



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on

Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

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

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor Sumner, Val Curtis (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: to approve Cllr Moore's reason for absence (holiday) and Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (business related).

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 6th July 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Speed of traffic using the B4192 – Cllr Wilson had contacted Suzanne Coles, Traffic Manager at SBC and identified three locations for traffic monitoring equipment to be sited to carry out a traffic survey to provide up to date data.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane contacted residents that had registered an interest in participating in a community Speedwatch programme. A first meeting is being proposed on 21st September. The police have also requested a meeting on 21st September

Lotmead Development – The Developers of the Lotmead site have appealed against SBC decision to refuse planning applications. A response will be submitted to SBC confirming support for SBC's decision and to re-iterate previous comments made.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

Four members of the public addressed the Council with their concerns over the proposed development of 6 The Street. They stated that they are not against development but have major concerns with regards to highway safety. They also questioned why there were no details in the planning application as to how the increase of the access from 2.1m to 4.7m is to be achieved as this would require neighbours conceding land to the developer.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Application: S/16/1097 Revised (9 September 2016)

Location: 6 The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2no.detached dwellings and associated works

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

1. Highway safety is still the primary concern as the vehicular access has a 20% slope and is on a blind corner on the main road into the village centre and has high hedges on either side of the entry with no pavement to improve visibility. Visibility splays are therefore very poor. Due to

parked cars on the opposite side of the road, traffic is regularly single lane on the entrance side of the road. These factors do not seem to have registered in the Highways officer's report. Indeed, his original report of 6th January 2016 to the former planning application S/15/1958 has just been repeated without the Parish Council's previous comments and the request for a site meeting with highways being accepted.

2. It is surprising that visibility splays and the actual location of hedges alongside the road do not seem to feature on any of the applicant's drawings concerning the access to the properties.
3. To assist with visibility for all users of The Street, the Parish Council requests that highway visibility mirrors are fitted on the opposite side of the road from the access point. This will help the vehicles exiting but it is doubtful whether this will be sufficient.
4. The boundary planting adjoining Ravenshaw and the front of the site should be permanent, slow growing and held in perpetuity for the benefits of the property owners and their neighbours.
5. Liddington Parish Council requests that permitted development rights are removed

If you think that these comments can be taken into account as part of a conditioned approval, then Liddington Parish Council is happy for this to be dealt with under delegated authority.

(b) It was noted that the following applications had been granted permission:

S/16/1052 – 9 Spinney Close – erection of a conservatory

S/16/0951 – 35 Purley Road – erection of two storey side and rear extension

S/16/0985 – 14 The Street – change of use of part of the property from A1-A2 to C3 dwelling

S/16/1173 – 26 The Street – erection of a two storey side extension, porch to front and new pitched roof over existing detached garage

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sumner reported that SBC had decided to maintain the subsidy to the Wilts and West Berks bus services therefore Wanborough and Liddington bus service would remain as at present. The alternative bus service for the villages that had been proposed was too expensive to pursue further. He had attended a briefing about education provision in the NEV where details were provided for the secondary school. There is a further briefing in the next week re the Redlands Development. There was now an increase in the number of dwellings being proposed in the NEV to between 9,000 and 10,000 from the 8,000 originally proposed in the 2026 Local Plan.

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** – Cllr Bunney to talk to Mark Reynolds and ask him to contact the Clerk Action – Cllr Bunney
Cllr Wilson to contact Rob Core from SBC to discuss clearing of the pavement at the side of B4192 Action – Cllr Wilson
- (b) To further determine if the Parish Council wishes to explore potential services transfers from the Borough Council** – Cllr Wilson had provided a list of items that the Parish Council would take responsibility for and a draft deed of agreement with SBC.
The list of services will be used to obtain quotes and the draft deed of agreement will be sent to Kirsty Cole for comment and agreement Action - Clerk

9. FINANCE

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

(a) Invoices

- SBC – Ground maintenance charge April – September 2016 - £464.53

To ratify payment made between meetings:

- Gordon Wilson – Travel expenses on Liddington PC business - £95.40

(b) Direct Debit/Standing Orders

- Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) annual membership - £36.00

(c) Budget Monitoring

It was **resolved** to agree the current financial position and for an agreed sum to be transferred to a capital account

10. PLAY EQUIPMENT

It was **resolved** to accept the quote received from Kompan for replacement of defective part only.
Installation by Kompan would not be required. Action - Clerk

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilson would be attending the Swindon Area Committee meeting on 15th September

Superfast Broadband – The planning application process had created a short delay, however roll out was still expected within the next month.

Village Hall – Receipts are slightly down. A proposal made by a Playgroup was going ahead on a trial basis. Two functions had been arranged, a Ukulele band and a Madrigals concert with a Christmas theme.

The dedication of the Liddington Church Bells would take place on Saturday 29th October.

Cllr Bunney confirmed that the play equipment had been inspected on 7th, 21st August and 4th September 2016

12. ALLOTMENT PROVISION

This will be discussed at the October meeting

13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Community Speedwatch
- Traffic monitoring
- Parish Council vacancy

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Allotments
- Transfer of Services

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

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