



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 6pm at Liddington Village Hall

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unwell).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd October 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Spinney Close Green – The acquisition request had been included in with a large amount of other asset transfer requests, some of which were contentious and time consuming. Agreement has now been reached and will move forward. Cllr Sumner to pursue with the aim of confirming the end date **Action – Cllr Sumner**

Bell Lane Hedges – SBC had confirmed that this was not part of the Highways Programme so had been passed to the Highways Inspector for investigation. If the hedges are deemed dangerous, it will be actioned. The meeting agreed that this was a health and safety issue due to it being a narrow road, made worse by the excessive growth, with a blind bend that is a bus route and used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Clerk to contact the Highways Inspectors **Action - Clerk**

Highways/Excessive speeding issues - Cllrs Spillane, Wilson and Ward Councillor Sumner had met with an SBC Highways Officer to discuss future options to limit the speed of traffic using the B4192. It was a frustrating meeting due to SBC not having the resources or money available to investigate and implement any safety measures. SBC have a list of priorities that is based on the seriousness of accidents and incidents that have occurred and the only way Liddington could reach the top of the list would be if there were even more serious accidents. SBC agreed that other Parish Councils were in a similar situation and the possibility of a shared Highways Technician, paid for by the Parishes was suggested. SBC to write to all Parish Councils before Christmas to see which Parish Councils would like to make use of this option. Cllr Spillane to look at cost options of installing the signs that Aldbourne have installed. **Action – Cllr Spillane**

Playing Field Bench refurbishment – Delivery of the wood still outstanding

Playing Field Sports Pitch Agreement – Cllr Sumner confirmed that there were no problems with the proposed terms of the agreement. Football fixtures change regularly but can be viewed online.

Lyden Magazine – Proposal from Wanborough Parish Council – to be discussed at the December meeting

5. PUBLIC SESSION

As the Village Meeting had been arranged to take place after the Parish council meeting, there was no Public Session. Notes on this meeting are appended to these minutes.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/18/1505 (9th November 2018)

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

Proposal: Notification of revised plans - Conversion and extension of a former agricultural barn, for use as domestic garaging and storage of vintage farm machinery and implements

Resolved: the following comment to be submitted:

Liddington Parish Council would like the following comments to be noted against the above-mentioned planning application:

We still have concerns over the skyline and the ridge height of the buildings. However, our other concerns have been satisfied

Application: S/HOU/18/1680 (15th November 2018)

Location: Local Centre (Parcels LC1 & LC2), Badbury Park, Commonhead Swindon

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (Approved drawings) and 11 (Parking) from previous permission S/17/1956.

Resolved: the following comment to be submitted:

At its meeting on 7th November 2018 Liddington Parish Council agreed that it would like the following to be noted against the above-mentioned.

The Parish Council has no comments to make

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

S/18/1424 – Great Western Hospital, Marlborough Road, Swindon – Retention of a single storey ward building as previously approved on temporary permission S/12/1804 – granted until 28th February 2028

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

SHELAA – Consultation period closes on 12th November 2018. Statutory Consultation will take place in the Spring 2019.

Science Park - Action meeting to take place on Monday 12th November at 7pm in Wanborough Village Hall

Hannick Homes site – contributions had been agreed towards highways improvements on Day House Lane from Hannick Homes and Persimmon. Looking to use a 'no right turn' into Day House Lane from Marlborough Road. Additional monies to be used further along the lane towards the Badbury Park Spine Road crossing to create a nicer, more rural feeling route for use by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

8. FINANCE

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

- Members expense – Unlimited webhosting - £3.59
- Liddington Village Hall Invoice 018/0042 - £24.00

(b) It was resolved to approve payment of the following Standing Order:

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

(c) Monthly bank account reconciliation – The meeting agreed that the bank accounts were in good order

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

10. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Cripps proposed the purchase of lockable storage cabinets for the defibrillators. Cllr Spillane seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously.

Action - Clerk

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections on the play equipment on 13th and 27th October.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Clean up - Thank you to all who participated

- Village Meeting
- Installation of two defibrillators

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7.25pm to allow the Village Meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Village Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Liddington Village Hall

Cllr Wilson opened the meeting by thanking the residents who were in attendance.

He gave a brief introduction outlining the purpose of the meeting and the topics to be discussed. He said that the Parish Councillors would like to hear the residents' views and opinions on how the Parish Council was doing and what they would like to see in the future. The first part of this meeting is the re-scheduled Public Session of the Parish Council Meeting, just completed, and he asked if anyone had any questions or concerns to put to the Council before proceeding to the main part of the meeting.

