



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on
Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Hyatt, Lomax, Moore, Wilson and Workman
Also present: Ward Councillor Gary Sumner, Val Curtis (Clerk) and two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received as all members of the Council were in attendance

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd September 2020 were agreed as a true record. Due to the social distancing guidelines, the agreed minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING

Speed sign – the licence had been approved by Swindon Borough Council.

Letter to Badbury Park residents – The letter had been delivered to all properties that are within Liddington Parish Boundary. One response received to date with a request for a dog bin to be installed in Homington Avenue. Clerk to contact the Clerk of Central Swindon South Parish Council to discuss the provision of dog and litter bins in Badbury Park to ensure a consistent approach. **Action – Clerk**

Site line from The Street – Village Inn sign moved, appears to have been put back to original location. Cllr Lomax to speak to the Landlords explaining that there needs to be a clear view with no obstruction. **Action – Cllr Lomax**

Hedges and trees between Commonhead Roundabout and the village sign seriously overgrown making it impossible to walk on the grass verge. Cllr Sumner to address with SBC **Action – Cllr Sumner**

Bell Lane/Ham Road is currently flooded due to an outlet pipe being partially blocked by Wales & West Utilities when reinstating the verge after the new pipe laying. A resident has reported the issue to them and it will be repaired once SBC give permission to close the road.

Quote for pruning of the tree on Spinney Close will be addressed during the annual review walk round with the Grass Cutting Contractor. **Action – Cllr Lomax/Clerk**

5. PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public voiced his views on the location of the defibrillator on the outside of the Village Hall. The building was not listed and therefore had no protection but it was located within a conservation area and had been noted as a building of significant interest. He believed that the Parish Council cannot use the Custodial Trustee status as means of influence over the Village Hall Committee. He provided two options to bring the matter to a conclusion. The options to be discussed at the next meeting between the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council representatives.

The second member of the public raised the issue of the need for an additional litter bin at the entrance to the playing field from the church yard as the rubbish left in the grave yard and the bin located there was primarily from visitors to the playing field. Cllr Lomax confirmed that he had spoken to the Contractor to discuss the usage of the litter bins currently located in the playing field, The one at the far end of the field was not used much so would be relocated to the entrance and the situation monitored. **Action – Cllr Lomax.**

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/20/0971

Location: 18 The Green, Liddington SN4 0HG

Proposal: Erection of a double garage to the side

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this proposal

Application: S/HOU/20/0972 (16th October)

Location: 47 The Street, Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, single storey rear extension, two storey front extensions and pitched roof to double garage

Resolved: The Meeting agreed that the following comments to be submitted'

At its meeting on Wednesday 7th October, Liddington Parish Council agreed that it would like the following comments to be submitted against the above-mentioned planning application with revised documents.

The Parish Council has no objections to this proposal. However, it would request the following conditions to be applied:

1. A traffic management plan to prevent the road being blocked by delivery vehicles backing up and the construction company employees on site.
2. Restrictions to be placed on hours of work that limits the disruption to neighbouring properties

(b) The meeting noted that the following decision had been received:

S/HOU/20/0946 - Elm Croft, Medbourne Lane Liddington – Erection of a single storey rear extension - granted

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Badbury Park – Cllr Sumner suggested that it would be wise to liaise with Central Swindon South Parish Council concerning any litter bin/dog bin provision and to be mindful of the fact that the majority of open space in the area was covered by the Management Company.

Purley Road – the resident had been served with a notice – request for information by Planning Enforcement. The notice had been returned, the Officers to review the contents and decide on future action.

Liddington Castle - Cllr Sumner has requested that the drains be cleared by SBC. The sign for the Liddington Hotel that is no longer in existence to be removed. The amount of litter, comprising mainly of take away meal debris, was shocking and providing a litter bin should be considered.

Gigabit Fibre – figures for Wanborough/Liddington are in excess of DCMS. BT Openreach are suggesting that there is a possibility of some flex.

A further meeting has been arranged with BT Openreach and Robert Buckland, QC, MP to explore options should the larger schemes fall out.

Giga clear – reaching out for options for Bishopstone/Hinton Parva however does not fit Wanborough/Liddington.

Ward Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 7.47pm

8. FINANCE

Resolved: Cllr Moore proposed approval of the payments, standing order, recurring payment and to ratify the payment made between meetings. Cllr Bunney seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed.

