



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7pm at Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Cripps, Hill, Lomax, Moore, Spillane and Wilson (Chair)
Also in attendance: 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 the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Hill declared an interest as a Member of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Moore declared an interest in item 6 (a) as a Member of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust and item 9 (a) as he had two close relatives' ashes buried in the churchyard.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th July 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Warning sign for the gate from Spinney Close onto B4192 had been delivered and installed.

Stiles from playing field in need of urgent repair had been reported to SBC, Clerk to request update

Action - Clerk

Swings – Cllr Wilson had measured the links with callipers and found that any wear was minimal. The condition would be closely monitored

Rocker – The Sales Manager from Kompan had inspected the equipment during the site visit and would action

Play area – Three companies had been approached and site visits arranged. To date only two quotes received. A further company to be contacted

Action – Clerk

Finger Post road sign – reported to SBC who have ordered a replacement

Meeting with Robert Buckland QC, MP had taken place in early August. Some actions are still outstanding

Action - Clerk

Landscape Maintenance Contractor had installed a new litter bin in Jubilee Gardens and a new dog bin in the playing field.

A contracted grass cut had been banked due to the unusually hot summer which would be actioned at the end of the normal grass cutting season. Also due to the low growth, the scheduled footpath clearance for June/July time had been put back to mid-Autumn.

Purley Road Brook – clearance of the first half has been completed, the remainder to be actioned in the next two weeks.

Acquisition of Spinney Close Green – no progress had been made. Help to be requested from Cllr Sumner

Action - Clerk

SHELAA list to be released via a special Clerk's Forum meeting on 21st September.

Action - Clerk

Hedges/shrubs on Purley Road growing out on to the footpath and road, SBC highways to be contacted. Cllr Cripps to send photos to Clerk

Action – Cllr Cripps/Clerk

Bell Lane – hedge on the right growing out into the highway, SBC to be informed

Action - Clerk

5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/18/1140

Location: Phase 3, Badbury Park Land at Commonhead Swindon

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 300 dwellings and public open space with associated works, including noise attenuation bunds, structural landscaping and drainage infrastructure – All matters reserved.

Resolved: the following to be submitted

At its meeting on 5th September 2018, Liddington Parish Council agreed that it wished to formally object to this application on the following grounds:

1. We object to the change of use from Commercial to Housing as at a recent meeting re a proposed Science Park, it was suggested that there is a need for more employment land in the area
2. The Parish Council agrees and fully supports the comments made by Highways England regarding the improvements needed to be made to Junction 15 of the M4 and the A419 prior to the number of dwellings exceeding 800.
3. If, despite our objections the outline planning application is passed, it must be on the basis of access being via Badbury Park and traffic management measures in place as contained in the application, not watered down as suggested by other objectors. The use of Day House Lane as a rat run has increased significantly in recent times with excessive speeds and no consideration or respect for the status of the road or the recreational users such as cyclists, walkers and horse riders. There must be no question of Day House Lane being used as an access route into the Badbury Park development because of the potential effects on roads in nearby villages.
4. We fully support the objections raised by the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust
5. As the proposal is for high density housing, therefore giving the area an unduly urban appearance, we object due to the proximity of the development to the AONB.
6. We also question the air quality of those houses being proposed close to the junction of the M4/A419

Application: S/HOU/18/1238

Location: 27 Hillside Cottages, Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HA

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension and detached garage

Resolved: the following comment to be submitted

Liddington Parish Council has no objections to the proposal but would like the following to be considered:

The front elevation needs to be in keeping with the rest of the property and those adjacent to it, with particular reference to the upstairs windows of the extension as they do not appear to match with the original building

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

S/HOU/18/0993 – Street House Farm – Erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey extension to existing annex - granted

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no Ward Councillor's report as Cllr Sumner was unable to attend the meeting

8. FINANCE

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

- Clerks expenses - £88.77
- Resident's expenses – bulbs and plants - £51.75
- Liddington Village Hall invoice 018/0033 - £30.00
- Members expenses – Unlimited web hosting - £10.77

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

- Members expenses - £21.80

- (c) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following Standing Order:
 - Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – September instalment - £388.70
- (d) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following Direct Debit:
 - Campaign to Protect Rural England – annual subscription - £36.00
- (e) **Monthly bank account reconciliation** – The meeting agreed that the account was in a healthy position

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) **Petition received from the residents of Liddington re the Churchyard**
 The contents of the letter and petition were discussed at length. The Clerk to respond to the petitioner with details of the current position of the Parish Council. **Action - Clerk**
- (b) **Highways/speeding issues**
 Aldbourne Parish Council had installed, at their own expense, traffic signs, showing the speed of oncoming traffic which would be suitable for use in Liddington. The Meeting agreed that a meeting, to be organised by Cllr Spillane, should be held with SBC Highways in the first instance to discuss and agree remedial action needed, with Ward Councillor Sumner and Cllr Wilson also attending. **Action – Cllr Spillane**
- (c) **Village Clean up**
 It was agreed that the date for the next Village clean up event will be 3rd November 2018
- (d) **Village Meeting**
 It was agreed that a Village Meeting would be held on 7th November 2018, after the monthly Parish Council Meeting. Topics to be discussed would be playground equipment, traffic issues, defibrillator and others to be agreed.

10. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Lomax proposed that the quote from Vastern Timber be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Spillane and unanimously agreed. Cllr Cripps to organise order and purchase, Clerk to reimburse cost
Action – Cllr Cripps/Clerk

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE SHEET & RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved – the documents were reviewed and approved for use at future Village events when Volunteers participate

12. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he carried out the fortnightly inspections on the play equipment on 9th and 23rd June, 7th and 20th July and 11th and 25th August.

Community Safety Forum – Cllr Wilson had attended the last meeting in July. The meetings were proving informative on many things. The Police had confirmed that they were carrying out fortnightly speed checks on the B4192.

13. PARISH MAGAZINE

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine:

- Play equipment update
- Traffic issues update
- Village meeting date
- Village clean-up date

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence for information:

- Countryside Voice – Summer 2018

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To receive information on matters not covered elsewhere & to receive future agenda items.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm

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