



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Bunney, Lomax (Chair), Moore, Spillane and Wilson
Also in attendance: Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax reminded all Members at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and during the meeting if it comes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed. No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

Footpath & Hedge B4192 – The resident of The Rectory had contacted Cllr Sumner asking about SBC's position on biodiversity due to the ongoing dispute over the hedge. Cllr Sumner explained the situation and has sent a copy of the Cultivation Licence for the resident to consider.

Sarsen Stones – still outstanding

The Lodge, 37 The Street – Cllr Wilson to contact the property owner.

Action – Cllr Wilson

M4, J15 upgrade works – Still delayed, no start date provided.

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:

The Meeting noted that no applications had been received

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

S/19/1124 -Liddington Warren Farm, Aldbourne Road, Liddington, Swindon, SN4 0EB - 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. - Granted

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

8. FINANCE

(a) **Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed to approve payment of the following invoices. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

- Clerk Expenses – McAfee security software - £17.99
 - Members expenses – Unlimited webhosting - £4.19
- (b) **Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed to approve payment of the following Standing Order. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – December instalment - £478.65
- (c) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation**
The Meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order, on track and within budget.
- (d) **To approve the provision of a business debit card**
As detailed in Financial Regulation 6.18 the use to be specifically restricted to the Clerk/RFO and will be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £100 unless authorised by council in writing before any order is placed.
Resolved: Cllr Lomax proposed to approve the provision of a business debit card. Cllr Spillane seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. **Action - Clerk**

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) The purchase and installation of a new noticeboard board – Cllr Lomax to investigate alternative noticeboards with a view of siting it in Jubilee Gardens **Action – Cllr Lomax**
- (b) Issues with BT resulting from Wales & West Utilities pipe replacement works – Seven properties in Medbourne Lane had been without telephone land line service and broadband for two weeks due to Wales & West Utilities hit the cable. The meeting agreed that this was poor service from BT and a complaint to be submitted. **Action - Clerk**

10. RECONNECTION OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE DISUSED PHONEBOX

To review quote received from SSE for the reconnection of the electricity supply to facilitate housing of the defibrillator in the disused phone box.

Resolved: The meeting agreed that the quote was expensive and would consider alternative arrangements. Cllr Bunney to discuss a possible method of reconnecting the power supply with the electrician.

Action – Cllr Bunney

11. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT QUOTE FOR 2020-21

Resolved: Cllr Lomax proposed to approve the quote provided for Landscape Maintenance for 2020-21. Cllr Moore seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed. **Action - Clerk**

12. DRAFT BUDGET 2020-21

Some adjustments needed to be made.

Action - Clerk

13. SBC CODES & PROTOCOLS ANNUAL REVIEW

Resolved: The meeting agreed that no comments would be provided.

Action - Clerk

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Spillane submitted a written report, attached to these minutes in the minute file, detailing Community Speedwatch activity in the previous month. No response had been received from SBC regarding the location of the flashing speed signs. Quotes had been requested from Westcotec, the only UK manufacturer of speed signs.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that the fortnightly safety inspection of the play equipment had been completed on 8th and 23rd November 2019

NEV Ridgeway Liaison Meeting – Cllrs Cripps, Moore and Wilson had attended the recent meeting on 2nd December. General updates were given, the key items being Symmetry Park, as the owner had appealed to the Court of Appeal and that works had been started on White Hart Junction

15. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Season's Greeting and Happy New Year
- Adams & Watt – renewal of contract and additional works to be completed in December
- M4, J15 upgrade works delayed

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- CPRE - Countryside Voices – Winter 2019

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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