



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

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

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner, Val Curtis (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

#### 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** to approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (holiday). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (personal)

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Allotments – The Clerk to confirm to the Diocese of Bristol that the Parish Council were requesting a lease or agreement to be able to operate the allotment on behalf of the Diocese of Bristol. **Action - Clerk**

Road Signage – Cllr Sumner confirmed that he had sent the photos of the excessive signs provided by Cllr Lomax to Suzanne Coles at SBC, who did not agree with the Parish Council's view. He reaffirmed that evidence of excessive speed was still needed to justify safety improvements. He had requested a 'no HGV' sign at the entrance to Medbourne Lane. He had also asked for a traffic count to be undertaken on the Badbury Road from Marlborough Road that leads into Medbourne Lane which is used for rat running.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane had provided the following update. Enough people had agreed to the same date in March to run a training session in Liddington. She was still awaiting responses from others for the same date or another March date. Coupled with 3 people who are attending a session at the Police HQ in Devizes, a team will be ready by the end of the month to begin monitoring speeds through the Village.

Cllr Sumner suggested that the Clerk write to Sarah Screen, the CIL Manager at SBC, to ask if any consented Section 106 or CIL funding had been generated out of any developments in Liddington. **Action - Clerk**

Damage to Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Wilson to provide photographic evidence to Cllr Sumner of the damage caused by Thames Water. **Action – Cllr Wilson**

#### 5. PUBLIC SESSION

Andrew Gruar and David Clay from UKBB Networks were in attendance to provide overview and update on the current position of the Superfast Broadband provision across Swindon. The organisation bid for, and won the contract to build 24 sites for network design and implementation to provide the network across the Borough. A change of plan was needed due to the reluctance of North Swindon residents during the planning process. However, the company is on track to complete all towers with the imminent construction of two in Stratton, one at the White Hart and one at Grange School and one in Peatmoor. The two remaining are Castle Eaton, where planning permission has been granted and Wanborough. A meeting had been held that morning with SBC to investigate and try to resolve the issue that was holding up the Wanborough build which was to be erected on Thames Water land. Planning permission had been given but legal documentation was needed from Shere Group, the managing agents for the land, who were not responding. If the problem can be unlocked with Shere Group, the build could start and service be provided within 6 weeks. Councillor Gary Sumner and Councillor Gordon Wilson offered their assistance, if required.

## 6. CLERK'S REPORT

Members noted the Clerk had received responses about the following that had been dealt with under the Public Session and Matters for Consideration:

Allotments - Emily Wilson, Diocese of Bristol confirmed via email on 15<sup>th</sup> February that Arthur Witchell, the Land Agent would make contact soon. Arthur had met with Jane Howes and Fiona Nelson in February 2015 to discuss a plan for the allotments to have an official administrator – should this be moved forward?

Robert Buckland- A reply from Robert Buckland had been received in response to a letter asking for his help with the stall in the provision of Superfast Broadband confirming his support and assistance

**Annual Internal Audit** - Quote information schedule form has been completed and submitted to Auditing Solutions Ltd.

**Road signage** - Suzanne Coles has confirmed that SBC are not in the position to consider match funding for an additional 30mph speed reminder sign at the bottom of Purley Road. Westcotec Ltd are the preferred suppliers. For purchase and installation, a budget should be considered of up to £3,500 (exc. VAT).

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) **Application:** S/HOU/17/0156

**Location:** Church View, Bell Lane, Liddington, SN4 0HE

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey side extension to create a self-contained annex

**Resolved:** that the following comments be submitted:

The dwelling should be ancillary to the main accommodation

The Parish Council is in full agreement with the Highways Officer in relation to the provision of parking spaces

**Application:** S/HOU/17/0207

**Location:** Parsonage Close, Medbourne Lane, Liddington, SN4 0EY

**Proposal:** Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions

**Resolved:** that the following comments be submitted

Access to this property is considered to be an issue.

There is also concern over access for construction traffic. The Parish Council requests that a construction traffic management plan is put in place to ensure that the rush hour periods are avoided.

