



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors Bunney, Lomax, Moore, Wilson and Workman
Also present: Val Curtis (Clerk) and two Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Hyatt's reason for absence (personal). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unavailable)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax reminded Members that 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.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd February 2021 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

Gigabyte Fibre – Cllr Wilson confirmed that a letter had been sent to Robert Buckland MP; to date no response had been received. Other emails had been sent; disappointingly only automatic replies confirming receipt have been received. Cllr Moore has also experienced a similar lack of response. When prompted for a reply, it did not move the matter forward. The article in the last edition of the Lyden Magazine did not make it clear that not all of Liddington was included in the current offering. Cllr Moore suggested that it was made clear in the next edition of the Lyden Magazine what the real position is. The Meeting was in full agreement. **Action – Cllr Moore/Clerk**

Swing – A quote had been received for the cost of the cross member and all fixings necessary. The Contractor to be asked if he could carry out the replacement in the first instance. Based on his response and any advice the second option would be to replace the complete unit. **Action - Clerk**

Flower trough in The Street – No offers of help in the maintenance of the trough had been forthcoming. The Parish Council to discuss options at the next meeting

Football Pitch – A temporary repair to the goal mouths had been actioned, with full reinstatement to take place at the end of the season. Wanborough Junior Football Club to cover the costs.

Speed Indicator Device – The information regarding the location of the unit and the overgrown trees provided by the Tree Officer had been passed to the Highways Officer. A request for the unit to be relocated alongside Hillside Cottages had been added to the programme of small highways works for consideration.

Litter bin, Spinney Close – In response to the complaint received regarding the amount of dog poo bags being deposited in the litter bin, it had been relocated away from the houses. The Contractor responsible for the emptying of the bins was asked to monitor the usage and report.

Defibrillator – The Hosting agreement provided by Community Heartbeat Trust needed to be reviewed with suggestions of any changes required. Clerk to provide Cllr Moore with copies of the agreements signed by the Village Hall Committee to assist with the review for the agreement needed for the second unit.

Action – Cllrs Moore/Workman/Clerk

Lord Joffe Memorial – Mrs Moore had raised concerns about the amount of content, as it needs to be contained. Contact had been made with a professional framing and glazing expert. Costs to be provided at the April meeting.

Finger post – lettering almost completed

Oak Tree – a replacement tree had been planted. The Contractor had not been able to identify an issue with the root system of the tree that had failed. Careful monitoring of the replacement would take place.

Cabinet Member Advisory Group (CMAG) – Wanborough Parish Council had agreed to the suggestion of a joint meeting with Liddington Parish Council to discuss issues that affected both, prior to a CMAG meeting. Wanborough Parish Council to suggest suitable dates

SBC Standards Procedure & Processes – letter sent, awaiting response

5. PUBLIC SESSION

Two Members of the public were in attendance to make the Parish Council aware of the following:

Liddington Hill Monument – the decking boards appeared to be in poor condition and needed some attention

Gigabyte Fibre – it was believed that one property in Medbourne Lane already had fibre installed?

Dog Poo – continued to be a problem in the playing field. It had also been noticed that dog poo was being brought from domestic properties and placed in the dog bins – was this appropriate use of the public facilities? The Meeting agreed that this was not acceptable practice, however, it was not possible to stop it. Dog poo could be disposed of in domestic wheelie bins.

A group of several adults, not adhering to the social distancing guidelines had congregated in the recreation field at the weekend with loud music playing, which was considered unacceptable. The Meeting advised that the Police should be informed as only they had the power to be able to disperse them.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/LBC/21/0126 (9th March 2021)

Location: Liddington Manor, The Street Liddington SN4 0HD

Proposal: Internal alterations and new external openings

Resolved: Liddington Parish Council has no objections to this application

(b) To note any decisions:

The Meeting noted that no decisions had been received

Inlands Farm – Cllr Moore had attended the latest virtual meeting of the South Swindon Protection Group, when confirmation had been provided that they would be making representation at the Appeal to the Planning Inspector against SBC's refusal to grant permission for the 'Science Park' to be built. The appeal was likely to take place in 6/9 months' time and run for approximately 12 days. The revised Local Plan should be available during the summer where the site is identified as not appropriate for development.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

No Ward Councillor's report was given as Councillor Sumner was unable to attend the meeting.

8. FINANCE

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- Swindon Borough Council – Highway licence - £125.00 - This payment was not approved and will continue to be disputed.

Resolved: Cllr Moore proposed approval of the invoices, the standing order, recurring payment and ratification of the payment made between meetings. Cllr Lomax seconded the approval and was unanimously agreed.

- Members expenses – wood for finger posts - £54.00
- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust - £25.00
- Adams & Watt – additional works invoice no 3344 - £541.80
- Clerks Remuneration - £622.62
- Clerks administration - £43.75

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

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

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits:

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payment

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/03/2021 – 17/04/2021) - £4.19

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

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

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation – The Meeting noted that the accounts were in a good position.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Village clean up

It was agreed that the next Village Clean up would be held on Saturday 10th April, 2021, meeting at Jubilee Gardens at 9.30 am. Details to be included in the Lyden Magazine **Action - Clerk**

(b) Gate at entrance to Footpath 21 – to discuss a proposal that has been suggested to replace with the gate at the other end of the footpath that is never used.

Resolved: Cllr Lomax proposed to move the gate and replace the broken one at the playing field entrance at a cost of £90 + VAT. Cllr Bunney seconded the proposal, which was approved by a majority verdict with one against and one abstention. **Action - Clerk**

(c) Gate to the rear of The Parsonage – to agree to remove, repair or replace – Action had already been taken.

(d) Badbury Park – to consider a request from the residents of Badbury Park that are within the Liddington boundary, made via the Ward Councillor, to provide a notice board on the green area at the end of Homington Avenue.

As the suggested siting of the noticeboard was on the boundary with Central Swindon South Parish Council a request to be made for the provision of a joint one. **Action - Clerk**

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Allotments – Cllr Moore confirmed that the draft document had been reviewed with the Parish Council's Solicitor and it was now for him to follow up with the Diocese Solicitor.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that the fortnightly safety inspections had been carried out on 13th and 27th February. An issue had been identified with one of the baby swing seats, with a temporary repair made. The Clerk requested that a photo be sent of the part needed to effect a full repair. **Action Cllr Bunney/Clerk**

Village Hall Committee – As Cllr Hill was unable to attend, no report was provided

Town Fund Board – Cllr Wilson confirmed that the last meeting had been cancelled. The next Meeting was planned to take place on 5th March

Ridgeway NEV Liaison Meeting – Cllr Moore had tabled a written report, to be attached to these Minutes in the file. Concerns had been raised about the removal of hedges and trees to allow for construction of the Southern Connector Road.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Gigabyte Fibre – a clarification
- Parish Council Election – 6th May 2021
- Village Clean-Up
- Inlands Farm – support for the SSPG

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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