



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Hyatt, Lomax and Wilson
Also present: Laura Evans (Clerk), A Moore and two Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Ward Cllr Sumner's reason for absence (prior engagement)

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 June 2021 were approved and signed as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

Liddington Hill Monument – Quote received from the contractor for new handrail and guardrails totalling £147.00 +VAT. The meeting agreed as this is a safety issue to proceed with the quote. Once the contractor has supplied a quote for replacing the decking boards, the Clerk is to then arrange a meeting at the site with all relevant bodies.

Lost Footpaths- Cllr Hill explained that not much progress has been made but is awaiting to hear from the Rights of Way Officer from SBC.

Play Park- Cllr Lomax stated that signage had been damaged and that broken clay discs used in shooting were found nearby.

5. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

One Member of the public wished to know what Liddington Parish Council were doing in memory of Lord Joffe, as so far only an Oak tree has been planted. Cllr Lomax explained that the Parish Council is in the process of completing the Lord Joel Joffe footpath and Mrs Moore is working on a framed appreciation to put into the Village Hall as a celebration of Lord Joffe's life. There will be an unveiling of the work on its completion.

Cllr Hyatt asked the member of the public if there was anything else that could be done in the memory of Lord Joffe. The member of the public confirmed there was not.

The member of the public also raised concerns about the dog fouling taking place on their field, which is a danger to livestock and that walkers are damaging the crop by walking across the field. The land owner is still awaiting a meeting from the Rights of Way Officer at Swindon Borough Council to determine the area for signage and fencing.

6. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/HOU/21/0778 (15th July)

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

Proposal: Erection of first floor and single storey side extensions and associated works.

Resolved: The meeting agreed that there were no objections to this proposal.

(b) To note any decisions:

The Meeting noted that no decisions had been received

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTES)

Cllr Lomax presented the report sent by Ward Cllr Sumner.

Additional sites in Liddington and Badbury have been signed off at Openreach subject to BDUK approval.

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- Swindon Borough Council – Highway licence - £125.00- still under dispute, remains unpaid.

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

- Clerks remuneration Final Invoice - £308.58
- Beth's Potting Shed- £140.00
- HMRC Tax & NI Month 3 - £93.80

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

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – July instalment - £526.34

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits:

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payment

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/06/2021 – 17/07/2021) - £4.50

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

Salary for May - £208.80

Salary for June - £167.20

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation

Resolved: The meeting noted that the accounts were in a healthy position.

(g) Q1 Budget Monitoring

Resolved: The meeting agreed the budget was on track.

9. LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

- (a) To confirm period of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return (Exempt Authority) the meeting noted that the period of Public Rights would commence on Monday 12th July through to Friday 20th August 2021.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) Swing – Quotation attached

Resolved: The meeting had agreed to proceed with the quotation of supply and installation of a new cross member.

- b) Lord Joffe Footpath Posts

Cllr Lomax and Cllr Wilson explained that there has been a dispute with a resident, that is holding up the installation of one of the posts. As it stands no further information had been provided by the resident to suggest the information provided by Liddington Parish Council from Swindon Borough Council was incorrect.

- c) Allotments

A Moore tabled a written report, added to the minutes in the minute file, on the update to the allotment lease. Progress has been made with the outstanding 3 points and is awaiting confirmation from LPC's Solicitor that the points have been dealt with ready for the draft lease. Cllr Lomax thanked A Moore for his hard work on this.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (10 MINUTES)

Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council or who are responsible for local schemes, amenities and projects will have the opportunity to provide an update on progress made.

Allotments – Cllr Hyatt proposed to have help with the strimming, as it requires a team of people

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney has sent pictures of the replacement piece for the baby swing. Clerk to order from Kompan

Action- Clerk

Village Hall Committee – The Village Fete is being held on the playing field on 7th August, time to be confirmed. Bookings at the Village hall are slowly increasing now due to Covid restrictions being eased.

Town Fund Board – A sub group meeting was held on 29th June for an acceptance meeting for Stantec and PER, who were chosen. Support follow up meetings will be held every first Monday of the month until the end of the year for progress updates. The next meeting is being held 16th July.

Swindon Area Committee- SAC are seeking approval to change the name to Swindon Local Councils Forum as they believe this is more indicative of the role that it plays.

12. PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW 2023

Liddington Parish Council would be in East Wiltshire in 2023, Cllrs to make a comment, which can be find via the link supplied on the email.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Resolved: The next date for the Code of Conduct training is being held on 7th September, Cllr Lomax encouraged all Councillors to attend. Cllrs Hyatt, Hill, Lomax, and Bunney confirmed attendance at the training session.

14. SBC NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSIDERING CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Resolved: The Parish Council has read, reviewed, understood and acknowledged the changes.

15. PROPOSED SAC PROTOCOL

Resolved: All Councillors are to email the clerk with any amendments, deletions or alterations, that should be considered in the protocol, so a response can be built. Responses are due to SAC by 31st July.

16. TO REVIEW LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL'S POSITION ON BADBURY PARK AND THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31ST JULY)

Resolved: The meeting agreed that Liddington Parish Council wish to participate in the Community Governance Review

17. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine

- Strimming at the Allotments
- Village Trough (with picture)
- Village Hall update
- Play Park Swing
- Lord Joffe Memorial
- Reminder of Dog Fouling on fields

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Hill explained as long as there were no objections, that a Football tournament will be held on the playing field on 28th August to raise money for McMillian.

One Member raised concerns over the comment made by Cllr Lomax regarding the broken clay discs as this could mean that someone is shooting in the play park, but also raised concerns over the amount of dog fouling in the park and littering especially of sharp beer bottle lids. Cllr Hyatt would contact and report to the Police.

The meeting closed at 8:54pm

Signed.....Date.....