



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm at Liddington Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Hill, Lomax (Chair), Moore and Spillane

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** To approve Cllr Wilson's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (unavailable).

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

B4192 – Footpaths have now been cleared – closed

Benches – Research has shown that replacement of the 3 benches in the Playing Field with hardwood benches would be costly. Cllr Lomax proposed that the quote provided by Adams & Watt for the refurbishment of the ones in situ be accepted. Cllr Spillane seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. **Action - Clerk**

Information Commissioners Office (ICO) registration – Clerk confirmed that Liddington Parish Council was now registered with the ICO. The registration number is ZA305924. Clerk to send the certificate to Cllr Hill for publication on the Liddington.org website. **Action – Clerk/Cllr Hill**

Day House Lane – A meeting needed to be arranged between the local Parish Councils to discuss the future of Day House Lane with a view to changes that may be needed to restrict rat running through the Villages. Cllr Sumner to speak to Cllr Foley. Cllr Sumner to pass on the Badbury Park Residents Association contact details. **Action – Cllr Sumner**

### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

Two residents were in attendance to highlight the condition of the footpath through the Churchyard. Due to the muddy condition of the footpath the graves were being walked over and dogs were being allowed to run off the lead. They did not know who to contact at the Parochial Church Council and needed help as it was upsetting to see the disrespect being shown. The Meeting agreed that the footpath needed to be rerouted and stated with hardcore & gravel.

A temporary measure would be put in place using poles and string to guide walkers along an alternate route to the left from the car park entrance and across the top. **Action - Cllr Hill**

Signs to be placed at the entrance

**Action – Cllr Spillane/Cllr Sumner**

Cllr Lomax to contact Richard Adams to discuss possible options

**Action – Cllr Lomax**

### 6. PLANNING MATTERS

#### (a) To consider any planning applications:

**Application:** S/17/1956 (9<sup>th</sup> February)

**Location:** Local Centre (Parcels LC1 & LC2), Commonhead Site, Commonhead

**Proposal:** Erection of a local centre comprising retail units (A1 use class), community hall (D1 use class), day nursery (D1 use class) and 20no. residential units with associated works

**Application:** S/17/1961 (9<sup>th</sup> February)

**Location:** Parcels R7a & R7b, Commonhead Site, Commonhead Swindon

**Proposal:** Erection of 28no. dwellings (13no.@R7a & 15no.@R7b) and associated works

**Resolved:** that the following comments be submitted for both of the above applications

We concur with and endorse the views expressed by Highways England in their response of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 with regards to the transport statement does not include any information on how the A419 Commonhead Roundabout and M4 J15 would be affected by traffic generated by the new proposals. As no cogent evidence has been provided on the cumulative effect of these additional dwellings on the highways network, both major and minor roads, and confirmation of what measures are being put in place to minimise rat running, we formally object to the proposals. We also request that it is considered by the Planning Committee and not delegated authority

**Application:** S/OUT/17/1990 (16<sup>th</sup> February 2018)

**Location:** Great Stall East, Eastern Villages

**Proposal:** Outline planning application (with means of access to the A420 not reserved) for up to 1,800 homes; education provision including a 10 form entry secondary school and a 2 form entry primary school with attendant sports pitches; a sports hub and open space; a local centre up to 1,000 sqm including classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and D1 uses; public open space/green infrastructure; new informal and formal recreation spaces and the formation of two new accesses from the A420.

**Resolved:** that the following comment be submitted:

The comments made in our response dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to the original planning consultation are still relevant. We have no other comments to add.

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

S/HOU/17/1663 – 14 The Street, Liddington - Alterations to window openings and installation of a wood burner flue

## 7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sumner noted that the Ridgeway Road from B4192 to A346 had been removed from the gritting rota which resulted in it being very icy and dangerous. He had emailed the gritting team to inform them that this would be a preferable route to using Medbourne Lane and Badbury as a rat run if it was gritted.

NEV Transport Exhibition held at the Coleview Centre had been very well attended. There are two further events planned on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stratton Centre and March 5<sup>th</sup> at Hoopers Field, Wanborough.

