



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd JULY 2014

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Jane Howes, Vince Jones, David Lomax, Liz Carmichael (Clerk), Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor).

1. APOLOGIES

Sid Bishop, Gordon Wilson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the following action be added to the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June

Draft letter regarding Liddington clump including feedback from arboreal officer Action:GW/DL

Resolved - That, subject to the amendment to include an action, the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June be approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Get advice on the process for obtaining evidence to prosecute dog fouling offenders Action: clerk
Find out where funding can be obtained to widen the path alongside the B4192 Action: clerk
Consider locations for trees Action: All

Actions ongoing

Contact SBC about the scope of the maintenance work they do in the village Action: clerk
Get quotes to maintain Liddington clump Action: clerk
Speak to Gary Sumner about Wanborough's lengthsmen Action: GW
Draft letter regarding Liddington clump including feedback from arboreal officer Action:GW/DL

Dog Fouling - Swindon Borough Council (SBC) did not adopt the Dog Control and therefore cannot give out fixed penalties. The only powers they have are under the Dog Fouling Lands Act which does not cover all areas; areas such as agricultural land, forestry land, streets with a speed limit greater than 30mph and gardens are all exempt. Footpaths are an issue as the boundaries with agricultural/forestry land can be unclear. Whilst video evidence is better than photographs, it has its own issues – you need a genuine reason to be in the vicinity recording (otherwise it could be considered entrapment) and you need to keep recording for sufficient time to prove that the dog owner did not go home and return later to pick up the dog mess. The best evidence is the Dog Control Officer seeing the offence taking place and he will visit the playing field whenever he's in the area. It was suggested that the church should consider putting up a 'no dogs allowed' sign at the entrance to the churchyard. The Dog Control Officer stated that he didn't know if the Parish Council could have someone who was warranted to deal with dog fouling.

Send letter to the Church passing on information from the Dog Control Officer Action: clerk

It was noted that there may be funding available from the Localities to get the paths along the B4192 cleared.

Put in bid to Localities to get path along B4192 cleared Action: clerk

It was noted that there is a piece of land at the top of The Street which has trees on it that require maintenance. This should be reported to the owner but it is unclear who the owner of the land is.
Find out if SBC own the land at the top of The Street Action: clerk

5. PLANNING

- 5.1 Planning application S/14/0792 Erection of a radiotherapy unit at the Great Western Hospital was considered by the Parish Council. **Resolved** – That the Parish Council had no objections to planning application S/14/0792.

Planning application S/EIA/14/0966 EIA Scoping Report for proposed development at land south of A420 and west of A429 was considered by the Parish Council. **Resolved** – That the Parish Council had no objections to planning application S/EIA/14/0966.

- 5.2 It was noted that permission had been granted for planning applications S/14/0654JABU (37 Purley road) and S/14/0655/RM (19 Purley road).

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 The Account Summary was reviewed by the Parish Council.

- 6.2 **Resolved:** that £100 donation, the same as last year, be given to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.

Ask Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust for flyers/posters and add a link to their website from the Liddington website Action: clerk

- 6.3 **Resolved:** that the clerk's remuneration for April-June 2014 be paid and a cheque for £375.00 be signed.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 7.1 40mph Speed Limit Area The meeting considered the two consultation plans for the proposal to extend the 40mph speed limit south of Liddington. **Resolved:** that the Parish Council preferred option 2.

- 7.2 CPRE Membership It was agreed that even with the nominal increase in the cost of membership the overall fee was not excessive. **Resolved** – To continue membership of the CPRE and renew in September.

- 7.3 Internal Audit Report The clerk advised the meeting of the key points from the internal audit report and the auditor's 7 recommendations, R1 – R7. It was noted that R1, R2, R5 and R7 have already been implemented by the clerk. **Resolved:** that all of the internal auditor's 7 recommendations be implemented.

- 7.4 Trees & Street Furniture A site meeting was held on 14th June to discuss possible locations for trees and to consider the refurbishment of items of Street Furniture. It was noted that any trees will need to be planted in October and that it may be possible to obtain fruit trees through the Community Orchard.

Ask SBC if they have any spare benches and who their preferred supplier is Action: clerk

- 7.5 Defibrillator It was noted that Aldbourne and Wanborough each have several defibrillators. The clerk advised the meeting that Aldbourne had set up a community project to raise funds for its defibrillators and had run some free training classes. **Resolved** – To investigate options for obtaining a defibrillator and find out the parishioners wish the PC to spend money on a defibrillator.

Contact Wanborough PC and ask about their defibrillators (where they obtained them, how much they cost, when they were installed, have they been used) Action: clerk

Contact organisations promoting defibrillators and see if any will send a representative to speak to the public ahead of a PC meeting Action: clerk

Advise David Wilmot that Liddington PC is carrying out due diligence re. defibrillators Action: clerk

- 7.6 Commonhead Parish Liaison Group It was noted that none of the usual representatives from Liddington Parish Council were able to attend the meeting on 10 July, and that due to the meeting

being during normal work hours no other Parish Councillor was free to attend. **Resolved** – To ask Adrian Moore if he would attend the meeting as Liddington Parish Council’s representative.

Ask Adrian Moore if he would attend the Commonhead meeting as Liddington PC’s representative
Action: clerk

- 7.7 Grass Cutting The clerk advised the meeting that Swindon Borough Council had no policy for delegating services to Parish Councils and was now putting the matter to cabinet.

Contact Wanborough PC and ask about the terms of employment for their lengthsman (responsibilities, hours worked, pay etc) Action: clerk

Contact Wanborough PC and ask if SBC do any work in Wanborough and do provide any funding for work undertaken by the lengthsman Action: clerk

- 7.8 **Resolved** – To submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking the Government to give all parish & town councils the right to sell electricity they generate from local schemes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 The meeting noted the following correspondence for information.

- SBC Members Bulletin Issues 716, 718
- Update on CPRE Campaigns

9. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

- 9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that the North Wessex Downs AONB had put together a series of leaflets for walks in the AONB area including one from Liddington Hill to Aldbourne. The boundary for funding from AONB managed schemes had changed and more areas were now being included. The tasking on of services by Parish Councils was put to cabinet and will be a consultation that will come back to the Parish Councils for their input. Swindon Borough Council has set aside £1.45 million as part of match funding for broadband and will be exploring alternatives other than BT.

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 the 5th and 19th June and that there were no issues to report.
- 10.2 Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report.
- 10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- 10.4 Community Speedwatch – It was noted that 2 new members have been encouraged to complete the training course.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

Resolved – that the following items should be put in the Parish magazine:

The Parish Council is investigating providing defibrillators and there may be a public meeting to discuss the matter.

Trees are being planted in the Jubilee garden area in the autumn.

An overview of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust service and that PC is making a donation.

Meetings open to all and the PC would welcome your attendance at the next one.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____