

# June

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2013

*PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Liz Carmichael (Clerk), Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)*

*1. APOLOGIES Vince Jones, Gordon Wilson (Chairman)*

*2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as he's the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee*

*3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING*

*The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.*

*4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

### Actions completed

*Arrange for speakers to attend a future meeting*

*Action: clerk*

*Confirm that Swindon Borough Council is going to pick up any waste*

*Action: GW*

*Mark out the area to be cleared by the Community Payback Scheme workers*

*Action: All*

### Actions ongoing

*Consider locations for trees*

*Action: All*

*Arrange Neighbourhood Watch handover from Jonathian Miller*

*Action: VJ*

*Get price list for trees and find out deadline for ordering disease resistant elms*

*Action: clerk*

*Arrange for SBC to attend a meeting to discuss any additional traffic calming*

*Action: clerk*

*Check what the payment to Wiltshire Building Records is for*

*Action: clerk*

*The clerk advised the meeting that the new Police Inspector will be attending the July meeting and a representative from the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust will be attending in September. Topics to be discussed with the police will include speeding on*

*B4192, feedback on fatal accident earlier in 2013, frequency of police presence in the village, what the local team do for Liddington.*

*It was noted that PGL have put in a planning application for the directional signs and have invited the Liddington & Wanborough Parish Councils to visit PGL Liddington to see what has been done there and to discuss their future plans for the site. It was agreed that the Parish Council would accept the invitation and, as PGL Liddington is not within the parish, would fit in with whatever Wanborough proposes.*

#### *5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION*

*5.1 Commonhead Development – It was noted that a meeting with Coate residents had been held at Swindon Borough Council's offices. The Parish Council agreed that Chiseldon and Liddington Parish Councils should jointly survey the opinions of residents affected by the proposed closure of Day House Lane.*

*5.2 Landscaping – The Parish Council discussed the project to landscape the area from Jubilee Garden down towards Purley. It was noted that the Community Payback Scheme workers were making good progress and doing a good job. It was agreed to use scalpings on the new footpath up to the seat and woodchips in other areas. It was noted that a compactor will need to be hired. The Parish Council agreed a budget of £600 for the project, £100 of which has already been allocated to labour costs.*

*5.3 Parsonage Close – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a site visit at 9.30am on 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> June to give informal feedback on the proposed development at Parsonage Close.*

*5.4 Consultation – Deferred until later in the meeting.*

*5.5 Consultation – Deferred until later in the meeting.*

5.6 *Speakers* – It was agreed that as speakers have been arranged for both the July and September meetings that nothing further needs to be done at this stage. This will be reviewed again in October or November.

5.7 *Projects* – The Parish Council agreed that as there were quite a few ongoing projects, some of these need to be completed before any new ones are started. Ongoing projects include village ‘gateway’ garden, moving and replanting the trough, planting of elm trees around the village, landscaping alongside B4192, website sign and the village map. The Parish Council agreed to review the Parish Plan later in the year to get ideas for new projects. It was suggested that a community orchard could be planted in the area next to the B4192 that’s currently being cleared and that there could be an opening ceremony for the new path, with a display of the proposed plans and designs for some of the other projects.

Get prices for fruit trees for a Community orchard

Action: clerk

5.8 *Highways Matters* – It was suggested that another illuminated speed sign may help to reduce the speed of traffic. It was noted that the clerk is trying to arrange for representatives from Swindon Borough Council to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss further traffic calming measures.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.

### 6. PLANNING

6.1 *Planning Applications* – There were no planning applications to consider.

6.2 *Decisions* – Application S/13/0407/H/ECO for a 2 storey rear extension and conservatory at 4 Lidenbrook has been granted full planning permission.

### 7. FINANCE

7.1 *Account Summary* – The Parish Council reviewed the account summary and it was proposed that the budget should be included. The clerk advised the meeting that the anticipated expenditure figures agreed when the precept was set will form the budget.

7.2 The Parish Council reviewed and approved Part A of the Annual Return. Part B of the Annual Return was reviewed and approved.

7.3 The Parish Council approved payment of the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils Swindon Area Committee annual financial contribution 2013/2014 £14.50

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 The Parish Council discussed the consultation on the Education Transport Policy 2014-15. It was agreed that an email should be sent to residents encouraging the parents of those children affected by the proposed changes to submit a response. The Parish Council will submit a response to the consultation if requested to do so by residents.

Email residents about responding to the Education Transport Policy consultation     Action: GW

8.2 The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information:

Letter from Wanborough Parish Council

Notification of the adoption of the Wiltshire and Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan

CPRE Transport Toolkit

It was agreed that nothing further will be done regarding the Parish boundary unless residents complained to the Parish Council about their properties being included within Wanborough parish rather than Liddington.

Andrew Bennett joined the meeting.

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that this year there was a £250,000 subsidy across all transport which is less than half the amount previously. There is a consultation on the mobile library coming soon as the Borough Council is looking for other ways to deliver the service. It was noted that Andrew Bennett is back on the Planning Committee and is also on the Fire

Authority Committee. Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that the housing numbers were based on the regional strategy, employment figures and an optimistic economic forecast. He believed that the figures need to be re-appraised specific to Swindon.

## 5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.4 Consultation – The Parish Council determined that no response was necessary to the consultation on the impact of the Order to revoke the Regional Strategy for the South West on Swindon Borough Core Strategy 2026.

5.5 Consultation – The Parish Council agreed that no response was necessary to the consultation on the impact of the government’s Household Interim Projections 2011 -2021 on Swindon Borough Core Strategy 2026 as any comments regarding the accuracy of the figures was made as part of the initial consultation.

## 10. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 8th and 22nd May and that there were no issues to report. It was noted that if weekly checks are a condition of the insurance policy that someone else, who goes to the playing field on a regular basis, may have to carry them out.

Check insurance conditions associated with the frequency of checking the playground equipment

Action: clerk

10.2 Village Hall Committee – David Lomax advised the meeting that a quiz went well and the talk on the Falklands may be deferred until the autumn.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – No report.

10.4 Community Speedwatch – It was noted that 3 volunteers have been trained and that the first speed monitoring session needs to be set. Guy Allen advised the meeting that the speed gun will need to be insured whilst it is stored in the village. It was noted that in some other areas the gun is stored at the home of one of the volunteers with the Parish Council paying the associated increase in their contents insurance. It was suggested that the speed gun could possibly be stored in the village hall and covered either under the village hall’s insurance or the Parish Council’s insurance.

Check whether speed gun is covered, or could be covered, under the village hall insurance or the Parish Council’s insurance

Action: clerk

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – No report.

## 11 PARISH MAGAZINE

*It was agreed that the following be put in the report for the Lyden magazine: the date for the village footpath clearing and the consultation on the education transport policy.*

*12 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA*

*Sid Bishop gave his apologies in advance for the July meeting.*

*The meeting concluded at 9.20pm*