



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8.00pm in Liddington Village Hall**

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received as all Members of the Council were in attendance.

### 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:** Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

J15 Redevelopment & modelling – Robert Buckland's office had arranged a meeting on 6th November with SBC and Highways England.

Spinney Close Green – Some areas of housing land around the Borough were being transferred to the Parish Councils. Clerk to email Mike Ash, copying in Cllr Sumner, requesting a sum of money to be paid for the Parish Council to continue carrying out the maintenance or, request if there is an option for ownership of the land to be transferred to Liddington Parish Council.

**Action - Clerk**

Stiles – Due to the poor condition of some of the stiles and the resulting health and safety concerns, Cllr Hill will identify, inspect and provide a definitive list of the condition and owners of all structures for discussion at the next meeting.

**Action - Cllr Hill**

Listed building – No update from SBC available. Current listed buildings are shown on the Liddington Conservation Area Appraisal (2006) including the one causing concern. Cllr Sumner to provide details for the building to be added to the National Heritage List for England.

**Action – Cllr Sumner/Clerk**

Footpath alongside the B4192 – Adams and Watt to complete the works

Sarsen Stones in Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Wilson made an alternative suggestion of using large tree stumps. The meeting decided that Sarsen Stones were preferable.

**Action – Cllr Lomax**

Playground equipment inspection – Advice had been given from Came & Company, the insurance brokers that weekly checks should be made, although the insurance policy stipulated fortnightly. Clerk to confirm if this is a new condition to adhere to.

**Action - Clerk**

Allotments – Clerk to email Arthur Witchell, the Land Agent for the Diocese of Bristol to advise of current situation with regards to the Parish Council taking over the management of allotments in the Village.

**Action - Clerk**

### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

### 6. CLERK'S REPORT

As all items had been covered under matters arising, it was agreed that the Clerk's Report item would be removed from future agendas unless the need arose.

### 7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **To consider any planning applications:**  
**Application:** S/HOU/17/1581 (3<sup>rd</sup> November)  
**Location:** Street House Farm, The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD  
**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey front and rear extensions  
**Resolved:** that the following comments be submitted

The Parish Councillors agree with all points raised by the Conservation Officer

As this property is noted as a key building of interest in the Liddington Conservation Area Appraisal, when first designated on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1990 and subsequently re-designated on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1995 and 2006, the Parish Council are concerned of the impact of any changes could have on the setting of the village

- Application:** S/HOU/17/1663 (3<sup>rd</sup> November)  
**Location:** 14 The Street, Liddington SN4 0HD  
**Proposal:** Alterations to window openings and installation of a wood burner flue  
**Resolved:** that the following comments to be used

This property has a special place in the heart of the village that has been neglected and unloved. The Parish Council would recommend that the applicants meet with the Conservation Officer to discuss any proposals.

The Parish Councillors have no objections to the appearance of the property being changed to that of a house but would request that sympathetic materials, in keeping with the style and age of the property, be used

- Application:** S/HOU/17/1536  
**Location:** 9 Manor View, Liddington, SN4 0HP  
**Proposal:** Erection of a conservatory  
**Resolved:** that the following comment be submitted

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

- (b) **To note any decisions** – it was noted that no decisions had been made

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

S/TWC/17/1702 – 9 Lidenbrook, Liddington

- (c) **Lotmead Site, Eastern Villages – appeal hearing 7 November 2017**

Cllr Sumner informed the meeting that the appeal was due to start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The Planning Inspector would lay out how the hearing would be heard, and a day will be stipulated when factual evidence can be heard from interested parties. The hearing is due to last for six days.

## 8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

SBC have the promise of funds from the Local Enterprise Partnership for the Southern Connector road. Archaeological digs are currently being undertaken. SBC will be keen to get the construction underway as the money can be withdrawn if not used.

SBC have requested £0.5m Section 106 monies for mitigating works to limit rat running through the Villages during the construction works of the NEV.

The Swindon Plan involves SBC saving £30m in 30 months

## 9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To review suggestions and any actions arising from the Village Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October – to be deferred to next meeting  
Cllr Lomax proposed one of the suggestions to purchase a dog poo bag dispenser. Cllr Moore seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. **Action - Clerk**
- (b) To review the village clean up morning and the sourcing and storage of equipment for future events. – to be deferred until the next meeting
- (c) To review feedback from meeting with Adams & Watt and discuss and prioritise actions from the additional work identified. – to be deferred to next meeting.

- (d) To receive and review quote from Adams & Watt for grass cutting contract for 2018/19  
The Parish Council noted the increases in costs. The Clerk to ask Richard Adams for suggestions of where there may be an opportunity to reduce the number of cuts/attention to reduce the overall cost.

**Action - Clerk**

## 10. FINANCE

- (a) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:
- Michael's workwear – Hi-Viz vests and protective gloves - £41.40
- (b) It was **resolved** to ratify the payment made between meetings:
- Gordon Wilson – Expenses for village meeting flyer - £12.00
- (c) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following standing order
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – November instalment - £352.20

## 11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilson attended the first Community Safety Forum arranged for the Swindon South Parishes by Police Inspector Hobman to provide a link with the Police rather than Officers attending numerous Parish Council meetings. Items discussed included the 101-contact number and poor response times, burglary, vandalism and drug abuse. Cllr Wilson to circulate his notes.

**Action – Cllr Wilson**

Cllr Moore attended the Borough/Parish meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October. A full report has been submitted to the Clerk and will be circulated with the minutes

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane reported that the Village Meeting had resulted in 4 new members to the team. Signage to show Community Speedwatch within Liddington had been ordered. Medbourne Lane had been assessed as another possible site. Due to the reduction in daylight hours, options were being looked at to maximise the time available. CSW, Devizes are looking to film community and personal stories – the residents will be asked at the next team meeting if they would be willing to participate.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly inspections on the play equipment on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. He informed the meeting that new matting would be needed under the swings and at the end of the slide. As the Annual Inspection is due to take place in November, any decisions will be made once the report has been received.

## 12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Community Safety Forum
- Allotments
- Vacancy

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Dragonfly Magazine Autumn 2017
- CPRE – Wiltshire Voice – October 2017

## 14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Joel Joffe memorial

The meeting concluded at 10.05pm

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