



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on
Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

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

1. CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

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

2. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Bunney's reasons for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Hyatt's reason 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 June 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 – The request for the gutters to be cleaned by Swindon Borough Council has been actioned.

Speed sign – Data capture needed to be downloaded from the unit.

Action – Cllr Wilson

Inlands Farm Planning Application – objection had been submitted

Oak Tree – the condition of the tree planted as a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 was of concern due to the lack of leaves. The Grounds Maintenance Contractor will continue to monitor and a decision made for any remedial action needed at the end of July.

6. PUBLIC SESSION

A resident had contacted the Clerk to raise several concerns:

Queries with the minutes visible on the website

Action – Clerk/Cllr Hill

Lack of progress regarding a memorial for Lord Joel Joffe –. Suggestions made, renaming of Spinney Close Green, planting of an additional tree, plaque in the Village Hall with an explanation in words and picture of his impact on the Village. To be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

Contact details for new Councillors – it was agreed that a contact list for all Councillors will be posted on the noticeboard.

Action - Clerk

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

The meeting noted that no planning applications had been received

(b) To note any decisions:

The meeting noted that no decisions had been received.

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

9. FINANCE

- (a) **Resolved:** Cllr Wilson proposed to approve payment of the following invoices. Cllr Hill seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.
- WALC Swindon Area Committee – Annual subscription 2020/21 - £15.00
 - Chairs Allowance - £75.00
 - Clerks remuneration - £605.88
 - Clerks administration - £43.75
 - Members Expenses – Land Registry fees - £59.90
- (b) **Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed payment of the Standing Orders, recurring payments and ratification of payment made between meetings. Cllr Lomax seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – July instalment - £518.57
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- (c) **To approve payment of the following recurring payment**
- Unlimited webhosting – (18/07/2020 – 17/08/2020) - £4.19
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- (d) **To ratify payments made between meetings**
- Zoom – Standard pro monthly (June) - £14.39
- (e) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – the meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order
- (f) **To receive Q1 Budget Monitoring Resolved** – the budget was as expected

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) 'Share your surplus' event – Cllrs Hill and Hyatt to work with resident. Provisional date suggested of 6th September 2020. Cllr Hill to contact the resident to progress. Item to be included in the Lyden Magazine.
Action - Cllrs Hill/Hyatt/Clerk
- (b) Letter to Badbury park residents – Cllr Lomax and the Clerk to amend the letter originally written before the lockdown for distribution. References to the election to be removed. Provision of allotments in the Village to be added.
Action – Cllr Lomax/Clerk

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council or who are responsible for local schemes, amenities and projects will have the opportunity to provide an update on progress made.

Allotments – Cllr Moore tabled a written report, which will be attached to the minutes, and gave a verbal update as to the current position. Subject to approval of the Parish Council the Heads of Terms can be finished and agreed and a Solicitor instructed to act on the Councils behalf.

Resolved: Cllr Lomax proposed that Councillor Moore to continue with the negotiations. Cllr Hill seconded the proposal, which was agreed by the majority, with one abstention.
Action – Cllr Moore

Cllr Hill will be arranging a meeting with residents interested in take a plot. An up to date plan had been provided of the area, which will be cleared, measured and standard plot sizes pegged out.
Action – Cllr Hill

Defibrillator – Cllr Bunney had spoken to the resident to confirm his agreement as connecting the power cable may require the lifting and replacing of some paving slabs. Cllr Wilson suggested the use of standard armoured mains cable would be more straightforward option.
Action – Cllr Bunney

Swindon Area Committee – Cllr Wilson tabled a written report that will be attached to the final minutes

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed via email that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on 12th & 27th June. The equipment is in general good order. However, due to the hot weather some of the beams on the new equipment have shrunk, which has made them loose. It is not excessive or a problem, however the bolts will need to be tightened at some point in the future. The bench on the far side has now been refurbished and is ready for use. The tables and some of the equipment will require rustproofing and painting over the summer.

Covid-19 – Play areas are permitted to open from 4th July. Signage to be displayed, encouraging social distancing guidelines, personal responsibility for good hand hygiene and regular use of hand sanitiser,
Action - Clerk

Town Deal Board – Cllr Wilson tabled a written report. All project proposals have been received and will be reviewed on 24th July ready for the final submission to be made on 31st July.

Community Speedwatch – Mrs Spillane had forwarded a communication from CSW HQ advising that sessions could be re-started. As the Parish Council had purchased a speed sign that could capture data approved by the Police, was there still a need for the continuation of the CSW sessions? The decision as to whether the data would be used

or not was the individual Neighbourhood Inspector's choice. An email to be sent to the Inspector responsible for North, East & Rural Swindon to confirm. **Action - Clerk**

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- New Councillor
- Share your surplus
- Refurbishment of the benches in Playing Field

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Meeting noted that no correspondence had been received:

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

A short meeting will be held on August 5th to progress:

- Lease for the Allotments
- Joel Joffe Memorial
- Community Speedwatch decision based on any response from Swindon Police
- 'Share your surplus' event planning

The Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed.....

Date.....