



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Hyatt, Lomax, Moore, Wilson and Workman
Also present: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner, Val Curtis (Clerk) and one member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hill declared an interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5th August 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

Allotments – Solicitor chosen and appointed. Negotiations have slowed up. The Land Agent was due to report to the Diocese of Bristol and the Charities Commission. Cllr Moore to chase. **Action – Cllr Moore**

Community Speedwatch – Latest update from the CSW co-ordinator confirmed that volunteer numbers were a problem

Speed sign – Licence application submitted to Swindon Borough Council

Oak Tree – Cllr Bunney had spoken to the Contractor and another expert. The tree was not dead but still not leafing up. As the roots grew downwards there was a possibility that the roots could not deal with the chalk. A suggestion was made to replace with a Beech tree.

Junior Football Club – A response had been sent to the request for a parent to use the emergency exit due to mobility issues. A local resident had offered use of their drive to the person in question

Defibrillator – response had been received at 17.58 on 2nd September from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee agreeing to the suggestion of a meeting with Members from both the VH Committee and the Parish Council to discuss the way forward to the request for the unit to be moved from the front of the Village Hall and prepare a suggestion of how to put the question to ask the wider public of their opinion. Cllr Hill to Chair the meeting as she is a member of both bodies. Cllrs Hyatt and Wilson volunteered to represent the Parish Council.

Action – Cllrs Hill/Hyatt/Wilson

5. PUBLIC SESSION

The member of the public asked that the views he had expressed relating to the location of the defibrillator be made available to the wider public. Cllr Hill suggested that the views of the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee be outlined – for and against and asking residents to give their opinions. Cllr Lomax confirmed that the Parish Council believes that the wider population should be consulted rather than just the views of two small committees.

The site line from The Street was being obstructed by the overgrown hedges and trees and the road sign to the Village Inn. Cllr Lomax to investigate. **Action – Cllr Lomax**

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/20/0946

Location: Elm Croft, Medbourne Lane Liddington SN4 0EY

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Resolved: The meeting agreed that there were no objections to this application

Application: S/HOU/20/0972

Location: 47 The Street, Liddington SN4 0HD

Proposal: Erection of a first-floor extension, single storey rear extension and two storey front extension

Resolved: The meeting agreed that the following comments would be submitted:

The Parish Council has no objections to this proposal. However, it would request the following conditions to be applied:

1. A traffic management plan to prevent the road being blocked by delivery vehicles backing up and the construction company employees on site.
2. Restrictions to be placed on hours of work that limits the disruption to neighbouring properties.

(b) The meeting noted that the following decision had been received:

S/20/0673 - Fairview, 22 Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HA - Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works [non-compliance with condition 2 (Drawings) of planning permission S/17/1246] – Granted

Inlands Farm – Refusal - Cllr Moore formally acknowledged and thanked Ward Councillor Gary Sumner and Councillor Gordon Wilson for their excellent work which must have played a part in the decision-making process to refuse the application.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

TRO - Badbury – still a live consultation. One informal representation against the proposal has been received. The Parish Councils are supportive. It is expected to go ahead as being proposed.

M4 Closure for two weekends - 5/6th September – Westbound, 12/13th September – Eastbound. Signposted diversion route is via Marlborough, the A4 to Hungerford and back on to M4 at Junction 14.

Road crossing point on B4192 – hopefully, it will be included in the programme of works for next year.

Borough Councillor surgery to be held in Wanborough Village Hall on Saturday 5th September from 9-11am.

BT – A meeting has been arranged with BT and Robert Buckland, QC, MP to discuss the Universal Service Obligation on Thursday 10th September. Residents in the local Villages are being told that the minimum service quoted in the USO has always been provided.

The masts located in The Hollow, Wanborough and Hatherleigh Court, Park North were upgraded. Congestion has been seen as the network is overloaded; additional cells are being added to cope with it.

Gigabit Fibre – DCMS and BT Openreach to confirm the business plan. Likely to go public in October. Sufficient sign up of 55% of residents with pledges to use the vouchers needed in Wanborough and Liddington to make the service viable. The build will take 12 months. Leaflets to be delivered to every household in the Village. Vouchers of £1,500 for domestic and £3,500 for business. Pledging website to be made available.

City Fibre are offering an alternative choice to urban areas only. It does not touch any of the villages.

8. FINANCE

Resolved: Cllr Lomax proposed approval of the Standing Order, Direct Debit, recurring payment and to ratify the payment made between meetings. Cllr Moore seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.

(a) To approve payment of the following:

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- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – September instalment - £518.57

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits

- CPRE – Annual subscription - £36.00

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payment

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/09/2020 – 17/10/2020) - £4.19

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

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

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation – The meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order and as expected.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Revised letter to Badbury Park residents

Resolved – the letter was approved for distribution to all residents in Badbury Park that are within the Liddington Parish Boundary introducing the Parish Council, the amenities available in the Village and contact details for the Parish Council. Clerk to provide the road names and print the letters for Cllr Lomax to deliver.

Action – Clerk/Cllr Lomax

- (b) Royal Mail box in Medbourne Lane – collection time appears to be different from that advertised. Clerk to speak to the sorting office, Dorcan Way for clarification.

Action - Clerk

10. LORD JOEL JOFFE MEMORIAL

Suggestions to date:

1. Rename Spinney Close Green, enhance the look of the place and add a bench.
2. Rename the footpath from the entrance to The Manor towards Wanborough along the brook.
3. Village Hall – a framed display with details of his life, what he did for Liddington, Swindon and Internationally.

Suggestion 1 is not considered to be a suitable option as the area is used for children to play football.

Suggestion 2 Cllr Workman to approach the owners of The Manor for permission as the Public of Right of Way is through private grounds. Cllr Lomax has been given 4 signposts that can be used.

Action – Cllr Workman

Suggestion 3 – Village Hall Committee will need to be in agreement.

11. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT

To receive the Internal Audit Report 2019-20 as provided by Auditing Solutions

Resolved: The Meeting noted that the report was excellent, with no issues or advisories identified.

12. REVIEW OF IRPP FOR PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES 2021-22

To consider the recommendation received from Swindon Borough Council.

Resolved: The Councillors stated and agreed that they did not wish to receive the allowances and the situation should continue as currently in place.

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Allotments – The share your surplus event to take place on Sunday 6th September to be used as an opportunity to make the residents aware of the current negotiations regarding the Parish Council leasing the allotments.

Second Defibrillator to be located in the disused phone box – No progress made

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on 8th and 22nd August. Minor maintenance to be carried out during September subject to the weather. Cllr Bunney also confirmed that he was hoping to complete the refurbishment on the third bench.

Town Fund – Cllr Wilson confirmed that no update had been provided since the submission of the chosen projects had been made on 1st August. A meeting planned for 21st August had been cancelled and was rescheduled for 18th September. Awaiting response from the Government.

Village Hall Committee – no update given.

General Maintenance needed outside of the Parish Council's remit – drains on the four roads under the Highways programme needed attention due to weeds growing out of them. Hedges impeding the footpath alongside the B4192 on Borough Council land need attention.

Action - Clerk

The Contractor to be asked to provide a quote for pruning the tree on Spinney Close Green.

Action - Clerk

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village clean-up day – Saturday 17th October 2020
- Hedges – owners responsibility to keep under control
- Parish Council Meetings – face to face from October

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

NALC currently carrying out a Consultation on the Planning Reforms announced by the Government. Liddington Parish Council to consider preparing a response for submission to the consultation

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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