



**LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:** Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Jane Howes, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson, Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Vince Jones, Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as he is a member of the Village Hall Committee. Sid Bishop declared an interest in agenda item 7.1.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July be approved and signed as a true record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### Actions completed

Speak to Gary Sumner about Wanborough's lengthsman	Action: GW
Send letter to the Church passing on information from the Dog Control Officer	Action: clerk
Put in bid to Localities to get path along B4192 cleared	Action: clerk
Ask Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust for flyers/posters and add a link to their website from the Liddington website	Action: clerk
Ask SBC if they have any spare benches and who their preferred supplier is	Action: clerk
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
Ask Adrian Moore if he would attend the Commonhead meeting as Liddington PC's representative	Action: clerk
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

#### 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
Draft letter regarding Liddington clump including feedback from arboreal officer	Action:GW/DL
Find out if SBC own the land at the top of The Street	Action: clerk

The clerk advised the meeting that Wanborough's Parish Lengthsman was employed for a set number of hours per month and paid according to the Clerk's salary scale. He is also contracted separately to cut the grass in Wanborough.

It was agreed that the Councillors should meet at 9.00am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September to walk around the village and draw up a list of maintenance tasks that could be undertaken by a Parish Lengthsman. The duties and salary for a lengthsman needs to be confirmed. **Resolved:** To allocate some funds to contracting a Lengthsman.

The clerk advised the meeting that if Swindon Borough Council (SBC) have any suitable used benches they will provide them free of charge otherwise the Parish Council will have to pay for a new bench. It was noted that SBC tend to obtain their street furniture from either Broxap or Marshalls. The seat near the top of The Street was surplus after the Town Centre was refurbished and it is thought that this design is no longer available.

Ask SBC to place Liddington on the waiting list for used benches

Action: clerk

Ask the Localities for funding for a bench and hard standing

Action: clerk

Choose a design of seat that would be suitable for near the Jubilee Gardens

Action: GA

It was noted that the Birch tree at the entrance to The Street and the Maple in Purley road by the brook need cutting back as they are making contact with the electricity cables.

Advise SBC that the birch in The Street and the maple in Purley need cutting back Action: clerk

## 5. PLANNING

- 5.1 The Parish Council noted planning applications S/RES/14/0596 Erection of 28 dwellings at Commonhead, S/14/1102HC 10 The Street a single storey side extension and S/14/1182RM Parsonage Yard.
- 5.2 It was noted that permission had been granted for planning applications S/14/0836EDSN (17 Purley road).

## 6. FINANCE

- 6.1 The Account Summary was reviewed by the Parish Council.
- 6.2 **Resolved:** that Liddington Village Hall invoice for April – July be paid and that a cheque for £24.00 be signed.

**Resolved:** that Gordon Wilson be re-imbursed for the Jubilee Gardens bedding plants and a cheque for £18.00 be signed.

## 7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 7.1 8 Spinney Close The meeting considered the proposal by Swindon Borough Council to sell a section of land alongside 8 Spinney to the current owner of the property. **Resolved:** that the Parish Council has no objections to the sale of the land adjacent to 8 Spinney Close.
- 7.2 Best Kept Village Competition 2014 It was noted that Liddington had come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the medium village category in the County round of the Best Kept Village Competition.
- 7.3 Autumn Planting Arrangements It was noted that the Parish Council is unlikely to get any funding for fruit trees through the Community Orchard scheme. **Resolved:** that a mix of bulbs, fruit trees and ornamental trees be purchased for planting near Jubilee Gardens and in other areas of the village. **Resolved:** that a budget of £500 be allocated for the purchase of bulbs, fruit trees, ornamental trees and associated items e.g. stakes, rabbit guards.
- 7.4 Superfast Broadband Gordon Wilson will be attending the meeting with Robert Buckland on 12 September to discuss the provision of Superfast Broadband. Guy Allen advised the meeting that he had experienced deterioration in broadband speed in the last few weeks.
- 7.5 Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service The Parish Council discussed sending a representative to the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service's briefing on the 'Strengthening our Fire & Rescue Service' public consultation which is being held at Windmill Hill Business Park, Swindon at 7.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. **Resolved** – Not to send a representative to the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service's briefing on the 'Strengthening our Fire & Rescue Service' public consultation.

- 7.6 North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum The Parish Council discussed sending a representative to the North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> October in Lambourn. **Resolved** – That Jane Howes should attend the forum as Liddington Parish Councils representative.
- 7.7 Wilts & Berks Canal Trust AGM The Parish Council discussed sending a representative to Wilts & Berks Canal Trust AGM 18<sup>th</sup> October at Grove. It was noted that none of the Parish Councillors were available to attend. **Resolved** – Not to send a representative to the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust AGM.
- 7.8 Police It was noted that the Police had produced some guidance on dealing with door to door sales people and that this may be of interest to residents. **Resolved** – To get leaflets and stickers and place these in the pub for residents to pick up themselves. **Resolved** – To put an article in the Lyden magazine re-iterating the advice from the Police.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 The meeting noted the following correspondence for information.
- SBC Members Bulletin Issues 719 - 728
  - CPRE Field Work Summer 2014 & Countryside Voice Summer 2014
  - Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Dragonfly issue 133 & On The Button August 2014

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 9.1 There was no report as Andrew Bennett was unable to attend the meeting.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July, and 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August and that there were no issues to report.
- 10.2 Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report.
- 10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – No report available.
- 10.4 Community Speedwatch – It was noted the 2 new members are to attend a training course.

## 11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Thank you to everyone who helps tend areas of the village

Public meeting being arranged to discuss the purchase of a defibrillator

Liddington was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the medium village category of the Best Kept Village competition. The Parish Council is planning to develop the village with planting and is looking for sponsors.

## 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_