



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

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

### 1. CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

**Resolved:** Cllr Lomax proposed that Lauren Hyatt be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed unanimously

### 2. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received as all members of the Council were in attendance.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were agreed as a true record. Due to the social distancing guidelines, the agreed minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting

### 5. MATTERS ARISING

B4192 – My account still states, 'report raised in confirm'. Clerk to chase, if no response received to be escalated to Cllr Sumner.

Wales & West Utilities - £100 received to cover costs of reinstatement of Church Road triangle. The resident had been informed. The rye grass that had been used in initial reinstatement works may be sufficient; current thoughts to wait and see if any of the wild flowers reappeared.

Defibrillator – Cllr Bunney had contacted the electrician to discuss original provisional estimate of costs that had been provided. This did not include the trunking work needed to connect the electricity supply from the property to the telephone box. Currently waiting for the resident to reconfirm approval for the telephone box to be used and discuss measures needed for power connection. It was considered premature to ask for a further quote before agreement had been reached.

Speed sign – Cllr Lomax had cut back to the bushes to improve visibility of the sign. Unit has now been moved to a different location. Data download had proved problematic, main reason being no Bluetooth connectivity, resulting in connection via a USB cable required. The situation to be monitored to ascertain if purchasing the Bluetooth option was preferable.

Footpath at the junction of The Street/B4192 – the resident had been responded to and acknowledged.

Tree in Spinney Close Green – the resident had been responded to. The tree to be reviewed in September/October

Internal Audit and Limited Assurance Review – Internal Audit had been submitted to Auditing Solutions for completion, no update received. Exemption Certificate had been sent to PKF Littlejohn, confirming no requirement for a Limited Assurance Review to be completed.

### 6. PUBLIC SESSION

As no members of the public had made representations, the Parish Council continued with the meeting.

### 7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

**Application:** S/OUT/18/1943 (29<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

**Location:** Inlands Farm, The Marsh, Wanborough, SN\$ 0AS

**Proposal:** A Hybrid Planning Application for a Science Park and associated works to include full details of 33,507 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1c (light industrial), with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage and an outline proposal for up to 32,281 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1b (research and development) and up to 16,400 sqm (GIA) B1c (light industrial), with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage (all matter reserved).

**Resolved:** Due to the complexities of the application and the need for a comprehensive and thorough response, Cllrs Wilson and Moore to prepare initial responses to be shared with all Members. The final submission to be discussed at an ad hoc meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Action – Cllrs Moore/Wilson/Clerk**

**Application:** S/OUT/19/0582 (19<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

**Location:** Lotmead Site, New Eastern Villages

**Proposal:** Outline Planning Application (means of access off Wanborough Road not reserved) for demolition and/or conversion of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide up to 2,500 homes (Use Class C3); up to 1,780 sqm of community/retail uses (Use Class D1/D2/A1/A3/A4); up to 2,500 sqm of employment use (Use Class B1); sports hub; playing pitches; 2no. 2 Form Entry primary schools; green infrastructure; indicative primary access road corridors to A420; improvements to Wanborough Road and associated works.

The Meeting noted that this application was out of time for any response to be submitted

**(b) The meeting noted that no decisions had been made.**

## 8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cabinet Portfolio had been changed and Cllr Sumner was now the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Transport and Planning.

The proposed diversion route for the temporary closure of A346 Marlborough Road was unacceptable. As the closure was for three nights a week from 8pm – 6am a more logical diversion was via The Ridgeway Road, onto the B4192. Whilst this would have an impact on Liddington Village, as the B4192 was the alternative route for the M4, the Cllrs understood the reasoning behind the suggestion. Agreement had been reached for access to The Plough on the Hill pub. Cllr Sumner to inform all affected Parish Councils once the alternative diversion route had been accepted.

A further meeting had been held with BT Openreach. A detailed list of what areas to look at had been provided; Wanborough/Liddington exchange first, along with Chiseldon, Bishopstone and Wroughton to facilitate costings to be provided. A scheme within Openreach to obtain funding was available to allow the project delivery.

Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.05pm

## 9. FINANCE

**Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed to approve payment of the invoice, standing order, and recurring payment and ratification of the payment made between meetings. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

**(a) To approve payment of the following:**

- WALC – Annual subscription 2020/21 - £208.63

**(b) To approve payment of the following Standing Orders:**

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

**(c) To approve payment of the following recurring payment**

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/06/2020 – 17/07/2020) - £4.19

**(d) To ratify payments made between meetings**

- Zoom – Standard pro monthly (May) - £14.39

**(e) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation –** the meeting noted that the VAT refund had been received and agreed that this amount should be transferred to the interest-bearing account. **Action - Clerk**

## 10. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

(a) Defibrillator – this had been covered in Matters Arising

(b) Section 14 Temporary road closure A346 – Marlborough Road – this had been covered in the Ward Councillors report

## 11. ALLOTMENT PROVISION

Cllr Moore had provided a written report re discussions held with the Land Agent concerning the lease, which is attached to the minutes. Cllr Moore advised the meeting that the costs, although more than initially expected, were understood and should be accepted. Answers to some of the points made to the Land Agent were outstanding.

Cllr Hill confirmed that the general plans were at formative stages. Priority was to clear the area and split out the plots appropriately. Contact had been made with some of the current allotment holders and those that had shown an interest in acquiring one.

## 12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (10 MINUTES)

Ridgeway Ward/SBC NEV liaison meeting – Cllr Moore had provided a written report, attached to the minutes.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The play area was closed due to the response to the pandemic and he had not seen it being used. The wood has shrunk due to the weather conditions however, this was not considered a safety issue. Wanborough Junior Football Club Chairman had emailed the Clerk to ask for the Parish Council's position regarding the use of the playing field for training purposes. Permission had been given, pointing out that the play equipment is not to be used.

The oak tree had been watered once or twice a week but it was still not leafing up. Clerk to ask the Contractor for advice.

**Action – Clerk**

Benches – Cllr Bunney had started work on one of the two remaining benches that needed refurbishment. Wood had been removed, cleaned down and was now ready for the metalwork to be painted, with the expectation of it being completed within the next two weeks.

Village Hall – currently not being used due to the social distancing guidelines. The Committee was awaiting guidance from the Village Hall Association. Hand washing facilities had been made available. Should the hall not be used for the remainder of the year the financial position was good.

Town Board – Cllr Wilson had sent an email to all members with numerous attachments setting out the current position with the proposal for the development of the town centre. Call for 'projects' was underway to pull together a town investment plan.

## 13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- New councillor
- A request for residents to support the objection to the Inlands Farm planning application
- Zoom meetings
- Vacancy

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

## 15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

None received

The Meeting closed at 9pm

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