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

S/16/2221/TB – 6 The Street – 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.

S/16/2196/IH – The Cooperative Childcare, GWH – erection of a single storey extension

## 8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NEV – Thames Water have confirmed that they are not in a position to provide water and sewerage construction works for two years from the signing of an agreement with developers.

Bridge Strategy Draft SPD – comments to be made by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Key concerns are covering the costs and ensuring they are index linked and kept up to date.

Green Infrastructure Draft SPD – Question over deliverability of community forest between the NEV and Wanborough. No public green space identified for casual use for 8,000 -10,000 homes

Archaeology – due to Redlands Footpath being deemed a Roman road it cannot be dug or hedges removed which is creating an issue.

Transport report is being worked on by Atkins who are currently looking at Commonhead roundabout. Traffic solutions are needed for Liddington, Wanborough and Bishopstone.

Swindon Museum and Art Gallery will be holding a display of local finds in July – further details to follow.

## 9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) **To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month** – Jubilee Gardens damage – ruts need lifting, soil added and turf or grass seeds to be added **Action – Clerk**

Footpath maintenance – James Garrad to be contacted requesting attention to footpath prior to transfer of responsibility to the Parish Council

**Action – Cllr Wilson**

- (b) **To provide an update with regards to services transfer from Swindon Borough Council** - Cllr Moore proposed that the contract with Adams and Watt be signed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Lomax and unanimously agreed.

**Action - Clerk**

- (c) **To review the proposed donation of £1,000 (excluding VAT) to the Liddington Village Hall and agree that the supply and installation of replacement lighting in the Village Hall falls within this remit and that payment should be made to the supplier by LPC on its completion to the satisfaction of the Village Hall Committee.** – Cllr Wilson proposed that the amount be approved. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Moore and unanimously approved

- (d) **2017 CPRE Wiltshire & Hills Group Best Kept Village Competition** – The meeting agreed that Liddington Village should enter the competition

**Action - Clerk**

- (e) **A complaint has been made to the Clerk about the condition of the football pitch relating to dog mess not being removed by owners** – The meeting agreed that signs should be erected at the entrances to the playing field and a piece reminding owners to clean up after their dogs be put in the Lyden Magazine

**Action - Clerk**

## 10. FINANCE

### (a) Invoices

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

- Mark Reynolds – work as per quote received 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 - £800
- AEL – supply and installation of replacement lighting for the Village Hall - £1,109.28
- Clerks Remuneration – January, February & March 2017 – £492.13
- Administration payment – January, February & March 2017 - £43.75
- Liddington PCC – Clerks copy of Lyden Magazine - £10.00
- Wilts and Berks Canal Trust – annual subscription - £25.00

### (b) To ratify payments made between meetings:

It was **resolved** to ratify the following payments made between meetings

- Liddington Village Hall – Jan, Feb & March 2016 - £18
- Mark Reynolds – Hedges at Liddington Playing Field - £180

### (c) To review LPC Risk Assessment document

Councillor Lomax proposed to accept the revised Risk Assessment document. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hill.

- (d) **Internal auditor** - it was **resolved** to appoint Auditing Solutions Ltd as the internal auditor for financial year 2016/17.

**Action - Clerk**

- (e) **Information Governance Training – WALC** 27<sup>th</sup> April in Devizes, £40 + VAT per delegate – it was agreed that Councillor Hill and the Clerk would attend the training.

**Action - Clerk**

## 11. PLAY EQUIPMENT

It was **resolved** to accept the quote received from KOMPAN for replacement of defective part. **Action - Clerk**

## 12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field - Cllr Bunney had sent email confirmation that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## 13. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Village Clean up
- Reminder to owners to clean up after their dog
- Superfast Broadband
- Best kept Village competition

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- New Eastern Villages (NEV) Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy Draft SPD
- New Eastern Villages (NEV) Island Bridge Vision Draft SPD

## 15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

The meeting concluded at 10pm

Signed.....

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