



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at 7.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillors Allen, Bishop, Howes, Lomax, Moore. Also in attendance Liz Carmichael (Clerk).

### Action

Cllr Lomax proposed that Cllr Moore chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chair. Cllr Howes seconded the proposal.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** to approve Cllr Jones's reason for absence (business related). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Wilson's reason for absence (holiday).

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 11 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee;

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 be approved and signed as a true record.

Cllr Allen joined the meeting.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised the meeting that Julie Furneal had stated that the name of the UC 3072 road in the SBC records (Highway Register Maps) shows that the road in question is Medbourne Road. In light of this she can confirm that the public notice is correct, although she will ask the legal orders officer to add to the public notice in brackets (locally known as Medbourne Lane). The meeting noted that the current roads signs that are in place say Medbourne Lane and not Medbourne Road.

Julie Furneal stated that the requested 20mph section on Medbourne Lane would not be possible as it did not conform with setting local speed limits. With regard to the new 20mph limit in Wroughton Julie had stated that - Priors Hill is mainly residential and recently underwent a speed survey, the results showed that Priors Hill's recorded speeds were under the average of 20-24mph, which is required to consider introducing a 20 limit. Medbourne Road speeds were greatly higher than this and in addition to this it is not as populated with residents properties as Priors Hill is. These two roads are also constructed differently, for example Priors Hill until you leave the residential area is only equipped to be a 30mph whilst Medbourne road due to its location width and length is constructed more for National speed limit. The Parish Council agreed that it would like to know in more detail why the narrowest part of the lane isn't suitable for a 20mph speed limit.

Speak to JF about the reasons why Medbourne Lane can't have a 20mph speed limit Clerk

It was noted that dates for the Code of Conduct training are still being agreed.

#### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

## 6. PLANNING MATTERS

**Application:** S/15/0937SASM

**Location:** Kingsbridge House, Marlborough Road, Swindon SN3 6AA

**Proposal:** Change of use from Guest House to 5 flats.

**Status:** Application Pending Consideration

**Resolved:** that the Parish Council had no objections to application S/15/0937SASM

## 7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no Ward Councillor's report as Cllr Bennett was unable to attend the meeting.

## 8. PARISH LENGTHSMAN

It was noted that Swindon Borough Council had completed the work to clear the path alongside the B4192. This job had been started by the Lengthsman. It was agreed that the Lengthsman should be advised that the task had been completed by SBC and that any outstanding tasks end to be completed by the end of the month. The meeting thanked Cllr Bishop for persuing SBC to get the path clearance completed. **Resolved:** that SBC be thanked for clearing the path alongside the B4192. It was noted that in order to keep the footpath free from debris and the encroaching grass verge, it should be cleared in December/January and annually thereafter.

Speak to Lengthsman about outstanding tasks and the clearing of the footpath

Clerk

Send thank you letter to SBC for clearing footpath

Clerk

## 9. VILLAGE ASSETS

The meeting discussed village assets such as the playground equipment and viewing table and whether they needed to be maintained / repaired. It was agreed that a member of the Council would go up Liddington Hill to assess the state of the viewing table and would report back at the September meeting. The play equipment has a board that needs to be replaced. It was agreed that the manufacturers Kompan be contacted to see if they have someone to fix the play equipment or if they could recommend a repair company. **Resolved:** that expenditure up to £500 be approved for any repairs to the play equipment.

Arrange for play equipment to be fixed

Clerk

## 10. FINANCE

(a) **Budget Report** – The budget report was reviewed by the Parish Council. **Resolved:** to approve the quarterly budget report. It was noted that Subscriptions were over budget by 39p. Due to it being such a low amount the Parish Council **resolved:** not to vire funds from Dog Bins to Subscription to balance the overspend.

### (b) Invoices

**Resolved:** to ratify the following payments between meetings

- Mark Reynolds, materials & labour to fill pot holes £170.00
- Stratton St Margaret PC, dog waste bin collection service Jan – March 2015 £18.36
- Allbuild, dog waste bin collection service May 2015 £5.86

**Resolved:** to approve payment of the following:

- Vince Jones re-imburement for flowers for the trough £57.92
- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust subscription £25.00
- Clerk's remuneration April – June 2015 £375.00

**11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety checks on the play equipment on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June and that a board on the slide unit had deteriorated and would probably need to be replaced.

It was noted that the Village Hall Summer BBQ was successful.

**12. PARISH MAGAZINE**

**Resolved:** to put the following items in the Parish Magazine

- Update from SBC on Superfast Broadband
- Request to villagers to pick up any litter where possible even though it may have been thrown from vehicles passing through the village.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted the following correspondence for information:

- SBC Members Bulletin Issues 766, 767, 768
- CPRE The Moonraker issue 19 – June 2015

**14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

It was noted that Malcolm Barnes would like to present a report on the Church Bells project at the September meeting.

Report on state of village assets

Discuss Doomsday book

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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

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