



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7pm at Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Cripps, Lomax, Moore, and Wilson (Chair)

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner, Angus Macpherson, Police & Crime Commissioner and Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. GUEST SPEAKER – ANGUS MACPHERSON, POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Angus thanked the Councillors for giving him the opportunity to speak to the Parish Council and said that he was trying to meet as many Parish Councils as he could. He wanted to talk about the Police year which had been trying for Wiltshire. The Novichok incident had produced an amazing amount of work, even though Wilts Police was not in charge of the investigation. The total bill, which had been sent to the Government and has been paid was £12m. It had involved staff from all forces over the country being drafted in which had resulted in lots of applications being received from Officers from visiting forces during a recent recruitment campaign.

He was pleased that the additional precept had been agreed, meaning an additional £24 per annum per Band D property. This would mean he was able to recruit an extra 41 Officers. A fundamental issue, that MPs will not recognise, is that the Proportion of the Police 'cake' given to Wiltshire is not sufficient. More money is given to the larger Metropolitan boroughs and it is hurting Wiltshire.

Wiltshire is one of the few forces that provides all staff with a mobile phone and laptop as is considered to be a leader in the use of IT. Police stations are being closed and the office is relocated to other buildings. PCs and PCSOs are now able to work in libraries, community centres and shopping centres using the IT provision, so are visible and out in the community more.

Swindon is split into two areas; North and South. South Swindon has a successful Community Safety Forum as there are not enough officers to attend each and every Parish Council meeting as previously.

Cllr Wilson asked if the use of new technology had meant more Officers on the beat, to which the answer was yes. Previously it would have meant that each Officer would need to spend an hour and a half at the end of the shift in the Police station writing notes etc., now it was completed whilst in the Community. Briefing meetings were held at the beginning of each shift to pass information and intelligence on for the new day.

Angus confirmed that body cameras are widely used, in correct circumstances. They are particularly useful in domestic violence situations and in pubs etc. The difficulty comes in the extra storage needed for holding the footage so they use the cloud. Wilts Police are so ahead in the use of technology, rest of the country is putting projects in place to catch up.

Cllr Gary Sumner asked as better cameras are now available, why are older ones still being used for Community Speed Watch? Sadly back office support is not sufficient to be able to process all of the data received. Installation of additional software is required which keeps being pushed down the list. Any fines resulting from prosecutions go to the Courts, not the Police, just a small dividend is paid.

Roads policing will be coming back to Wiltshire Police in April 2019, with the end of the Tri-Force agreement. This will sit within the Community Policing team and if the Officers have any spare time, they will be asked to support Community Speedwatch Groups. The Police do not get involved in

speeding issues as a general rule as they have other crimes, such as child sex exploitation to deal with.

A question was asked about the installation and use of average speed cameras on roads like the B4192 as they were a proven effective model on the motorways. Again, the issue was financial and the resulting fines not being passed to the Police. Angus took an action to look into this in a bit more detail as SBC are able to keep all the monies from the bus lane cameras, was there not a similarity?

Cllr Wilson asked why there was not a national policy in place? It was also suggested that the Police and Borough Council needed to talk and work together.

Drugs are an issue that is closely related to knife crime. The business model of the drug gangs is the use of disillusioned young people who are not engaged in education as the drug runners. It needs a joined up multi-agency approach rather than each working in its own silo.

Angus Macpherson left the meeting at 7.45pm

2. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (unavailable).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th February 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Oak Tree and commemorative plaque – Tree ordered with delivery expected in mid-March. Cllr Lomax suggested that the plaque be mounted on a Sarsen stone which was agreed.

Action – Cllr Lomax

Community Safety Forum - revised date of 28th March.

Action - Clerk

Parish Council Allowances – emails outstanding confirming wish to forego allowances

Action – Cllrs Bunney/Cripps/Hill/Spillane/Wilson

6. PUBLIC SESSION

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

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) **It was noted that no planning applications had been received**

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

S/HOU/18/1815 – 8 Manor View, Liddington SN4 0HP – Erection of a single storey rear extension – Granted

S/HOU/18/2058 – 27 Hillside Cottages, Purely Road, Liddington SN4 0HA – Erection of a two-storey side extension and detached garage – Granted

S/18/1505 – Street House Farm, the Street, Liddington SN4 0HD – Demolition and extension of a former agricultural barn, conversion for use as domestic garaging and storage of vintage farm machinery & implements - Granted

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

A constructive meeting was held with the Badbury residents on Tuesday 5th March regarding the SHELAA site in Badbury

M4 J15 works to commence in September. Signage will put out in August. Some useful feedback was given from the Badbury residents about the mitigation plans for disruption from the works.

Day House Lane - The Badbury residents do not want the proposed 'no right turn' from Marlborough Road into Day House lane. Cllr Sumner to meet with SBC Officer to discuss.

Tenders are back for the improvement works to White Hart roundabout and Gablecross junction. A final public display of the plans will be held in July. Both schemes will start this year. The cumulative impact of all the planned road works could result in total chaos so mitigation will need to be in place to limit the impact on the Villages.

SHELAA – next phase has been published, with a further phase to be consulted on in June and the final consultation in Winter 2019/20.

Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.25pm

9. FINANCE

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

- Members Expense – Unlimited webhosting 18/02/2019 -17/03/2019 - £3.59
- Clerks Remuneration - £556.25
- Clerks Administration - £43.75
- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust – Annual subscription - £25.00
- Members Expense – Blacksun Inc. – 5-year renewal of Lididngton.org website - £57.10

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

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

(c) **Monthly bank account reconciliation** – The meeting agreed with the account reconciliation

(d) **To review updated Asset Register as at 1st March 2019**

Resolved – the amended Asset Register was agreed and approved

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) **Hedge alongside B4192**

The Meeting agreed that the preferred choice was for the hedge to be removed, possibly as part of the Village Clean up on Saturday April 6th. Cllr Wilson to speak to the property owner and discuss the options.

Action – Cllr Wilson

(b) **Inappropriate parking of Vans and vehicles**

The Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer at SBC

Action - Clerk

11. SWINDON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

Hard copies of the plans to be passed around all Councillors to review the current Settlement Boundary for Liddington. If required, amendments and corrections to be made with final agreement at the April meeting for the response to be sent to Swindon Borough Council by April 5th. Cllr Moore to co-ordinate.

Action - All

12. LYDEN MAGAZINE

The contents of the email received re the future funding of the Lyden Magazine was discussed. Clerk to speak to Wanborough PC Clerk. Cllr Moore will send a suitable reply. **Action – Clerk/Cllr Moore**

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Lomax gave the meeting a brief overview of the recent Village Hall Committee AGM. There had been a significant increase in hall bookings which resulted in a healthy bank balance. An event is being planned for the 25th Anniversary of the Village Hall on Sunday 9th June.

Cllr Lomax had attended the meeting on Monday 25th February to meet SBC's Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council. Disappointing answers had been provided when asked about road safety and speeding issues on the B4192.

Cllrs Wilson and Moore attended the Ridgeway/NEV liaison meeting on Monday 3rd April which was informative and useful.

Swindon Area Committee – the next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 21st March

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out a safety inspection on the play equipment on 9th February.

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Clean-up Reminder
- Angus Macpherson’s visit to the Parish Council meeting
- New playground equipment, including photos
- Invitation to the CEO from GWH to attend the Parish Council meeting

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence for information had been received.

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

It was agreed to extend an invitation to the GWH CEO to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

Action - Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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