



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 1st February at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Hill, Lomax (Chair), Moore, Spillane
Also in attendance: Val Curtis (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: to approve Cllr Wilson's reason for absence (holiday). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (out of the country). Ward Councillor Sumner also 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. Cllr Spillane declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7(a).

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Road signage – Cllr Lomax informed the meeting that he had taken photographs of the excessive signs and emailed them to Cllr Sumner for him to investigate removal

Allotments – No further progress had been made. Clerk to chase

Action - Clerk

5. PUBLIC SESSION

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

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Planning training – An in-house training session had been arranged by SBC on 9th March 2017 from 2pm. Cllrs Hill, Lomax and Moore expressed an interest in attending

Action - Clerk

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) **Application:** S/16/2221

Location: 6 The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2no. detached dwellings and associated works. (Variation of condition 17 from previous permission S/16/1097 regarding approved drawings)

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

1. The Parish Council wishes to reinforce comments and objections previously made.
2. The Parish Council would like to understand the need for the changes being proposed.
3. The Parish Council supports the comments made by the residents of 2 The Street and Ravenshaw with regards to the proximity and effect on their boundaries.
4. The Parish Council wishes to protect the character of the Conservation Area and is mindful of too dense development replacing existing properties and requests that the Conservation Officer be consulted on the revised drawings.

Application: S/OUT/16/0021

Location: Redlands, Eastern Villages

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

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

Further to our earlier submissions in February and July 2016, 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.

Application: S/16/2196

Location: The Cooperative Childcare, GWH, Marlborough Road, Swindon SN3 6BB

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension

Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

With the increase in children and therefore the need for more staff, this will create more traffic with less parking spaces being available which is already a known problem

Application: S/HOU/17/0080

Location: Parsonage Yard, Church Road, Liddington

Proposal: Installation of new windows and doors and rendering to external walls of the bungalow

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

The Parish Council has no objections or comments to make to this application

Application: S/RES/16/2203

Location: Parcel P7 Badbury Park, Commonhead, Swindon

Proposal: Reserved matters application for 84 residential dwellings including details of the layout, scale appearance, access and landscaping following outline application S/10/0842

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

(b) To note any decisions – it was noted that no decisions had been made

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** – Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mark Reynolds and he would be doing the remainder of the work requested by Cllr Wilson during February.

Three stiles were in need of repair – top of the playing field, the TINS footpath and at the top of Medbourne Lane. The stile at the bottom of B4192, by the pile of manure needed adjustment.

Damage had been done to Jubilee Gardens, possibly by a Thamesdown bus. The Cllrs to investigate and report back

It was also noted that the Thames Water contractors for the new pipe being laid were creating a mess

- (b) To provide an update with regards to services transfer from the Borough Council** – The Clerk gave an overview of the meeting held for the rural parishes with regards to fly-tipping, removal of dead animals and graffiti that was held at Highworth Town Council offices. It was noted that the Clerk of Haydon Wick Parish Council would be taking over as the deputy secretary of the SAC until formal handover in April and

would be arranging an urgent meeting to facilitate a joint approach on behalf of all rural parishes to challenge SBC's proposal.

Leon Barrett, Head of Streetsmart, SBC to be contacted re issuing the legal document for transfer of services to enable the Parish Council to confirm the contract for the selected provider from 1 April 2017.

Action – Clerk

The Parish Councillors suggested a minor change to the letter to be delivered to all residents re the increase in precept.

Action - Clerk

10. BROADBAND PROVISION

No agreement has been reached between UKBB and Thames Water for the mast to be erected in Wanborough and the project seems to have stalled. A letter will be sent to Robert Buckland, MP to look into the matter as there has been no improvement or progress since his last visit in April 2016.

Action - Clerk

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane confirmed that she had received notification that authority clearance had been received for nearly all volunteers. There had been various phone calls and emails with the Police suggesting several dates in March for the local training event. Cllr Spillane to send out a 'Doodle' to all for preferred option. A session will be held at the Police HQ in Devizes for anyone that is unable to attend the local training.

Action – Cllr Spillane

Playing Field - Cllr Bunney had sent email confirmation that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment on 15th and 29th January. He had also sent photographs of the damaged piece of equipment to enable the Clerk to obtain a quote from KOMPAN.

Action - Clerk

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Clean up – 1st April 2017
- Community Speedwatch update

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Playground maintenance

The meeting concluded at 9pm

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