



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

**Present:** Councillors Bunney, Hill, Hyatt, Moore (Chair) and Wilson  
Also present: Val Curtis (Clerk)

### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** To approve Cllr Lomax's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Workman's reason for absence (unavailable).

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hill declared an interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Hyatt declared an interest in Item 8, Allotments as an allotment holder.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st July 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

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Speed sign – Cllr Wilson had downloaded the data and carried out some analysis. He was thanked for this useful action.

Concerns raised by a resident in June – the website had been updated with the minutes. Councillors contact list for the noticeboards ready to be displayed once email addresses had been confirmed for the new Councillors.

Letter to the Badbury Park residents – in progress

Allotments – Cllr Hill confirmed that clearing of the ground was underway. Pegs denoting allotment plots were in the ground. An area at the back of the greenhouses was currently impenetrable. Conversations with current plot holders were in progress.

Second defibrillator – no further progress had been made

Covid-19 – appropriate signage had been displayed when the play areas were opened after lockdown measures had been eased.

#### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

As no members of the public were in attendance and no representations had been received, the Parish Council continued with the meeting.

#### 6. PLANNING MATTERS

##### (a) To consider any planning applications:

**Application:** S/20/0673 (7<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

**Location:** Fairview, 22 Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HA

**Proposal:** Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works [non-compliance with condition 2 (Drawings) of planning permission S/17/1246]

Cllrs Moore and Wilson had looked at the proposal. Cllr Wilson explained that basically it is as before with the addition of a porch to the front and a conservatory to the rear of the property. An office to be included

in the roof space above the garage. The location had not changed. It is understood that the additional land purchased from the Diocese of Bristol in recent months by the owners of number 22 had been transferred to the owner of the plot to become part of the garden but had not been included in the plan. As this was agricultural land, a change of use will be required.

**Resolved:** The following comments to be submitted

At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Liddington Parish Council agreed that it wished the following comments to be noted against the above-mentioned planning application:

Parish Council has no objections to the proposal.

It is noted that a piece of land purchased from the Diocese of Bristol in recent months by the owners of number 22, has been transferred to the Applicant and now forms part of number 20, the proposed new dwelling. We understand that this land is to become part of the garden, however, it is not included in the plans. As this was agricultural land, we believe that a change of use will be required.

**(b) To note any decisions:**

The Meeting noted that no decisions had been received.

**7. FINANCE**

**Resolved:** Cllr Moore proposed approval to pay the invoice, recurring payment and to ratify the payment made between meetings. Cllr Hyatt seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.

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

- Auditing Solutions – Internal Audit - £186.00

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

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

- Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription - £59.99

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

- Zoom standard pro monthly – August - £14.39

**(e) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation**

The Meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order.

**8. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Hyatt was muted for the duration of the item.

Cllr Moore tabled a written report, attached to the minutes in the file, and gave a brief verbal update on the current position. The terms of the lease are now agreed, with a final tweak required for the commencement date. Three firms of Solicitor had been approached to provide quotes for the legal work to be completed on behalf of the Parish Council, which had been received. He believed that the allotments would be of benefit to the Village and those residents in Badbury Park that are within the Parish Boundary. Cllr Moore confirmed that two actions were now needed, to accept, in principle, the terms negotiated and select the solicitor and instruct them on a fixed fee basis.

**Resolved:** Cllr Hill proposed to authorise the lease negotiations with the landowner to continue as outlined in the report and approve Cllr Moore to select the preferred supplier to provide Legal Services to the Parish Council. Cllr Bunney seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. **Action – Cllr Moore**

Discussions to take place between the Parish Council and the Diocese of Bristol relating to the liability and charging method for the Diocese costs. **Action – Cllr Moore/Clerk**

**9. JOEL JOFFE MEMORIAL**

A discussion paper, attached to the minutes in the file, had been circulated with 2 suggestions for a fitting memorial for Lord Joel Joffe. Lady Joffe had been approached and agreed, in principle, with the first of these proposals. Other suggestions included renaming of the footpath leading to the Manor, a casting and/or plaque to be sited in a central location. Cllr Moore to discuss all options with Cllr Lomax prior to wider consultation.

**Action – Cllrs Moore/Lomax**

**10. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

The first data download from the speed sign had been willingly received by Wiltshire Police as it enabled them to carry out enforcement at the right time rather than relying on instinct. However, the local Neighbourhood Inspector and Sergeant advocated that Community Speedwatch continued as it was felt to be a valuable response to the issues of speeding, whilst acknowledging that this relied on volunteers giving up their time.

**Resolved:** The Meeting felt that the local Community Speedwatch be encouraged to re-launch and continue with regular monitoring. Cllr Hyatt volunteered to act as the 'bridge' between the Parish Council and the CSW team. **Action - Clerk**

Licence application for the siting of the speed sign to be sent to Swindon Borough Council **Action - Clerk**

**11. SHARE YOUR SURPLUS EVENT**

Cllr Hill confirmed that the event, to be known as Fruit & Veg Swap, will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 11am until 2pm, outside the Village Hall or inside if wet weather. Signs have been put up around the Village. Details to be confirmed in the next edition of the Lyden Magazine. **Action – Cllr Hill/ Clerk**

**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Moore thanked Cllr Bunney for the work on refurbishment of the bench.

Oak tree – the tree is not dead but is still not doing well and not leafing up. Questions to be asked whether it was the correct tree to plant or if there could be problem with the root ball or a fungus. **Action - Clerk**

A request had been received by the Chairman of Wanborough Junior Football Club to ask if a parent could park their car at the emergency exit. The Meeting agreed that it was not feasible and the request be refused. **Action - Clerk**

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Hill confirmed that the decision had been made to move the defibrillator around the side of the Village Hall. The Parish Council believed that the unit was in the correct location due to its purpose and needed to be in clear sight. Wider consultation needed to be carried out and the residents in the Village be asked for their comments in the next edition of the Lyden Magazine. **Action – Clerk**

The Committee is currently in the midst of doing what is required for opening the Hall and ensuring it is Covid safe

Town Fund – Cllr Wilson confirmed that seven projects had been selected for submission to the Government. He gave the meeting a brief outline of these proposals.

**13. PARISH MAGAZINE**

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

- Speed sign – first download of data
- Confirmed details for the share your surplus event
- Allotment negotiations
- Consultation on the siting of the defibrillator at the Village Hall
- M4 J15 upgrade works

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted that no correspondence for information had been received.

**15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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