



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.30pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Allen, Bishop, Howes (acting Clerk), Lomax, Moore, Wilson (Chairman) and Jones.

Action

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: Ward Councillor Bennett sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee;

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th of October 2015 were approved with one minor amendment and signed as a true record. Amendment to Section 8 referred to Long House, should be Long Close.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Gordon to follow up with Liz regarding actions on play equipment inspections, quotes for replacement playing field gate and proposed extension to conservation area. GW

5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) S/15/1713 GWH application for installation of solar PV System 6 x ground mount arrays – no objection
- (b) Decisions
 - S/RES/1636/C1CA Commonhead, 99 dwellings – approved
 - S/15/1228/HECO Parsonage Close - declined

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Ward Cllr Bennett was not present.

8. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (a) **Chairman – elect chairman for personnel committee;** Adrian proposed Guy as Chairman of personnel committee seconded and approved. GA
- (b) **Terms of reference** – approved with delegated authority that the committee can make a decision to appoint the clerk. GA, JH, GW
- (c) **Grievance Procedure** – Cllr Moore resolved to review the document prior to next PC meeting preparatory to reporting back to the council. AM

9. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a. Wooden fence on playing field boundary Adrian described the appearance of the fence along the boundary backing onto the houses as marring the overall appearance of the playing field. Encroachment also discussed. Adrian proposes PC speaks to owners about patchwork effect, differing materials and conditions of the individual owners' fencing. GW advises that ownership of the fence in question is determined. AM to establish ownership. AM
- b. Agree tasks for Village Lengthsman to undertake this month; concerns raised by parish councillors about completion of jobs given, deferred to later date.
- c. Parish Council wish to explore potential services transfer from the Borough Council; GW described the outcome of Blunsdon's PC experience with transfer of services being very unsatisfactory. AM asked if we could find out what Bishopstone PC does. Action ?

10. FINANCE

- (a) **Budget** – The draft budget for 2016 – 2017 was reviewed. It was **resolved** to include some money for the maintenance and upgrading of the play equipment. Councillors determined that more information was needed.
- (b) **Members Allowances** – it was discussed to initiate the payment of allowances potentially in the fiscal year of 16/17 if approved by the PC. Further discussion and investigation needed.
- (c) **Invoices** – It was **resolved** to ratify the following payments between meetings: Liddington Village Hall invoice 015 – 0102 hall hire for Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec £24.00; Clerk's remuneration October 2015 £125; Administration payment April – October 2015 £58.33

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety checks on the play equipment on 11th and 22nd of October 2015 and that there were no new issues to report.

Cllr Howes advised the meeting that she attended a conference about the Ridgeway National Trail and the North Wessex AONB Annual Forum and reported that any financial contribution from the Parish Council to the North Wessex AONB would be very welcome due to a severe reduction in funds for any future implementation of their plans to protect the land including the area of the Parish of Liddington.

Cllr Jones reported a burglary at Draycott Airfield, a caravan and two gas bottles were stolen on 22nd of October.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

Resolved: to put the following items in the Parish Magazine

- An appeal to the village to come forward to be Parish Councillor

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted the following correspondence for information: no correspondence noted

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

SB asked if the PC had written to Lord Joffe about the hedge protruding into the road. DL to contact the family to ask for this to be done.

Wanborough Football club, filling in holes, donation for use of the field.

Members allowances.

DL

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____