

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2011[/heading]

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Andrew Bennett and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Jonathan Miller, Maurice Spillane, Liz Carmichael (Clerk)

2. CO-OPTION

Gordon Wilson proposed that Mr Guy Allen be co-opted. The proposal was seconded by Sid Bishop and agreed unanimously. Mr Allen signed the acceptance of office form and took his seat at the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 11.4 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 12, it was noted that the footpath causing concern was in the Dell. Subject to this amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July were approved and signed as a true record.

5. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Actions completed

Superimpose sign on grass verge and circulate to residents for feedback Action: GW

Actions carried forward

Speak to housing about getting a parking bay Action: AB

Request minutes/agendas be sent to GW & LC Action: clerk

Send letter to Barnes Coaches Action: clerk

It was noted that ongoing actions should remain on the agenda until it is agreed that they should be removed e.g. electricity poles, grit bin for Lidenbrook. An update on the removal of the electricity poles and the village hall car park wall is required. A query was raised as to who was responsible for the repair of the wall. It was agreed that with winter approaching the Parish Council needs to repeat its request for a grit bin for Lidenbrook before the winter season starts.

Request grit bin for Lidenbrook Action: clerk

6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Parish Councillor Role & Responsibilities – There was a brief discussion about areas of responsibility. It was noted that this matter would be better discussed when the majority of Councillors were in attendance. This matter was deferred to the October meeting.

6.2 Jubilee Gardens Notice board/Sign – The Parish Council agreed that a site meeting be called for Parish Councillors on Saturday 1st October at 9.30am to review the proposed site for the village sign which will be decided at the Council meeting on 3rd October.

Inform other members not present at September meeting of date and time Action: GW

6.3 Village Clean-up and Landscaping – It was agreed that the clean up take place on Saturday 15th October between 9.30 and 12.00. As well as clearing litter it was proposed to make a start on the landscaping project. This will also be the subject of the site meeting on 1st October. The village maintenance team are in Liddington in the week 10-14th October. Prior to this a review will take place with James Garrad on 4th October at 10am (Note: now rescheduled to 3rd).

6.4 RHS Britain in Bloom – It was agreed that the Parish Council should consult the residents via the Lyden magazine in order to gauge interest. It was noted that this could be a village project to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

6.5 Church Road – It was noted that the re-surfacing of Church road and other matters are being held up by slow progress of construction of the new house at Rickfield. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the owners, and copied to SBC planning department, pointing out the Parish Council's concerns with the delay and asking for an expected completion date so that resurfacing can be scheduled before the winter months.

Send letter to owner regarding slow progress on build & copy planning Action: clerk

It was noted that a proposal for the posts had been received from James Garrad. These are white plastic posts – less likely to cause damage to vehicles if hit. The latest proposal for the Church/parking sign was approved. The estimated cost of this is £100.

Information to be circulated Action: GW

6.6 Paths – It was noted that the Dell was incorrectly signed where the path is crumbling.

Request correct signage from Annie Ellis, SBC Action: clerk

6.7 Traffic Calming – A site meeting with Bob Sanders took place in August. The proposals for Bell Lane (a coloured tarmac strip to define a pedestrian zone), the corner of The Street and Bell Lane at the old Toll house (crosshatching and flower tubs), the B4192 crossing (very limited number of options for a B road) and Medbourne Lane (traffic speed survey) were discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council should review the options at site meeting on 1st October (see item 6.2)

6.8 Beacons Across Britain – The Parish council agreed to participate in the ‘Beacons Across Britain’ for the Diamond Jubilee on 4th June 2012. Liddington Parish Council has previously participated in these events with a beacon on Liddington Hill. It was noted that this would have to be planned in with other events being organised for this weekend.

6.9 Planning Empowerment Proposal – It was noted that the information about the proposal to empower Parish Councils with regard to planning applications had been received too late for a decision to be made at this meeting. The information is to be circulated to all Councillors and then considered at the October meeting.

Circulate information on empowerment proposal to Councillors

Action: clerk

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Planning appeal APP/U3935/A/11/2155834/NWF – It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue with its objection to the proposed development at Coate. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Planning Inspectorate with Liddington Parish Council’s objections so that the Parish Council can have a voice at the inquiry in November.

Write to Appeal Inspector with objections

Action: GW

It was agreed that the Parish Council should take up the offer from Pegasus to attend a meeting to discuss their Commonhead (Coate) planning application and invite Pegasus to the meeting on 3rd October.

Invite Pegasus to October meeting

Action: clerk

7.2 Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had not received the usual weekly notices of planning applications.

Check if SBC have changed their policy and are no longer sending out paper copies

Action: clerk

8. FINANCE

8.1 Account Summary – The account summary was not discussed.

8.2 The Parish Council approved payment of the invoice for £37.73 from Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council for the dog bin service.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

– SBC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and ‘Call for Sites’ (deadline 23 September). The information was not received in advance of meeting. Andrew Bennett informed the meeting of the procedure whereby notice is given on the intent to develop. This is a form of consultation in advance of planning applications.

– Notification of consultation on the Draft Local Development Order for Rear House Extensions (deadline 28 October). The Parish Council will review the development order at the October meeting.

9.2 Correspondence for information – The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

– SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 569 – 576

– CPRE Field Work & Countryside Voice magazines, Summer 2011 editions

– Community First AGM 14 September

– South Cluster Meeting 8th September 7.00pm

– GWH NHS Trust meeting Thurs 22 September 6.30pm

– GWH open day Saturday 17th September 10am – 3pm

– Advance notice of Swindon half marathon on 9th October

– Swindon South NPT Newsletter July to September 2011

10. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

10.1 Andrew Bennett clarified a number of the issues on Planning (Planning Policy Framework & Strategic Land Availability Assessment, Coate Planning Appeal.) It was noted that he had been informed that the Great Western Hospital had appointed a new chief executive starting in October.

Send the name of the new chief executive to clerk

Action: AB

Andrew Bennett left the meeting

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

11.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on the 4th and 18th July and on the 1st, 15th & 29th August and that there were no issues to report.

11.2 Village Hall – There was no report .

11.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was no report.

11.4 Parish Plan – David Lomax informed the meeting that following a successful public meeting on 3rd June, the results of each section were now being compiled with detailed first drafts being submitted by 16th September.

11.5 Jeffries Land Trust – It was noted that the Jeffries Land Trust have now submitted their further objection to the Appeal Inspectorate regarding the development at Coate. Details of which have been received by the Parish Council.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items be put in the Parish Council's report:

Britain in bloom – requesting that anyone who would like to help should contact one of the Councillors.

Planning Application at Coate – Going to appeal and Parish Council expect to be involved.

Parish Council will invite a representative from the developers to attend the meeting on 3rd October.

Village clean up 15th October.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Consider proposals arising from site meeting on 1st October: village sign, landscaping; traffic calming

Consider Draft Local Development Order for Rear House Extensions

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2011.