



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Wednesday 6th December at 7.00pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Lomax, Moore and Wilson (Chair)

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (business related). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Spillane's reason for absence (away). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unwell).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

Due to two members of the public being present it was agreed to bring the public session forward. Mr Maspero and his partner shared their current thoughts and plans for Street House Farm. Cllr Wilson thanked them for attending and asked them to keep the Parish Council abreast of any further developments

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st November 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Spinney Close Green – Cllr Sumner to speak to Mike Ash.

Action – Cllr Sumner

Stiles – Due to Cllr Hill not attending the meeting this has been deferred to the next meeting..

Footpath alongside B4192 is now in a dangerous condition. Clerk to inform Adams & Watt to action as soon as possible.

Action – Clerk

Sarsen Stones – Cllr Lomax has not identified any to date – ongoing

Advice re inspection of playground equipment from Came & Company was to continue as current practices.

Allotments – Clerk has emailed Arthur Witchell, Land Agent for the Diocese of Bristol with an update of the current situation, no response has been received to date.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/17/1906

Location: Street House Farm, The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application but would request that any materials used are in keeping with the host dwelling and the location.

Application: S/17/1758

Location: Commonhead Site, Commonhead, Swindon

Proposal: Removal of conditions 25 and 26 (Highway Improvement Works) from outline Planning Permission S/10/0842 for the erection of up to 890 no. residential dwellings, employment and associated uses.

Resolved: that the following comment be submitted:

The Parish Council do not see how these conditions can be removed without something else to replace them. They would like to see sight of the document that replaces this before commenting further.

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

It was noted that the following applications for 'Works to trees within a conservation area' had been received by SBC.

S/TWC/17/1702 – Street House Farm, The Street, Liddington
S/TWC/17/1930 – Liddington Manor, The Street, Liddington

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) – a list of sites is currently being assessed for suitability by SBC before being circulated for consultation

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Sumner confirmed that he is now fully trained and has been in touch with Cllr Spillane to participate in Liddington sessions.

Lotmead Enquiry – Planning Inspector now preparing her report for the Secretary of State to make his decision.

J15 redevelopment issues – A reasoned argument is being put together for no right turn from the Marlborough Road into Badbury to stop rat running.

NEV – Rowborough application has been approved. Great Stall East outline planning application received

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To review suggestions and any actions arising from the Village Meeting held on 4th October – completed
- (b) To review the village clean up morning and the sourcing and storage of equipment for future events. – Cllr Lomax to ask Village Hall Committee if space for equipment could be found in current shed or could a secure box be located in the car park? **Action – Cllr Lomax**
- (c) To review feedback from meeting with Adams & Watt and discuss and prioritise actions from the additional work identified. It was **Resolved** to accept the quote and approve some items of additional work. **Action - Clerk**
- (d) It was **Resolved** to accept the amended quote from Adams & Watt for grass cutting contract for 2018/19 **Action - Clerk**
- (e) To discuss and agree action to address condition of the stiles around the Village – deferred to January meeting
- (f) To discuss the upkeep of footpaths, bridleways etc.- ongoing

9. FINANCE

- (a) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following:
- The Play Inspection Company - £78.00
- (b) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following standing order:
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – December instalment - £352.20

10. FOOTPATH

Cllr Sumner had received the same request from the South Swindon MP's office. He feels that it is extremely unlikely without development monies to cover the cost.

11. CONSULTATION – CARE LEAVERS AND COUNCIL TAX

It was agreed that the following comments would be submitted. The proposal is reasonable, however a more considered approach is needed to include other young people who are similarly affected due to their circumstances. The Parish Council do not have any other comments to make. **Action – Clerk**

12. SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL REVIEW OF CODES AND PROTOCOLS

The Parish Council had no comments to make

13. MANAGING THE LENGTH OF OUR MEETINGS

It was acknowledged that due to the transfer of services and the resulting additional responsibilities more debate had needed to take place. However, a concerted effort would be made going forward to limit the meeting time to the two hours plus 15 minutes additional as stipulated in the Standing Orders.

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney had confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly inspections on the play equipment on 13th and 26th November.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane had submitted the following update:

Liddington CSW team meeting to introduce new members and create ideas for best practice.

Gary Sumner now trained

Applications of all new volunteers have now been submitted/cleared and HQ aware of subsequent training need.

Camera schedule continues to work well

Liddington completing 5 sessions in this/next week

New Medbourne Lane location has been signed off and paperwork received:

1. Front of driveway to Hazleden. Operators are not to encroach onto the roadway therefore avoiding conflict with passing traffic.
This site can be used for checking vehicles travelling in both directions
Permission to be sought from Occupier

2. Concrete access to gravel track opposite entrance to Medbourne Farmhouse
Operators are not to encroach onto the roadway therefore avoiding conflict with passing traffic
This site can be used for checking vehicles travelling in both directions
Due to operators having line of sight to the 30mph signs to the southwest, vehicle speeds are not to be checked until they have reached the warning sign for horses on the southern side.

Next CSW Team Leader meeting is in January when Cllr Spillane/another CSW team member will attend

15. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was **resolved** to put the following in the Parish Magazine

- Season's Greetings
- Playing field - donate a bench?
- Parish Councillor Vacancy

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- CPRE Countryside Voice – Winter 2017

17. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

The meeting concluded at 9.40 pm

Signed.....

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