Superfast Broadband – 4G LTE working well. Superfast Swindon website has been redone.

Ward Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.20pm

## 8. FINANCE

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

- Adams & Watt Ltd – Footpath clearance works - £660.00
- WALC – GDPR briefing – £84.00

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

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

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

- Information Commissioner's Office - £35

## 9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) To discuss and agree action to address condition of the stiles around the Village – Cllrs Lomax, Hill, Spillane and Moore to revisit and inspect the kissing gates at either end of the Playing Field before progressing.

(b) To review quote received and agree action to repair damage to entrance of the playing field – it was agreed to approach the farmer in the first instance

(c) To discuss and agree how to protect Jubilee Gardens from damage – this will be deferred until the weather improves. The meeting acknowledged that the Sarsen Stones had had an effect on protecting Jubilee Gardens.

(d) The meeting agreed that the surplus stock of commemorative mugs purchased for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2016 would be donated to the Village Hall.

## 10. ACQUISITION OF SPINNEY CLOSE GREEN

SBC had provided a map of Spinney Close with the area identified in green and asked for confirmation that it was correct, which was agreed. It was noted that a Public Notice had appeared in the Swindon Advertiser informing that the piece of land was to be acquired by the Parish Council. A question had been raised regarding the back access to the houses and the condition of the pathway. Cllr Sumner to ascertain who owns the properties whether it was now private or local authority.

**Action – Cllr Sumner**

## 11. FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The meeting agreed that prior to signing the Deed and taking responsibility, it was necessary to walk the footpaths and photograph the condition, on a date to be arranged. NALC are to be approached for definitive guidance over ownership and responsibility.

**Action - Clerk**

## 12. PROVISION OF A DEFIBILLATOR

As Wanborough Parish Council have recently installed a defibrillator, it would be good to learn from their experience. A contact name and telephone number has been provided, Richard Schofield will be asked to attend either the March or April meeting to give a short presentation

**Action - Clerk**

## 13. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Cllr Spillane provided a full update on the status of the Community Speedwatch sessions. There were now three locations approved for use; Church Road, Medbourne Lane and Purley Road, opposite Kobee Cottage. Sessions continued to be held early morning, lunchtime and evening, although daylight was restricting the later sessions. Five sessions had just been completed with Robert Buckland, MP participating in one and Ward Councillor Gary Sumner in two of them, where speeds of over 50mph are consistently being seen. The Police were working towards improving communications between themselves and the CSW Volunteers. The CSW Team Leaders have asked questions about what happens after the data has been collected and would like data to be provided for follow up actions.

## 14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hill had attended a GDPR briefing provided by NALC about changes being made to Data Protection on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 which the Parish Council are obliged to comply with. The Parish Council will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer, which WALC are currently researching to identify suitable companies/individuals that Parish Council's can share. In future all Parish Councillors will need to use a Parish Council email address, not a private one, for all council business. The server that is used to host the website/emails must be located within Europe. Cllr Hill will provide email addresses and updates as and when necessary

**Action – Cllr Hill**

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney has confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly inspections on the play equipment on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January. He also reported that the rubber matting requires taking up and relaying. As the ground is very muddy it would probably need laying on sand rather than scalping before replacing the mats. He will get some advice from the playground manufacturers.

## 15. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was **resolved** to put the following in the Parish Magazine:

- Churchyard footpath
- Benches in the Playing Field
- Village Spring clean-up day
- Parish Council vacancy

## 16. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- Dragonfly Magazine – Winter 2017

## 17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Adams & Watt, the Contractor had advised that one of the dog bins in the Playing Field was rotten at the bottom and asked if the Parish Council could purchase a replacement at a cost of £133 + VAT. Cllr Lomax proposed that the dog bin should be replaced. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hill and unanimously agreed. **Action - Clerk**

Items for next month's agenda:

- Discuss quotes received for the regular maintenance of the footpaths alongside the B4192 and the Brook
- GDPR

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

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