



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Wilson'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 4th December 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Footpath & Hedge B4192 – Cllr Sumner has chased the resident re the Cultivation licence

Debit card – now received

SBC Codes & protocols - actioned

Issues with reinstatement works following on from the gas main work to be raised with Project Manager – the triangle in Church Road, grass verge by parking space next to the stream in Purley Road and the junction of Medbourne Lane/Medbourne Farm.

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:

The Meeting noted that no applications had been received

(b) The Meeting noted that the following applications had been granted permission:

S/LBC/19/1198 – Thatched Cottage, Liddington, SN4 0HB – Replacement of existing chimney pot – granted

S/HOU/19/1243 – Thatched Cottage, Liddington, SN4 0HB – Replacement of existing chimney pot - granted

S/19/0703 – Lane east of A419 – Construction of a new road to link A419 Commonhead roundabout to the proposed NEV development – granted

The conditions appeared to be complicated and concerns were raised over discrepancies in differing conditions and there appears to be no agreement with Thames Water. Lighting scheme is also of concern with regards to the effect on Liddington residents. Cllr Cripps to prepare a draft response addressing the issues.

Action Cllr Cripps/Clerk

Cllr Sumner joined the meeting at 8pm

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Local Plan Review – Consultation period ends 31st January 2020

Inlands Farm – no new information submitted as yet. Extension of time until the end of February

Wales & west Utilities – works ongoing. Road closures and plan of works can be viewed on <https://www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk/news/>

Highways – crossing point and road marking on B4192 not being progressed in current programme, Both items remain on the list for future consideration.

Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.25pm

8. FINANCE

Due to insufficient signatories present, the Clerk was given permission to countersign all payments

- (a) **Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed to approve payment of the following invoices. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- The Play Inspection Company – Annual Inspection - £78.00
 - Members expenses – Unlimited webhosting - £4.19
 - Clerks Remuneration – October, November & December 2019 – £594.00
 - Clerks administration payment – October, November, December 2019 – £43.75
 - Chairs Allowance - £75.00
 - Wanborough PCC - Lyden Magazine (Clerk's copy) - £10.00
- (b) **Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed to approve payment of the following Direct Debit. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- ICO – Annual registration fee - £35.00
- (c) **Resolved:** Cllr Spillane proposed to approve payment of the following Standing Orders. Cllr Cripps seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – January instalment - £478.65
 - Friends of Ridgeway – Annual subscription - £15.00
- (d) **Resolved:** Cllr Spillane proposed to approve payment of the following recurring payment. Cllr Cripps seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- Unlimited webhosting – (18/01/2020 – 17/02/2020) - £4.19
- (e) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – The Meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order
- (f) **To receive Q3 Budget Monitoring**
To review and approve Q3 budget monitoring - The meeting agreed that the budget was on track
- (g) **To agree annual budget and precept for 2020/21** - To continue to maintain the level of service provided Cllr Lomax proposed that an increase in the precept was necessary. Cllr Moore seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- Resolved:** that the precept be set at £13,517.00, which together with the Council Tax support grant of £455 will make a total income for 2020-21 of £13,972.00

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) The purchase and installation of a new noticeboard board
The meeting agreed that there was two options to consider – continue to use current noticeboard and make more use of the one in Spinney Close or purchase a larger board for Parish Council business and Village matters. The decision to be made at the February meeting.
- (b) Parking issues at the Village Hall
An issue with parking had arisen in December due to a carol concert, tango event and a football match on the same day. Research needs to be carried out to see if there is an opportunity to increase the area available for parking.
- (c) VE Day celebrations
The Village Hall Committee Chair had approached Cllr Lomax to consider holding a joint event to celebrate VE Day on 8th May. A question to be put to residents via the Lyden Magazine article asking for suggestions regarding the type of event. **Action - Clerk**

10. ANNUAL PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Two items had been identified that needed attention; the condition of the benches as they are rotten and one of the posts for the gate has rusted resulting in holes that could cause injury. Cllr Cripps suggested that signs be put on the benches saying 'Do not use' until such time as they could be removed and refurbished. **Action – Cllr Cripps**
Cllr Lomax believed that the posts could be attended to on site, the rust removed and painted

Action – Cllr Lomax

The Play Inspection Company had also suggested that the gate be padlocked to restrict the opportunity for unwelcome vehicles to access the site. Cllr Cripps proposed that a coded padlock be purchased and installed.

Authorised users, for example the grass cutting contractor, to be given the code for access.

Action – Cllr Lomax

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Swindon Area Committee – Cllr Lomax had attended the recent meeting where the Chair of Central Swindon South had shared a recent policy that had been adopted detailing their position regarding other areas of responsibility being transferred from Swindon Borough Council. The meeting agreed that Liddington Parish Council should consider introducing a similar policy.

Action – Cllr Lomax/Clerk

Cllr Spillane submitted a written report with product specifications and quotes received for the Flashing Speed Sign. Swindon Borough Council had not replied to an email sent with preferred site locations for siting of the signs. SBC had confirmed that the crossing point and road marking works on the B4192 that had been submitted for consideration had not been progressed on this occasion.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

The Meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine

- Budget & Precept for 2020/21
- VE Day Celebrations

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Future agenda items:

Village Communications – Website, Facebook and Noticeboards

VE Day Celebrations

Cllr Lomax asked for a tree that needed attention on The Street be reported to Swindon Borough Council

Action – Clerk

Cllr Cripps requested that the 40mph speed sign on B4192 that had rusted out and was leaning over be reported to SBC.

Action - Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

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