(a) To approve payment of the following:

- Chairs allowance - £75.00
- Clerks Remuneration - £639.36
- Clerks administration – £43.75
- Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual support agreement - £151.20

(b) To approve payment of the following Standing Orders:

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – October instalment - £518.57

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payment

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/10/2020 – 17/11/2020) - £4.19

(e) **To ratify payments made between meetings**

- Zoom – Standard pro monthly (September) - £14.39

(f) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – The Meeting noted that the second precept and CTSG payments had been received. The accounts were in a healthy position,

(g) **To receive Q2 budget monitoring** – The Meeting agreed that the accounts were within the set budget

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Request for an additional litter bin – this was dealt with during the Public Session

10. DEFIBRILLATOR

Doubts were expressed by Councillors about some of the remarks made by the member of the public who had spoken earlier in the meeting on this subject. Whilst the Village Hall Committee had responsibility for the hall, the Parish Council had a wider responsibility to the residents of the village as a whole. Cllr Hill explained that the meeting between representatives of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council took place on Monday 5th October. There was some misunderstanding of the agenda and purpose of the meeting. The pros and cons of the current location was discussed and a further meeting had been scheduled for week beginning 12th October. It was also noted that agreement to the siting of the unit had been agreed by the Chairs of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

11. LORD JOEL JOFFE MEMORIAL

Renaming of the Footpath – Cllr Workman had spoken to the owner of the Manor and had received agreement in principle but more information had been requested. Cllr Lomax cut the two signposts with the new name. Once final agreement has been received, he will arrange the installation. The Meeting agreed that the new name will be Joel Joffe Way.

The framed display for the Village Hall, if agreed by the Village Hall Committee, to be approximately 2ft x 3ft with a timeline of the key points in his life and photographs. There are no strong views of where it should be hung.

12. 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONES

The Meeting agreed unanimously that it would formally support Stratton St Margaret Parish Council in its campaign to lower speed limits in residential areas to 20mph to improve road safety. **Action - Clerk**

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Allotments – negotiations have stalled completely. Cllr Moore to contact the Land Agent. **Action – Cllr Moore**
Cllr Lomax confirmed that he had been offered a large water container to use on the allotment site.

Defibrillator - Cllr Bunney had contacted an Electrical Contractor who will provide a quote.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on 12th & 26th September. He had received several complaints concerning the amount of dog poo on the playing field and in the children's play area. A suggestion was made to look at fencing the area off. Cllr Hyatt offered to clean the area on Thursday 8th October. Cllr Lomax and Cllr Hyatt to look at additional signage. **Action Cllrs Lomax/Hyatt**

The dog warden to be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting for advice on any additional measures that could be taken **Action – Clerk**

Swindon Area Committee – Cllr Lomax provided a written report that will be attached to the final minutes

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Lomax had received an update from the current CSW co-ordinator, who, due to work commitments was looking to stand down, a replacement would be found. Two or three people were available to carry out camera sessions. Cllr Lomax said that the location of the speed sign had been recently changed and a further data download was required. **Action – Cllrs Lomax/Wilson**

Town Fund – The meeting due on 18th September had been cancelled. No response had been received from the Government as yet. Not much progress had been made

Village Hall Committee – Income was down due to the pandemic and regular user groups being hesitant to re-use the hall, although extensive measures to make it Covid secure had been put in place. There had been a traffic problems on Sunday 4th October due to a Church Service, Bellringers, tutor group and footballers all wanting to use the car park at the same time. Village Hall Committee were keen on getting a Village event arranged with the Madrigal Singers, for a Christmas party in the Village Hall car park with drinks and mince pies being served inside the hall.

14. PARISH MAGAZINE

The Meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine:

- Clean up your dog poo
- Data capture from the speed sign

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that correspondence had been received from Justin Tomlinson, MP in his capacity as Minister for Disabled people requesting that the Parish Council speak with the organiser of a local charity called Benjamin’s Smile. The primary function currently is to improve access and provision for disabled children in parks. Clerk to make the initial contact to arrange a Zoom call. **Action - Clerk**

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Closed Churchyard – some maintenance and attention was needed to the wall that borders the churchyard on Church Road. SBC contribute direct to the PCC with funds to maintain the area. Cllr Lomax to meet with the Vicar to discuss. **Action – Cllr Lomax**

Defibrillator – In light of the developments due to the comments made earlier in the meeting, Cllr Wilson questioned whether he should put a factual discussion document together with the aim of the Parish Council being able to come to an agreed position on how to proceed to be shared with the representatives of both bodies at their next meeting. Cllr Wilson’s suggestion was accepted and an informal discussion would take place on Thursday 8th October at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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