A resident commented that at times when the Junior football team used the playing field lots of traffic came up Church Road, through Parsonage Yard, which is a private road, to drop children off and turn around. In some cases private driveways were being used for parking

Cllr Wilson mentioned that there are some very old signs at the entrance to Parsonage Yard erected by the Parish council some 30 years ago saying that there was no vehicular right of way through from Church Road. The PC will consider replacing these and making them more prominent. He also explained that the Parish Council was looking to introduce a Sports Pitch Agreement which would stipulate the accepted route and conditions for accessing the Playing Field, via the public footpath from Church Road. The Sports Pitch Agreement also had the aim of stopping access to the field via the Graveyard.

The resident then asked if a new sign could be placed at the bottom of the hill by the Village Hall, stating 'No vehicular Access'? Cllr Wilson agreed that this would be most appropriate.

The site for overflow parking, when a function was being held at the Church on in the Village Hall, was The Street, which was a recognised problem in itself, or the Village Inn car park. The Village Hall Committee also advise these areas to be used. There is no obvious solution to this issue as The Street is very narrow, made worse by the hedge that has been allowed to grow out. A 'light-hearted' suggestion was made about contacting a landowner to see if a piece of land could be purchased to provide additional parking.

Access to the online Village Hall calendar via Liddington.org website needed to be investigated. A message on the home page of the website saying, 'We encourage car-sharing as parking is very limited at the Village Hall' was also suggested

Cllr Wilson then talked about the additional responsibilities that the Parish Council had taken over since 1st April 2017. The Parish Council continued to be pleased with the service provided by the contractors, Adams & Watt, who carry out the grass cutting, hedge cutting, some footpath maintenance and general grounds maintenance around the village.

A resident asked the question about gully maintenance along the B4192 as the drains were becoming blocked with weeds and leaves. Cllr Wilson advised that these were still the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council, and on their list for twice yearly maintenance.

Fly tipping in Liddington Warren was becoming a regular problem. A suggestion was made that signs should be erected saying 'This area is monitored by CCTV'.

Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish Council had made the decision not to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan as the time and costs made it prohibitive. Due to Swindon Borough Council not being able to demonstrate a 3-year or 5-year housing land supply, Neighbourhood Plans were being over ruled. The Village has a certain amount of protection due to it being within the AONB.

Projects

Triangle in Church Road – a local resident and Charitable Trust had recently undertaken some work on this piece of land. The area had been cleared, rotavated, prepared and reseeded with shade tolerant species. Wild flower seed would also be sown in the area.

Cllr Cripps gave a presentation about the Parish Council plans in extending the play area and adding some additional equipment. Four companies had been approached, three had responded with ideas of what to add to compliment the equipment already in situ and quotes. Examples were also available to view on noticeboards as the Parish Councillors wanted to hear the opinions of the residents that were in attendance. Also being considered was fencing the area off for additional security and to keep dogs out.

Cllr Lomax said that the Parish Council was ready to install two defibrillators, one at the Village Hall and a second in the disused phone box on The Street.

Cllr Spillane gave an update on Community Speedwatch. The group which is currently small, had been up and running for 18 months. They would welcome others to join them. As they shared a camera with Chiseldon Parish Council, speeds were checked for a period of time on a monthly basis. Monthly activity sheets were provided by the Police which provided a breakdown of the speeds and numbers of drivers captured. For speeds between 36-42 mph, the car owner received a letter; speeds over 42mph, the Police paid the owner a visit. Community Speedwatch was

originally set up as the initial phase of a project to collect data to provide the evidence to move forward with additional measures to reduce speed within the Village. The problem is not going away, although they had a positive impact when out on-site collecting speeds. A meeting had been held with SBC Highways to discuss options for permanent speed reduction. SBC have agreed to contact several Parish Council's who are in the same situation to assess whether they would consider contributing into the cost of a Highways Technician Consultant. Aldbourne have already purchased and installed flashing speed signs. Cllr Spillane will be investigating the costs and if Aldbourne has any data to prove the effectiveness of the signs.

A resident asked the question as to whether a crossing could be provided from Church Road to The Street. This has been looked at previously, in 2008, but was not viable as the width of the road could not tolerate the required central refuge area for pedestrians crossing the road. There is a concern over visibility due to the bend in the road at this point.

Cllr Wilson confirmed that the J15 works that were due to start now had been postponed until June 2019. The Parish Council has concerns about the local impact on the Village due to these road works. There are also concerns over the A417 'missing link' major project at Birdlip to M5 J11A, as this is expected to increase the number of HGV's using the A417/A419 as a link between M4 and M5. It is also unclear as to whether this had been factored in to the J15 improvement works.

Local SHELAA projects

- NEV
- Badbury Park
- Wanborough Science Park
- Coate Water – Hannick Homes Site
- DHL – Hills

Liddington.org website was a useful page that provided lots of information about all things Liddington, from the Parish Council, Village Hall, History of the Village, Conservation and Lyddington All Saints Church

The meeting closed with a general reminder of the Remembrance Day Service to be held in the Church at 10.30am
A Remembrance event would be taking place in the Village Hall from 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm