



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Aftelak, Bunney (Vice Chair), Hill, Hyatt and Wilson
Also Present: Laura Evans (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Lomax'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, and Cllr Hyatt as an allotment holder.

3. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

Hedges- Hedge in Purley Road is being dealt with and is to be cut when the frosts have passed. Cllr Hyatt contacted SSE regarding overhanging branches touching the power lines, SSE will be cutting trees in the village where they are touching power lines, the power will need to be turned off and those residents affected have been informed.

Village Hall Car Park- Cllr Hill took the comments made regarding the car park signage back to the Village Hall Committee. The Committee are willing to change the sign but are deferring until LPC speak to the Football Club regarding parking in the Village Hall or until a contract is drawn up when the new session starts in September.

Fencing off the Play Area- Still ongoing. Cllr Wilson to obtain quotes before a decision can be made.

Action-Cllr Wilson

Lynch gate parking slot- Currently being used by a resident as normal parking space. It is up to the Church whether they wish to put a sign stating it is a disabled space.

Speed Sign- Cllr Bunney, Hyatt, Wilson to move the solar panel speed sign to down the bottom of Purley Road on 10th March at 10am.

Action- Cllrs Bunney/Hyatt/Wilson

6. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

The meeting noted that no planning applications were received.

(b) To note any decisions:

The meeting noted that no planning decisions were received.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTES)

No report was received.

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- HMRC- Tax Month 11- £41.80

Resolved: Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the invoices, standing order, recurring payment and ratification of the payments made between meetings. Cllr Hyatt seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – February instalment- £526.34

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits:

- Three Mobile phone bill - £3.00

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payments

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/02/2022- 17/03/2022) - £4.50

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

- Salary February - £167.00

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation

Resolved: The meeting noted that the accounts were in good order.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) **Best Kept Village Competition** – Cllr Hyatt proposed entering the Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr Hill seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed. The dates of judging will take place between 14th May and the 12th June 2022. Cllr Hyatt to complete and return the entry form. **Action- Cllr Hyatt**
- b) **The Clump** – Cllr Wilson and Cllr Hill met with the Landowner to discuss the cleaning up of the area. The landowner informed the Cllr's of funding available that would help towards this. The funding application requires a plan of works for the clearing up of the area and a facility for Memorials. A Communications plan is also required, with history of the site, which will help visitors to the site to conform to the rules as it is private land. Cllr Wilson to contact the National Trust who look after the war shelter at Coleshill to see if the same can be done at The Clump. Cllr Aftelak is happy to help were needed and Cllr Hill is happy to take the lead on completing the form submission for funding. **Action- Cllr Hill**
- c) **The Monument** – While talking to the Landowner of the Clump, it was suggested that the repairs to the Monument platform also be listed on the funding application. **Action- Cllr Hill**
- d) **Speed Monitors** – Covered under item 5
- e) **Defib Training Day** – Awaiting confirmation from Community Heartbeat Trust as to what date the training will be held. The provisional dates given were 20th or 27th April at 6pm in Liddington Village Hall.
- f) **Bark for path in Church yard and possibly low roped posts** – Cllr Hyatt had been approached by a resident concerned that people were not using the footpath in the Church and cutting across graves. Cllr Aftelak suggested that as low ropes are a health and safety issue, that contact be made with a resident that was currently having some trees cut down and ask if the bark could be used to remark the path. Cllr Hyatt wished to donate 4 rose plants for each corner as this will also prevent people cutting across the graves. **Action- Cllr Bunney**
- g) **Annual Play Park Inspection** – Cllr Bunney explained that the inspection report was very comprehensive, and that there is no immediate action required as any highlighted areas are low risk. Once the weather improves LPC will get together and commence work on the highlighted areas.
- h) **Noticeboard-** The meeting agreed that the quote for the noticeboard from Creative Solutions for £833.76p was the most suitable. Cllr Bunney to consult with the residents of the house near the noticeboard before purchasing. **Action- Cllr Bunney**
- i) **Burglaries-** Cllr Bunney wished to make LPC and residents aware that there have been some recent burglaries in the area. The Police are aware and wish for residents to report any suspicious activity via telephone on 101 or online.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (10 MINUTES)

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 (LH) – The allotment spaces have now been pegged out. The current allotment holders see no need for a sub-committee as this time. Rental fees are to be paid directly to LPC. Currently working on the terms and conditions for allotment plots.

Playing Field (CB) – Cllr Bunney confirmed that the fortnightly safety inspections had been carried out. The invoice for the rubber matting for around the climbing frame was approved. Clerk to order. **Action-Clerk**

Village Hall Committee (SH) – Nothing to report

Town Fund Board (GW) – Will be using Social Media to publicise activities and to keep residents informed. The final projects are the two tunnels under the railway line and to smarten up Station Road. The latest technical spec for the Health Hydro has also been presented. A link to the Town Fund Board is to be placed onto the website.

Swindon Local Council Forum (DL & GW)- The next meeting is being held on 10th March

11. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine

- Best Kept Village Competition

- Allotments
- Burglaries
- Defib Training

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Football Club Contract

Cllr Aftelak raised concerns over the amount of shooting clay's left over the footpath.

The meeting closed at 8:59pm

Signed.....Date.....