted by SBC for one, therefore CIL will not be generated. There was no information on intent of anyone to implement the permission on the second application, however the Parish Council confirmed that work had now started, the Clerk to confirm back to SBC. The third application was a change of use from guest house to 5 no flats which will not generate CIL as there is no net gain in floorspace. Other recent planning permission may be subject to CIL and will be queried with SBC

Action - Clerk

Jubilee Gardens – Due to the lack of evidence as to the actual offender who caused the damage to Jubilee Gardens it was agreed that the matter was not be pursued.

Footpath alongside B4192 – SBC had been requested to carry out the work required on the footpath but a date could not be given of when this would commence. Cllr Lomax stated that the pavement should be cleaned and made safe for the residents to use. Cllr Sumner requested that photographic information be provide to enable him to report the issue via the Member's Hotline.

Action – Cllrs Lomax & Wilson

Dog Bins – Due to the ongoing problem with the dog bins and dog mess not being cleaned up, a larger or a second bin located in a more convenient position was discussed. Costs to be researched

Action - Clerk

6. PUBLIC SESSION

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

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Annual Internal Audit - Preparation and required paperwork completed, ready for Auditing Solutions to examine.
Annual External Audit (Limited Assurance Review) - Forms received and partially completed, to be finalised after internal audit completed.

Audit training - Attended a half day training session given by Grant Thornton, the external auditors, at WALC offices in Devizes on Thursday 30th March.

Grass cutting, hedge trimming etc. contract - Contract has been signed by Richard Adams and Cllr Wilson. Adams and Watt will be starting work in Liddington Village week commencing 10th April.

Playground Equipment - Spare part ordered expected delivery 6th or 7th April.

SBC Customer Services - A telephone conversation was held with Lisa Pittard, Customer Services Manager to discuss how Liddington would like to handle queries received into SBC call centre due to transfer of services. It has been agreed that all contacts that need to be referred on to Liddington will be forwarded by email for me to deal with. I have confirmed that I am not available five days a week, so telephone calls are not acceptable, unless of an urgent matter.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/17/0427 (11th April 2017)

Location: 35 Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HE

Proposal: Erection of two storey side and single/two storey rear extensions

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

All previous comments made by Liddington Parish Council against the prior applications, reference numbers S/15/1933, S/16/0951 and S/16/1596, still apply.

The Parish Council would also request that a thorough look at planning policy guidance and the previous permissions is undertaken

Application: S/HOU/17/0487 (13th April 2017)

Location: 9 Spinney Close, Liddington, SN4 0HQ

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

Parish Council has no objections to this application

Application: S/HOU/17/0466

Location: Street House Farm, The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Removal and replacement of render to the external walls and like for like replacement of timber windows

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

Parish Council has no objections to this application

(b) It was noted that the following applications had been granted permission:

S/HOU/17/0156 – Church View, Bell Lane – Erection of a single storey side extension to create a self-contained annex.

S/HOU/17/0207 – Parsonage Close, Medbourne Lane – Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions

S/HOU/17/0080 – Parsonage Yard, Church Road – Installation of new windows and doors and rendering to external walls of the bungalow

It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn:

S/16/1268 – The Old Barn, Church Road – Erection of a single storey extension

9. TRAFFIC MATTERS

Cllr Sumner informed the Council that discussions had been held with SBC highways department. A traffic count (rubber strips) will take place in the next few months to assess the volume of traffic cutting through Badbury and via Medbourne Lane etc. as a result of congestion at Junction 15 of M4. A scheme to consolidate all 30mph limits

around the Borough has identified that a section of road from Medbourne Lane into Day House Lane and past Meadow Way has no 30mph limit so one will be introduced. A 'No HGV' sign will be erected at the entrance to Medbourne Lane from the Village end. He suggested that any blocking of entrances used informally as passing places would be entirely down to the owners but they would risk danger to themselves if they have to stop on the lane to gain access to their homes (and to leave).

10. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Overgrown vegetation – Purley Road – another letter to be sent to the owners with two weeks to respond, with a second letter if necessary, with a further two weeks' response time. If required the issue will then be passed to enforcement.

Recycling Centre, Cheney Manor – the opening hours had been reduced including all day closure for one day per week. Cllr Sumner had expressed his concern. The situation will be reviewed after a period of time.

Keypoint – Due to the expected numbers of residents attending, the planning meeting on 16th May will be held in the Wyvern Theatre.

Southern Connector Road – planning application progressing

Commonhead redevelopment – improvements needed due to Badbury Park development. There is a concern that developers could question affordability of the scheme.

Ward Councillor Sumner left the meeting at 8.40pm

11. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) **To provide an update with regards to services transfer from Swindon Borough Council –** Most Parishes attended the Borough/Parish meeting for a dialogue with SBC to discuss the Deed of transfer. The amended deed had now been received. The Parish Council agreed that they are willing to sign it, however two areas of concern have been identified. Confirmation was needed from the Parish's insurance company that cover would still be provided once they have been formally notified of the additional items being transferred to the responsibility of Liddington Parish Council. Clarification also needs to be sought with regards to the definition and interpretation of the word 'personnel' and tax and NIC contributions.

Action - Clerk

- (b) **2017 CPRE Wiltshire & Hills Group Best Kept Village Competition –** Cllr Moore proposed that due to the current workload of the Parish Councillors that Liddington Parish Council should not enter the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition in 2017. Cllr Hill seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. A request for volunteers to prepare the application for 2018 would appear in the Lyden Magazine.

Action - Clerk

- (c) **Concerns over horse riders using public footpaths as bridleways**

Action – Cllr Wilson

12. FINANCE

(a) Invoices

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

- Allbuild – dog bin emptying May 2016 – February 2017 - £65.04
- Mark Reynolds – Jubilee Gardens repair - £210.00
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract - £4226.40 payable in 12 equal instalments of £352.20 by standing order

(b) Standing orders

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

- Wilts Building Records - £15.00
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – April instalment £352.20

- (c) **Account Summary –** it was **resolved** to accept the statement of accounts as at the end of financial year 2016/17

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Superfast Broadband – the paperwork had now been signed to enable the installation to commence and should be operational by the end of May.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment on 18th and 31st March. It was noted that general maintenance was required.

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Welcome to Lorraine Brown who has joined the Parish Council
- Best Kept Village Competition 2018
- Replacement lighting in Village Hall
- Thank you to those that volunteered with the Village clean up

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- The Friends of Ridgeway – Annual report 2016
- Dragonfly Magazine – Winter 2016
- SBC Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) for the New Eastern Villages Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Replacement of stiles

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

Signed

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