



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm at Liddington Village Hall**

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

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** To approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Cripps' reason for absence (personal). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Lomax's reason for absence (illness).

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Churchyard – The re-routing of the temporary fencing through the graveyard had inadvertently meant that some low-profile graves were now being walked over and causing further distress. There were now mixed feelings in the Village as to whether a permanent footpath should be installed or not. The Clerk had emailed the Vicar with the history of how the footpath came about and offering the Parish Council's assistance with whatever was decided. The Meeting agreed that as this was on Church property, the Parish Council would not progress further.

Footpaths – Cllr Hill to update website with a map showing location of stiles/kissing gates – Ongoing

Defibrillator – Community Heartbeat Trust favour using telephone boxes to house the machine. Cllr Moore to contact the owners of the telephone box to discuss the suggestion. If not, The Village Inn would be a suitable location depending on actual siting.

**Action – Cllr Moore**

Grass cutting contractor – The owner of the company has suggested that a sign is placed on Spinney Close side of the gate out on to the B4192, due to a close encounter with a speeding vehicle, to warn pedestrians of the danger. The meeting agreed with the request.

**Action - Clerk**

He has also reported that the football pitch is being cut in between the regular cuts by an unknown person – Cllr Sumner confirmed that the contractor they used for marking out the pitch was also cutting it.

Kerb line weed spraying would be carried out in the next few days in The Street and Spinney Close.

### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was in attendance to explain the history of the footpath through the graveyard, confirm the correct route from the Village Hall car park to the playing field and provide insight into the various opinions of residents.

### 6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) There were no planning applications to consider

(b) **It was noted that the following application had been refused:**

S/HOU/18/0390 – Street House Farm – Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey link

**It was noted that the following application had been granted a Certificate of Lawful development:**

S/LDP/18/0626 – 8 Lidenbrook – Erection of a single-storey rear extension

Cllr Sumner joined the meeting at 7.50pm

## 7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sumner reported he had a meeting planned with the head of persimmon Homes on Friday to discuss the application for 300 homes at Badbury Park. A full planning application would follow in due course. There are 75 homes being proposed on the land by the M4 Van Centre where highways access was of concern. A local building company are having pre-application discussions with SBC about land off Day House Lane although there are concerns that the land may be contaminated. Land purchase agreements are being progressed to accommodate the Southern Connector Road. The Redlands application had been consented and Section 106 negotiations are taking place. The Lotmead appeal decision has been delayed until 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.20pm

## 8. FINANCE

### (a) To approve payment of the following:

(b) It was **resolved** to ratify the following payment made between meetings

- Chair's allowance - £75.00

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – June instalment - £388.70

### (d) Monthly bank account reconciliation

The meeting agreed that there was sufficient information and the account was in a healthy position. Three more lines would be added for the CIL monies, contingency fund and capital projects (to be defined).

## 9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) **Village Hall** – The Village Hall Committee are researching installing solar panels on the roof and there appears to be no significant problem from SBC with regards to planning permission. They are currently looking at whether significant investment to the infrastructure is required. Cllr Moore believes that consent would be required from Blenheim Estates under the terms of the lease. Cllr Hill to report back with progress.

(b) **Village Hall** – The Village Hall Committee will try to rationalise the clash of future bookings to alleviate the car parking issues in the Village Hall car park. No action is required from the Council.

## 10. FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Advice had been sought from neighbouring Parish Council's and it became apparent that the terms of the agreements varied. As SBC are the primary authority responsible for legal issues, the Parish Council decided to decline taking this on as it was too complex an area. Liddington Parish Council are only prepared to take on the grass cutting & cutting back shrubbery from the main footpaths as was originally discussed in December 2016. As some of the stiles are in a dangerous state of disrepair, SBC would be asked to deal with these as a matter of urgency.

**Action - Clerk**

## 11. HIGHWAYS/SBC & RIDGEWAY LIAISON MEETING

Cllrs Bunney and Wilson to attend the SBC/Ridgeway NEV Liaison meeting to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in Watt Tyler house

## 12. PARISH ALLOWANCES

The meeting considered the recommendation received from Swindon Borough Council in respect of paying Members Allowances. It was unanimously agreed that there would be no change in the allowances paid.

## 13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Community Safety Forum – Cllr Wilson attended the recent meeting when the Community Speedwatch Coordinator for Wiltshire was also in attendance. The data gathered is passed back to the local team for them to approach the local council for any improvements or additional facilities to limit speed and improve road safety. SBC do not have much involvement with CSW directly. SBC are currently looking at installing speed cameras along Thamesdown Drive. The next meeting will be held in July at Broadgreen Community Centre.

Cllr Wilson had also attended a Planning/Highways Training session which was very informative

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he carried out the fortnightly inspections on the play equipment on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May. He has concerns that the new swings and chains, fitted in March 2018, are already showing signs of wear. Clerk to contact the supplier.

**Action – Clerk**

The Contractor to be contacted about a quote requested for the area underneath the swings and at the end of the slide

**Action - Clerk**

**14. PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

- Liddington.org website
- Exercise of public rights details

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

**16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Next agenda items:

- Hospital and medical provision with the new developments
- A meeting with Robert Buckland in August

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

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