



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on

Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Lomax, Moore, Wilson (Chair)

Also in attendance: Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: to approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (personal). Ward Councillor Sumner sent his apologies

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Hill declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th June 2016 were approved and signed as a true record after a small amendment to item 13 Councillor Responsibilities – Footpaths/Village – Cllr Hill.

4. MATTERS ARISING

6 The Street – amended planning application was discussed. A response will be sent to SBC.

Speed of traffic using B4192 – Cllr Wilson to contact Suzanne Cole re positing of the traffic monitoring Community Speedwatch to be progressed imminently

5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) **Application:** S/16/1052 (11 July 2016)

Location: 9 Spinney Close, Liddington, SN4 0HQ

Proposal: Erection of a conservatory to rear

Resolved: that the Parish Council had no objections to the application

Application: S/16/0985 (8 July 2016)

Location: 14 The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Change of use of part of the property from A1-A2 (Shops/Financial & Professional Services) to C3 (Dwelling)

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

Parish Council has no specific objections to this application. However, it would like to point out that the 'shop' in the Village Inn no longer exists and therefore the justification for this change in the application is flawed

Application: S/16/0156 - amended (7 July 2016)

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.

The original comments made in our response of 3rd March 2016 still stand. We note that this is not included on the website and would be grateful if you could confirm that both the original letter and this one will now appear

Application: S/OUT/16/0021 (18th July 2016)

Location: Redlands Airfield

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of 370no. dwellings, a local convenience store/community facility, primary school, open space, landscaping, access points to and from Wanborough Road and northern site boundaries and associated infrastructure

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

Further to our earlier submission in February, Liddington Parish Council has reconsidered the above planning application and wishes to reinforce our comments and objections:

1. The development is premature and not sustainable in its current form due to its isolation and the construction timescales being well ahead of an adequate infrastructure and services planned for later phases of the NEV development.
2. The number of dwellings being proposed is almost 10 times those quoted in the Swindon Local Plan, why and how is this allowed to happen?
3. The nearest facilities will be in Wanborough, Covingham and beyond via a road with no footpaths. This will be dangerous and extremely unsafe with an increase the number of vehicles using the existing access roads and with minimal public transport facilities. With the main access route into and out of the development area being via Wanborough Road and subsequently onto Merlin Way or via Wanborough and Liddington, this is totally unacceptable and will create rat runs.
4. We understand this site is also affected by flooding which was clear to see in January on the Wanborough Road which is where entrance to this development will be created.
5. We request that the NEV is looked at in its entirety so that priority is given to the necessary services and transport infrastructure for the new communities so as not to severely impact existing settlements during the protracted development.
6. The southern link road through to Commonhead and through to the A420 must be given a high priority and it is necessary to ensure that the wider infrastructure will cope, for example at Commonhead where other traffic issues (GWH, M4 Junction 15) need further attention.

(b) It was noted that S/OUT/15/0753 and S/OUT/15/0754 – Lotmead site had both been refused

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) **To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** - No tasks were agreed as the quote from Mark Reynolds was still outstanding. Action - Clerk to chase
- (b) **To further determine if the Parish Council wishes to explore potential services transfers from the Borough Council**
A list was to be prepared of the various sites and tasks in the Village to enable contractors to be approached

9. FINANCE

(a) Invoices

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

- VC Communications - £817.92
- Clerk's remuneration & administration payment – April, May & June -£437.49

- Wendy Curtis – Compost & plants for trough in The Street - £73.87
- Caroline Wilson – plants for Jubilee Gardens - £7.96

(b) Annual Grant payment – Closed church Yard

It was **resolved** to forward the annual grant payment of £1,591.35 received from SBC in error to Liddington PCC.

(c) Approve amended budget

It was **resolved** to agree the amended budget to reflect that the Chairman will now accept the quarterly allowance as agreed at the February meeting item 10 (a).

(d) Quarterly Budget monitoring

A change to the spreadsheet was requested to show the current bank balance Action – Clerk

The meeting noted that £114 in cash had been received from the sale of the commemorative mugs for the Queen’s 90th Birthday. Action – Clerk to pay into bank

10. PLAY EQUIPMENT

A quote for the replacement of a damaged panel on one of the pieces of equipment was to be requested from Kompan Action – Cllr Wilson and Clerk

11. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Council **resolved** that the following items should be included on the Parish Council website:

- Parish Boundary map
- Footpaths map
- History of the Parish Council
- History of Liddington

12. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Village Hall Committee – the Parish Council discussed the proposal received from a play group to use the Village Hall. Cllr Wilson will send a letter highlighting certain misgivings

CGR Stakeholder Meeting – Cllr Hill gave an update on the meeting held by SBC on 22 June which covered the current situation with regards to the consultation process, changes to parish boundaries and the next steps

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane would be contacting the residents that registered an interest in participating to progress further

Superfast Broadband – Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that there had been a delay due to negotiating the use of a Thames Water site in Wanborough

13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Planning Applications
- Community Speedwatch
- Parish Councillor Vacancy

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received:

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Provision of allotments

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

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