



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Vince Jones

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda items 7.2 and 10.2 as he is a member of the Village Hall Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Write to AONB about Liddington clump

Action: clerk

Send breakdown of costs for Commonhead meeting to the clerk

Action: GW

Ask around to see if anyone knows who planted the extra trees on Liddington hill

Action: All

Actions ongoing

Consider locations for trees

Action: All

Get advice on the process for obtaining evidence to prosecute dog fouling offenders

Action: clerk

Contact SBC about the scope of the maintenance work they do in the village

Action: clerk

Write to Chiseldon PC regarding donation towards Commonhead meeting

Action: clerk

The clerk advised the meeting that she had contacted the North Wessex Downs AONB. The AONB had requested further information regarding the changed shape of Liddington clump so that they could put something in their newsletter.

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 Andrew Bennett updated the Parish Council on several matters before the meeting commenced. The Parish Council brought to Councillor Bennett's attention the ongoing issue of footpath 21 and the lack of enforcement action by the Borough Council's officers.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.2 Footpath 21 – It was noted that Michael Enwright has arranged a site meeting with the Parish Council and Annie Ellis for 12 February to review the issues with footpath 21.

- 5.1 Swindon's Flood Risk Management Strategy – It was agreed that the main issue in the village was drains and the management of them. It was agreed that the Parish Council would review the strategy with a view to discussing it further at the next meeting.

Review flood risk management strategy

Action: All

- 5.3 Swindon South Locality meeting – This was discussed with Andrew Bennett earlier in the meeting. The clerk advised the Parish Council that its request for additional resources to undertake certain village maintenance tasks would be considered at this meeting.
- 5.4 Village Clean up – It was agreed that the village clean up should be arranged for Saturday 5th April. The Parish Council will discuss and agree the tasks to be undertaken at the next meeting.
- 5.5 Projects for 2014 - It was agreed that the priority projects for this year would be landscaping along the B4192 and the planting of more trees and bulbs around the village. The village sign needs further planning. It was agreed that fencing and posts should be purchased for the path alongside the B4192.

Purchase and install fencing & posts for new path along B4192

Action: DL

- 5.6 Bus Shelter – It was noted that the current bus shelter is not used frequently due to changes to the bus route. It would be more useful to have a shelter at the new bus stop but there is limited space. It may however be possible to install some form of small seat or shelter. The Parish Council agreed to apply to the Swindon South Locality and to the Borough Council for a grant for a small shelter.
- 5.7 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.
- Review Standing Orders & Financial Regulations prior to March meeting

Action: All

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 The Parish Council had no objections to planning application S/14/0064 for a single storey extension at 17 Hillside Cottages, Purley.
- 6.2 Decisions – It was noted that no planning decisions have been received since the last meeting.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 Account Summary – Due to issues with the printer there were no printed copies of the account summary available for the Parish Council to review, however, the clerk gave a verbal report on the status of the accounts.
- 7.2 Grant – Gordon Wilson proposed that a grant of £1000 be made to Liddington Village Hall committee. David Lomax seconded the proposal. The Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £1000 to Liddington Village Hall committee.
- 7.3 The Parish Council approved payment of the following:
- clerk's remuneration for Oct-Dec 2013 £375.00
 - reimbursement of £44.00 to Gordon Wilson for cost of printing flyers for Commonhead/Day House lane residents consultation meeting

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 There was no correspondence for action.
- 8.2 There was no correspondence for information.

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 on 9th and 23rd December and that there were no issues. The clerk gave Mr Bishop copies of the manuals and safety check instructions that had been sent by the play equipment company Kompan.
- 10.2 Village Hall Committee – It was noted that there will be a skittles evening in April. The committee is investigating the cost of doing work to improve/update the kitchen and is looking into grants to cover this project. At the recent AGM David Hughes was re-elected as chairman.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

10.4 Community Speedwatch – It was noted that one more person has been trained.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items should be put in the Parish magazine:

Details of the village clean up

Notification of the exhibition of the plans for Jubilee Gardens and the new path alongside the B4192

Parish Council is investigating putting a bus shelter at the Village Inn stop and would like feedback

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

To discuss Swindon Borough Council's 'Special Expenses'.

Distribute information about Special Expenses to everyone

Action: GW

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____