



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Vince Jones, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson, Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor).

1. APOLOGIES

Jane Howes

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the following amendments be made i) the action to get quotes for maintenance of Liddington clump is to be removed, ii) 4th paragraph in section 4, matters arising from the minutes, to read “employ the same dog waste collection company”, iii) section 7.2 name corrected to Christine Hicks. **Resolved** – That, subject to these amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October be approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions ongoing

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| Contact SBC about the scope of the maintenance work they do in the village | Action: clerk |
| Draft letter regarding Liddington clump including feedback from arboreal officer | Action:GW/DL |
| Find out about requirements for event licenses | Action: clerk |
| Speak to John Kent about keeping receipts to submit to the PC for reimbursement | Action: DL |
| Find out who Wanborough use to empty their dog bins and see if any other local Parish Councils are interested in joining together to employ the same dog collection company next year | Action: clerk |

The clerk advised the meeting that she is waiting for Swindon Borough Council to provide information regarding the criteria for events that required an events licence.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Swindon Local Plan 2026 Proposed Modifications It was noted that Gordon Wilson had attended the open meeting at Wanborough on 6th October to discuss amendments to the Local Plan 2026. It was noted that the response to the consultation submitted on behalf of Liddington Parish Council had reinforced issues raised by Wanborough Parish Council and had also highlighted that the access routes onto Commonhead roundabout and traffic backing up to J15 of the M4 was the main issue for Liddington.

5.2 Swindon Borough/Town & Parish Charter It was noted that the Parish Charter documents the liaison between Swindon Borough Council and the parishes. It also covers other matters including when SBC will consult on matters, complaints management, the delegating of responsibility for service delivery and neighbourhood planning. Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that funding is available for developing a neighbourhood plan.

Read the Parish Charter

Action: All

- 5.3 Superfast Broadband It was noted that Gordon Wilson had attended a meeting with Stuart McKellar and Mr McKellar had stated that he was putting the provision of superfast broadband out to tender. This process has already started. It is believed that 4 companies will submit a tender to provide the service for the rural villages and that the. The Parish Council has no information the detailed broadband specification for the tender. A meeting between the parishes and Robert Buckland MP is expected to take place on 7th November.

Request details of superfast broadband tendering specification Action: GW

- 5.4 Police & Crime Commissioner Community Remedy Consultation It was noted that the consultation took the form of an online questionnaire. **Resolved:** that Guy Allen respond on behalf of Liddington Parish Council.

Respond to Police & Crime Commissioner Community Remedy consultation Action: GA

- 5.5 Model conditions for the licensing of animal boarding consultation This consultation was discussed. **Resolved:** that GW & SB will consult with owners of dogs & cats and then submit a response to the consultation.

Consult local dog & cat owners and submit a response to the consultation on the conditions for licensing of animal boarding Action: GW/SB

- 5.6 Licensing regime for Sex Establishments consultation The clerk advised the meeting that the consultation is on whether Swindon Borough Council should apply regulation to sex establishment venues in accord with Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and not on the detail of what the regulation may entail. **Resolved:** that SBC should apply for regulation to sex establishment venues.

Respond to consultation on licensing regime for sex establishment venues Action: clerk

- 5.7 Parish Lengthsman It was noted that the list of tasks has been reviewed. A guess of the approximate time to complete each piece of work has been added and the responsibility for the work has been allocated to either SBC or the Parish lengthsman.

Liaise with DL & JH to put together total work hours etc. for the tender for the Parish lengthsman work Action: GA

Contact Wanborough PC to get ideas of people to invite to submit a tender for the Parish lengthsman's work Action: clerk

Agenda item 9 was brought forward in the meeting.

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 In addition to updates given during the meeting, Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that the chairman of the AONB partnership was retiring and the group was looking for a new chairman. He also updated the Parish Council on the benefits and process for parish/community planning.

Andrew Bennett left the meeting.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 No planning applications were reviewed.

- 6.2 It was noted that the following consents and permissions have been granted: S/14/1182RM Parsonage Yard, S/LBC/14/1103HC & S/14/1102/HC for the demolition & replacement of a single storey side extension at 10 The Street, S/14/0492NISM Great Western Hospital, S/14/1473JABU Construction of vehicular access at 36 Purley road.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 The Account Summary was reviewed by the Parish Council and the following payments between meetings were noted: £177.93 to re-imburse Jane Howes for planting sundries, £464.53 to SBC for grounds maintenance, £202 to Suffolk Fruit & Trees for 10 fruit trees. **Resolved:** to approve the payments made between meetings.

- 7.2 The draft budget for 2015-2016 was reviewed. **Resolved:** that the budget for annual plants & bulbs be increased by £50 to £200 and that funding be added for a lengthsman to cover village maintenance work that is not the responsibility of SBC.
- 7.3 **Resolved:** that the Stratton St Margaret Parish Council invoice 2640 July – Sept (6 collections) for £18.36 be paid and that a letter be included advising that the missed collection included in the invoice has been paid in this instance but the Parish Council will not pay if emptying of the bin is missed in the future.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 The meeting noted the following correspondence for information.

- SBC Members Bulletin Issues 734 – 737
- Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- North Wessex Downs AONB October Newsletter
- Swindon Community Governance Order & Maps (Blunsdon St Andrew, Covingham, Haydon Wick, Nythe, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret)
- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Dragonfly issue 134

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out his fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment and that there were no issues to report.
- 10.2 Village Hall Committee – It was noted that the door had fallen off the oven. David Lomax advised the meeting that he had been unable to attend a couple of the Village Hall Committee meetings. The clerk advised the Parish Council that, if at a future date it resolved to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the refurbishment of the village hall kitchen, it would be better if the Parish Council bought some white goods and gifted them to the village hall committee so that the VAT can be reclaimed rather than simply providing a grant.
- Advise the Village Hall Committee that, if it is considering approaching the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost of refurbishing the kitchen, it should request that the Parish Council purchases specific white goods
Action: DL
- 10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – Vince Jones advised the meeting that he had been approached by several residents interested in re-joining the scheme.
- 10.4 Community Speedwatch – Nothing to report.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

Resolved – that the following items should be put in the Parish magazine:
More spring bulbs have been planted around the village.
Thanks to everyone who came along and helped with village clean up
Fruit trees for the community orchard have been ordered.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

To continue the discussion regarding employing a Parish Lengthsman

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____