



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Bishop, Bunney, Lomax, Moore, Wilson (Chair).

Also in attendance Val Curtis (Clerk).

### Action

#### 1. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Moore proposed Councillor Lomax as Vice Chair. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Bishop and agreed unanimously.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** to approve Cllr Jones's reason for absence (business related). + resignation. Ward Councillor Bennett sent his apologies.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Moore advised that arrangements for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations were continuing. Due to other commitments the concert planned for the Sunday would now be held on the Friday. The children's party and lunch will go ahead on the Saturday. Question was raised as to whether the Parish Council could provide commemorative mugs for the children from the village. Cllr Moore to ask organising group for numbers required and the cost  
Cllr Moore

Cllr Lomax advised that he had a worksheet with a job number from SSC with regarding the tree in Purley Road

#### 6. PUBLIC SESSION

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

#### 7. PLANNING MATTERS

##### (a) Application: S/16/0156

**Location:** Long Close, Medbourne Lane, Liddington SN4 0EY

**Proposal:** Change of use of agricultural land to construct new access road and new highway access to existing dwelling (Long Close)

**Resolved:** that the following comment be submitted

Parish Council objects to this application.

1. We have seen the comments made by Highways and are fully in support of the objections raised.

2. We do not feel that the impact of the location is totally understood, i.e. it being on the side of a steep hill; the speed of traffic on the road, an example of which is a serious incident that occurred in Feb 2015 between cars, 2 horses and riders after the traffic survey had been completed, the drainage and visual appearance. Surface water drainage is already a problem in this area, and the application is vague on how this aspect is to be addressed.
  3. This application mentions the Swindon Local Plan EN5 but makes no attempt to comply with this Policy or with the principles applicable in a designated AoNB.
  4. The objectives of the applicant are not clear in view of serious ambiguities and inconsistencies in the supporting documents as regards intended use of the land. Business units in addition to private dwelling could greatly increase traffic use and would be inappropriate in this location.
  5. We question why the access needs to be 6m wide for a private house and the need for an access road of this nature to be 'adoptable standard'.
- (b) It was noted that S/15/1713 – Installation of solar system at GWH had been approved  
It was noted that S/15/1914 – additional staff car parking had been approved

## **8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

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

## **9. VILLAGE MATTERS**

- (a) **To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** – no tasks were agreed. Cllr Wilson is meeting with James Garrad from SBC on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March to discuss maintenance tasks needing to be undertaken which includes the pavement at the side of the B4192. Cllr Wilson to report back to Parish Council at the next meeting.
- (b) **To decide action needed on Jubilee Gardens damage** – Several establishments in the area had been written to asking for their assistance in reducing the potential for further damage.  
**Resolved:** It may be possible to deal with damage during the village clean up event on 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- (c) **To further determine if the Parish Council wishes to explore potential services transfers from the Borough Council** – A meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March between the Swindon Area Committee and SBC to hold more detailed discussion. Cllr Wilson asked if a sub-committee was necessary to discuss what services Liddington Parish Council might be happy to take over. It was agreed to wait for a firm proposal from SBC first

## **10. SMALLER AUTHORITIES AUDIT APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolved** – after discussion it was decided to leave the status quo as is

## **11. MEDBOURNE LANE**

Medbourne Lane is used by commuter traffic and due to the narrow width the verges are being eroded. A telephone pole could be in danger. Cllr Wilson to discuss the possibility of passing places with James Garrad from SBC at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## **12. MANOR VIEW**

Deliveries, pizzas, taxis and parcels destined for Manor View, Chiseldon are being misdirected to Manor View, Liddington. As the Chiseldon postcode, SN4 0SX is quite different, it can only be assumed that this is a satnav issue. Delivery companies needed to be made aware of the errors when the issue occurs.

**13. DOOMSDAY BOOK**

Marion Warren will be updating Parish Councillor records held in a supplement to the copy of the Domesday Book held by the Parish Council. Clerk to provide any historical records held of past Councillors. Also confirmation is needed of PC items held by Wiltshire Records Office. Clerk

**14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Clerk provided a very quick overview of the CIL training recently attended. A Neighbourhood Plan would be progressed after the elections in May. Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch would also be progressed after the election.

**15. PARISH MAGAZINE**

The Parish Council **resolved** to put the following in the Parish Magazine

- Reminder of the Village clean up date
- Change of date of the May meeting due to the elections
- Parish Council elections, nomination forms have to be in by 7<sup>th</sup> April

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting noted the following correspondence for information:

- Lloyds Bank plc – change of account type from May 2016
- Swindon Borough Council communications team – Fostering poster and article

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

- Proposed reduction of bus subsidy – Cllr Wilson to attend a meeting with Cllr Sumner from Wanborough Parish Council on 15<sup>th</sup> March

The Parish Council has received a letter of resignation from Vince Jones. This was accepted and sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to him for his years of dedicated service as a member of Liddington Parish Council. Vince has made a valuable contribution to the village and the work of the Parish Council during his time as a Councillor

The meeting concluded at 9.45 pm

Signed ..... Date.....