



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Bishop, Jones, Lomax, Moore, Wilson (Chair). Also in attendance Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

Action

1. GUEST SPEAKER

Malcolm Barnes gave the Parish Council an update on the Liddington Bells Project. A proposed scheme for a six bell frame had been put forward to the DAC and accepted. A faculty notice has been displayed on the Church notice board. At the end of the notice period it was approved with no objections. Quotes are currently being received from bell foundries and builders. An initial deposit has been given to the bell frame makers in order to secure the price for the work. A temporary ramp will be setup from the path to the west door to take materials in and out of the building. Once Taylors have the major deposit they can create a schedule for casting the new bells. The inner and outer skins of the upper Belfry wall need pinning together. This is an additional, but very necessary, expense. A protective screen will be put against the glass window to prevent anyone falling through it. The entire project is expected to cost over £200K.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

The Parish Council continued with the meeting as no members of the public were present.

3. APOLOGIES

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Allen and Howes were received and accepted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jones declared an interest the agenda item regarding the review of the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003).

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st July 2015 be agreed and signed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

It was **resolved** that, if another training session hasn't been scheduled, that Stephen Taylor should be asked if he can carry out the Code of Conduct training at Liddington as only one Councillor had been available to attend the training held over the summer months.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Lengthsman be instructed to use any weed killer as appropriate to kill the dandelions and other weeds under the Chestnut tree, provided that it doesn't harm the tree.

The clerk has spoken to Lee Wells about the dog waste bin not being emptied for several weeks. It was noted that Liddington had been added to an existing route and had been overlooked during a handover between workers.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

It was noted that the newly formed Nythe Parish was being run by the Borough Council. Cllr Bennett advised the meeting that there are some concerns about the Borough Council's plans to pass more functions onto the Parish Councils. The Parish pilots are considered a success and therefore the Borough Council will be moving forward with rolling out more services for the Parish Councils to deliver themselves.

8. CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT

The clerk's contract of employment, Job description and salary were reviewed. The contract was agreed subject to minor changes and clarification of the need for a declaration of other employment.

Cllr Moore left the meeting.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Application: S/15/1228

Location: Parsonage Close, Medbourne Lane, Liddington SN4 0EY

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey front, sides and rear extensions

Status: Application Pending Consideration

The submitted information is online at <http://pa.swindon.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

Resolved – that the following concerns be submitted: i) with the floor area being at least doubled there is the likelihood of increased traffic in and out of the property which has a significantly obscured exit. ii) the impact of such a large property on views on the skyline iii) the affect on the AONB of having such a large property that is out of keeping with the surrounding area.

(b) Application: S/15/1294

Location: Coombe House, 41 The Street, Liddington SN4 0HD

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension

Status: Application Pending Consideration

Resolved - that the Parish Council had no objections to the application.

It was noted that permission had been granted for S/15/02301H The Lodge.

10. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003) was considered. As there was no impact as a result of the revisions it was **resolved** not to submit a response.

11. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

(a) Play Equipment: Resolved – that the Parish Council would have an annual safety check of the play equipment undertaken by a third party.

(b) Playing Field – The meeting considered the following matters:

(i) the maintenance of the hedge alongside footpath 21. It was **resolved** that the hedge around the playing field should be cut and that any gaps should be filled in with new plants

(ii) the maintenance of footpaths / rights of way. The meeting noted that Swindon Borough Council has carried out maintenance on the footpaths.

(iii) repairs to the side gate. This matter was deferred to another meeting.

(iv) maintenance of the football pitch & equipment. The rabbit holes on and around the football pitch are a potential hazard. If a bin with soil is placed alongside the football pitch the youth football team can fill in any holes before they start their matches. It was **resolved** to purchase a storage bin to place alongside the football pitch at a cost of up to £50.

Speak to Gary Sumner about the football team filling in the rabbit holes

Cllr SB

- (c) **Autumn Clean Up** – The Parish Council **resolved** to hold the autumn village clean up on the same day as the Swindon Marathon as the road closures and barriers will be in place and this can be leveraged to undertake tasks that would otherwise be too dangerous to do due to traffic.

Cllr Jones left the meeting

12. FINANCE

- (a) **Football Pitch** - This agenda item to consider whether the Parish Council should request a donation or charge a fee. was deferred to the next meeting.
- (b) **Notice Board** – The Parish Council **resolved** to purchase a replacement notice board for Purley road.

Get permission from householder to put a replacement notice board in their garden Cllr Lomax

(c) Invoices

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:

- Gordon Wilson's expenses for bedding plants
- SBC grass cutting, invoice 241460336 £956.62
- Allbuild invoice 371 for June dog waste collection and path clearing £290.26

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out his safety checks on the play equipment on the 20th July and the 4th, 16th and 30th August as there were no new issues to report..

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was **resolved** to place the following in the Parish Magazine:

- i) The PC received an update on the Liddington Bells Project
- ii) The date of the autumn village clean up
- iii) Reminder to everyone to get registered for Superfast Broadband as it could mean that Liddington becomes an early user

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence for information was noted:

- Swindon Residential Design Guide Draft Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council's copy of the document will be made available to the public to view at the Village Inn.
- Swindon Borough/Parish & Town Council Charter 2015
- SBC Letter re. estimated election costs for May 2016
- SBC Members Bulletin Issues 770, 771, 772, 773, 774
- CPRE magazines Countryside Voice Summer 2015 & Field Work Summer 2015
- CPRE Fundraising Event, an evening of music at Bowood House, Calne on 24th September
- WALC July newsletter

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To discuss a possible extension to the Conservation Area
To consider a procedure for handling emergencies

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____