



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 6.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Hill, Lomax, Moore, Spillane and Wilson (Chair)

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Bunney'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: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th September 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr John Martin from Chiseldon Parish Council had emailed Robert Buckland, MP and Rachel Sandy from Highways England to ask when the proposed meeting as was discussed at the meeting on August 8th would take place. Rachel Sandy had responded to say that it would not be possible to arrange a meeting before 2018 due to the availability of the modellers. The meeting expressed their disappointment at the response received. Cllr Wilson stated that he would like to see the modelling data for the effects on Plough Hill before and after the changes have been made to J15. Clerk to request if the information is available.

Action - Clerk

Spinney Close Green – confirmation had been received from SBC that this was housing land. A meeting was required to discuss who should take responsibility for it.

Action – Clerk

Stiles – Monies promised from SBC to be used to replace two stiles around the Playing Field had not been received. The Clerk had written to SBC asking for reasons why but no response had been received. Cllr Sumner requested that the email be resent to him and he would chase.

Action – Clerk/Cllr Sumner

Two quotes for the replacement of the stiles had been requested but to date only one received. Clerk to chase.

Action - Clerk

Listed building – a further tarpaulin had been added to the roof. Liz Smith-Gibbons to be informed. **Action - Clerk**

Cllr Hill raised the issue of excessive parking when multiple events are being held at The Village Hall and asked whether any formal arrangements could be made for these situations. The meeting felt that as there was so few occasions when this occurred no action was necessary.

Cllr Lomax requested that the Parish Council cleared and maintained the footpath alongside the B4192 as it was dangerous for pedestrians. It was also noted that the path was breaking up in places. Adams and Watt to be asked to provide a quote to cut back and clear the overgrown vegetation.

Action - Clerk

5. PUBLIC SESSION

As the Village Meeting had been arranged to take place after the Parish Council meeting, there was no Public Session. Notes on this meeting are appended to these minutes

6. CLERK'S REPORT

External Audit – Conclusion of Audit exercise of public access period commenced on 22 September 2017

Finance – Second payment received from SBC on 22nd September of £7,064.20 made up as follows: Precept - £4,187.50, CTSG - £290.70, Transitional funding - £2,586.00

Grass cutting contract – Final cut of the season will be week commencing 9th October. An additional cut can be requested (at an additional cost). A review meeting needed to take place at the end of October with the Contractor to discuss 2018/19.
Action – Clerk/Cllr Wilson

CTSG calculation consultation – 13 responses had been received with 12 choosing to keep current methodology therefore the outcome is that current calculation methodology will remain.

Discharged conditions for planning applications – These are not canvassing for views and SBC are not able to take comments made at this time into account. A High Court Judge decreed that once planning permission had been granted, any further public consultation is no longer applicable.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) There were no planning applications to consider

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

S/17/1246 – Fairview, 22 Purley Road, Liddington – Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sumner informed the Council that he had received the data from a traffic count on Medbourne Lane. The data showed that weekends were very quiet, but weekdays, especially between the hours of 4-6pm were incredibly busy and excessive speed had been recorded. This information needs to be included in studies related to the redevelopment of J15, M4 to ensure mitigation measures are put in place prior to commencement of the works.

SHELAA – Cllr Sumner will be attending a briefing on Monday 9th October prior to the public consultation in November

Winter Service Review – Ongoing issues still under discussion. There were important safety issues that need to be considered.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Sumner's training is now due to take place on 25th November 2017.

Great Stall East sight. A public exhibition had been held on Friday 29th/Saturday 30th September. Worrying factors were included such as a single shared signalised junction on A420 with Rowborough – potentially 5000 homes plus secondary/primary schools all sharing; no crossing over the A420 for secondary school; the Park and Ride facility being moved closer to Sainsburys and no clear indication of how it would join with the developments to the south and therefore providing access to the Southern Connector road.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) To consider options to prevent repeated vehicular damage to Jubilee Gardens caused by the inappropriate parking of service vehicles e.g. the use of sarsen stones or a low wooden fence. Cllr Wilson to contact local farmers and landowners to enquire if they have some sarsen stones available **Action – Cllr Wilson**

10. FINANCE

(a) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:

- Gordon Wilson – Chairman's allowance - £75.00
- Valerie Curtis – Clerk's remuneration - £526.25
- Valerie Curtis – Administration expenses - £43.75
- Liddington Village Hall – invoice number 017/0035 - £44.00

(b) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following standing order:

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – October instalment - £352.20

(c) **Budget Monitoring**

It was **resolved** to accept and approve Q2 – 2017 finance statement. It was agreed to transfer a lump sum from the current account to the interest-bearing account.

11. ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

It was **resolved** to approve the quote of £65 + VAT received from Play Inspection Company for the annual playground inspection.
Action - Clerk

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney had confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections on the play equipment on 2nd and 14th September.

Cllr Hill informed the council that she had attended the Waterside HWRC introductory session and found it very interesting. Clerk to resend the invitation to all Councillors for future events. **Action - Clerk**

13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Meeting
- Traffic data captured along Medbourne Lane
- Parish Councillor vacancy

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To receive information on matters not covered elsewhere & to receive future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15pm to allow the Village Meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Signed

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Village Meeting
Held on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm in Liddington Village Hall

Cllr Wilson opened the meeting by thanking the residents who were in attendance.

He gave a brief introduction outlining the purpose of the meeting and the topics to be discussed. He said that the Parish Councillors would like to hear the residents' views and opinions on how the Parish Council was doing and what they would like to see in the future.

He outlined the changes that had occurred since April 2017 which had materialised from the Community Governance Review that Swindon Borough Council had undertaken in 2015/2016. This had resulted in five new Parishes being created across the Borough. All Parishes had been asked to take over the responsibility of providing some services. Liddington Parish Council was now responsible for all of the grass cutting in the Village, hedge cutting, litter bin emptying, litter picking, street cleaning with hand tools and leaf clearance. He also said that if the Parish Council so wished the street signs and bollards could be cleaned.

He confirmed that the Parish Council was very happy with Adams and Watt, the contractors that had been appointed to take care of all of the new responsibilities. The Councillors found them very responsive and thorough.

Cllr Lomax talked about new projects to enhance the Village. He suggested the possibility of wild flower areas and floral displays at the entrance to the Village.

Suggestions made by the residents:

Weed restriction under the Liddington signs using gravel, stones or slabs.

Flashing speed sign on Purley Road towards Commonhead roundabout

Cllr Lomax also talked about the Playing Field and said that he had received complaints about the amount of dog mess left.

Suggestions made:

Signs stating that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times

Dog poo bag dispensers to be installed by the dog bins

Stile replacement with kissing gates which caused access issues for buggies and wheelchairs, could an alternative be researched?

Could some smaller play equipment be installed for younger children?

Fence around the play areas with gate access to stop dogs getting too close to the children

A resident mentioned that there was a local business that focussed on outdoor, natural play and perhaps they should be consulted.

Cllr Moore talked about Neighbourhood Plans and whether there was any interest in preparing one for Liddington.

Cllr Lomax said that the Parish Council had been discussing taking on the management of the allotment area. He explained that changes needed to be made as comments had been received on the size of the plots being too large and the lack of water supply available on site. It was also suggested that more rules needed to be made as to how the allotment should be used and maintained.

Cllr Spillane provided an update on Community Speedwatch. There were now 5 fully trained members in the team. As the camera was being shared with Chiseldon PC an agreement had been reached for each Parish Council to have use of it of 2 to 3 weeks. The sessions were being held when commuters were making use of the road and the highest speed recorded to date was 59mph. There are currently 2 sites, both of which had to be cleared by the Police as the participants must have an escape route.

Once captured the data is submitted to the Police. The actions taken are:

For speeds recorded of 36-45mph a letter would be sent to the driver. Once 3 letters had been sent, the Police would visit the driver.

Speeds above 45mph, the Police would visit the driver and penalties can be applied.

Cllr Spillane explained that hard evidence was needed for Highways purposes and the Police to support any requests for safety measures to be made to the B4192.

A suggestion was made as to whether average speed cameras could be installed

Cllr Wilson told the meeting that a traffic census had been carried out near the stables on Medbourne Lane. The data had shown that the weekends were quiet but weekdays showed a peak of 400 vehicles between the hours of 4-6pm, and excessive speeds.

David Clay the owner of CCE Service, a reseller for the 4G LTE service, gave an update on the installation process for Superfast Broadband. Go-live was now expected on 21st October.

Cllr Hill gave a brief overview of the Liddington.org website.

Information currently available on the website was Village events, groups and the Parish Council. She is planning to include a history of the Village, maps of walks around and in close vicinity of the Village and places of interest.

A suggestion was made of a Village sharing page that included swapping or free stuff available.

Cllr Wilson reminded the residents that the Parish Council would be holding the next Village Clean up on Saturday 21st October, meeting at 9.30am by Jubilee Gardens. Extra volunteers would be most welcome to join the Councillors.

A resident mentioned that the rear access to Spinney Close needed some attention. This is housing land and SBC need to be informed.

Cllr Wilson closed the meeting by thanking the residents for attending and asked if this should be an annual event going forward, which was agreed.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm