



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Cripps, Hill, Lomax, Spillane and Wilson
Also in attendance: Revd William O'Connell, Val Curtis (Clerk) and six Members of the public

1. GUEST SPEAKER – REVD WILLIAM O'CONNELL

Revd O'Connell explained that historically, the Church was a focal point and in some people's eyes it still is. His aim was to build a Community in the Parish and the Benefice as a whole, but this required trust and enthusiasm. He talked about some successes he had had in the past and more recently, locally. He believes that everyone should be given chances to turn their lives around. He sees the role of the Church as 'keeping the doors open' and is trying to instil a sense of belonging and warmth. Cllr Lomax suggested that the Church would be more welcoming if it was open more. A member of the public disagreed citing theft and a previous occasion when vandalism had occurred and Revd O'Connell was not supportive of unlocking it when unattended.

2. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Moore's reasons for absence (unavailable).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hill 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 3rd July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Highways Meeting – Cllrs Cripps and Spillane attended a meeting with Suzanne Coles from SBC and Cllr Sumner. Items discussed were a pothole that had been awaiting repair for over a year, now actioned. Re-siting of the crossing bollards lower down Purley Road between The Street and Medbourne Lane which would provide better visibility for pedestrians and give car drivers a longer distance to see people crossing the road. A suggestion was made to remove the centre hatching and replace with double white lines with hatching to the side of the road to give the illusion of a narrower road and provide a safer area for pedestrians. Advice was also asked as to the location, at the bottom of Purley Road for traffic approaching from Swindon, for the installation of a flashing speed sign indicating the approaching vehicles speed.

Trees at the top of Liddington Hill – Cllrs Moore and Lomax had agreed that it would not make sense to approach a farmer during the harvest season – ongoing

Churchyard – The Vicar had requested that signs stating 'no cycles' were not installed.

VE Day 75 – The Village Hall Committee were enthusiastic about holding an event.

Unacceptable potholes – still outstanding

Reinstatement of Bus No 20 – Letter sent to Stratton St Margaret Parish Council declining the invitation to contribute to the cost. The Chair of Wanborough Parish Council had attended a meeting with The Swindon Bus Company with a proposal for an alternative service, taking in the Villages, GWH and Greenbridge retail park which had been positively received.

Commemorative Oak Tree – the tree has died. Replacement to be arranged

Action - Clerk

6. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

A member of the public requested that a camera be installed above the defibrillator to act as a deterrent for anyone trying to use or vandalise the unit. Clerk to email the Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

Action – Clerk

Another member of the public raised concerns about the Right of Access behind Spinney Close as there was a wall in a dangerous condition and incidences of fly-tipping. Cllr Spillane to speak to the owner of the wall. As the fly-tipping is occurring on private land, no action can be taken. **Action – Cllr Spillane**

The Architect for the planning application to be discussed at Liddington Warren Farm explained the reasons for withdrawing the previous application and submitting a new one. The changes included a revised access point, revised location for a bat roost and the redesign of the links to the buildings.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/19/1083

Location: 39 The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey rear and single storey side extensions

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application

Application: S/19/1124 (6th September 2019)

Location: Liddington Warren Farm, Aldbourne Road, Liddington SN4 0EB

Proposal: Construction of new vehicular access, change of use of buildings and grounds to a mixed use including the established residential, agricultural and other ancillary uses, with use for wedding ceremony, function, conferences and events, erection of single storey extensions to barns, rotunda and associated works.

Resolved: the following comments to be submitted:

At its meeting on Wednesday 4th September the Parish Council agreed that the previous comments submitted for the original application S/18/ 1711, as detailed below, still apply.

The Parish Council fully supports the proposal as detailed.

Where appropriate, it would request the following to be included in the Planning Conditions:

1. Discreet external signage to be used, if applicable.
2. To limit light pollution due to the property being within the AONB, it would suggest downlighters were used.
3. Due to the brow of the hill, it would recommend that the speed limit be reduced to 50 mph for the length of the road.

The Parish Council considers this to be a special case and not setting a precedent for future development in the AONB.

(b) The meeting noted that that the following application had been withdrawn:

S/18/1711 – Liddington Warren Farm, Aldbourne Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0EB – Change of use to a mixed use including residential, agricultural, wedding/function/conference venue and guest accommodation (Sui Generis), demolition of stables/part demolition of barns, erection of a rotunda, erection of extension to barns and associated works.

The meeting noted that the following application had been granted permission:

S/HOU/19/0838 – 27 Hillside Cottages, Purley Road, Liddington SN4 0HA – Erection of a single storey rear extension

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

9. FINANCE

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

- Clerk expenses – Office 365 - £59.99
- Members expense – Unlimited webhosting - £3.59

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – September instalment - £478.65

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

- Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) – Annual membership - £36.00

(d) It was **resolved** to ratify payments made between meetings:

- Chairs Allowance - £75.00

- Liddington Village Hall – invoice number 019/025 - £30.00
- Members expense – plants - £12.57
- Members expense – bench sundries - £110.21
- Members expense – Unlimited webhosting - £3.59

(e) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – the meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

a) Defibrillator update

The first defibrillator had now been installed on the outside wall of The Village Hall. The date of October 2nd would be suggested to Community Heartbeat Trust for the familiarisation session, to include as many residents as possible.

Action - Clerk

The owner of the telephone box in The Street had confirmed that the second unit could be installed. Cllr Spillane to contact an electrician to install and reinstate power to the telephone box, Cllr Bunney to oversee the installation. Once completed, the second unit would be ordered with a CHT appointed electrician to install it.

Action – Cllrs Spillane/Bunney

b) Footpath and hedge B4192 – Acknowledgement from SBC had been received with a request to work directly with the Parish Council. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllr Lomax when the Officer returns from annual leave.

Action – Clerk/Cllr Lomax

c) Wales & West Utilities programme of works for replacement of gas mains pipework – Work to undertake the replacement of the gas mains was planned in the Village to be starting mid-September, all residents affected would be contacted directly by Wales & West Utilities prior to the works commencing.

11. LYDEN MAGAZINE

Cllrs Hill and Wilson had attended a further meeting concerning the free distribution of the Lyden Magazine to all residents in the villages. It was confirmed that 80% of Liddington residents already subscribe and receive the magazine.

Resolved: Cllr Spillane proposed that the current arrangements continue. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed unanimously.

Action - Clerk

12. REVIEW OF IRPP FOR PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES 2020-21

To consider the recommendation received from Swindon Borough Council.

Resolved: Cllr Spillane proposed that Liddington Parish Council continues as previously agreed. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal and unanimously agreed.

Action - Clerk

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Community Safety Forum – next meeting due to take place on Wednesday 11th September – Cllr Wilson to attend.

Community Speedwatch – no update provided

Ridgeway/SBC Liaison meeting – J15 upgrade works delayed until Spring 2020. White Hart roundabout upgrade works to commence in October 2019. New bridge to be installed for a slip road on to the A419 northbound in December 2019.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed by email that the fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment had been carried out on 13th July, 27th July, 9th and 24th August.

Wanborough Football Club to be informed that the defibrillator has been installed and no other contractor to cut the grass in the playing field.

Action - Clerk

GWH Foundation Trust Annual meeting to be held on 26th September – Cllr Wilson to attend.

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Defibrillator installed and announcement of the familiarisation event on 2nd October 2019
- Autumn clean up event 19th October 2019

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- CPRE Countryside Voice – Summer 2019

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Future agenda items:

- Larger/better noticeboard
- Ideas and suggestions to raise the profile of the Church

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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