



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7pm at Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Cripps, Lomax, Moore, Spillane and Wilson

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (unavailable). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Hill's reason for absence (unavailable).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Cripps declared an interest in Item 9 (a) - Allotments.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th March 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Day House Lane – Cllr Sumner has spoken with other Councillors and Officers. Once a pre-planning application has been received by SBC for the Science Park this will provide the opportunity for a dialogue to be opened with Officers prior to engaging with the public. There are different interpretations being taken by other parties, however Officers confirm that it is not a given that there would be a 'stop' along Day House Lane to prevent rat running.

Church Yard - After much discussion, the Meeting decided that it was right to take some action as Parishioners who have loved ones laid to rest in the grave yard had approached the Parish Council directly. An alternative route for a dedicated footpath to those already suggested was looked at and the Clerk will arrange for quotes to be obtained. Subject to a reasonable price, Cllr Sumner will ask Wanborough Football Club if they would contribute. Cllr Lomax will discuss the situation with the Vicar.

Action – Clerk, Cllr Sumner, Cllr Lomax

Village Hall Bins – The Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

Defibrillator – Cllr Moore had spoken to the Landlady of the Village Inn and she had confirmed that she was happy for it to be located there. The Clerk had received emails and a quote from the Community Heartbeat Trust which had been circulated. Mr Maurice Spillane had volunteered to be trained as a first responder.

GDPR – A meeting between the Clerk and Cllr Hill took place where a list of actions was identified which is currently being worked through

Play equipment – Kompan had been contacted about the defective panel. Clerk to produce a report for discussion at a future meeting

Action – Clerk

Spinney Close Green – No update had been provided from SBC about the acquisition of the Green. Clerk to forward email conversation to Cllr Sumner for him to escalate

Action Clerk/Cllr Sumner

Internal Audit – Clerk confirmed that file almost ready for submission to the Internal Auditor. As Liddington Parish Council's income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000, there is no requirement to have a limited assurance review and can declare itself exempt.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

One Member of the Public was in attendance to raise the issue of the grave yard, provide some background and historical information. The item was discussed under 'Matters arising'.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **To consider any planning applications:**
Application: S/HOU/18/0390

Location: Street House Farm, The Street, Liddington SN4 0HD
Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey link
Resolved: that the following comments be submitted:

The Conservation Officer's remarks should be taken into account. We have no other comments to make

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

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Two more transport consultations for the proposed changes to accommodate the NEV were being held. Current proposal is that the Southern Connector Road would be single carriageway. Cllr Sumner, along with the Covingham and Dorcan Borough Councillors, are not supportive of the Great Stall Bridge and believe that it should not go ahead. The changes to the White Hart roundabout should be the best they can be, not the cheaper option.

Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8.30pm

8. FINANCE

(a) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following invoices:

- Swindon Area Committee – Annual subscription 2017/18 - £14.50
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract - £4,664.40 payable in 12 equal instalments of £388.70
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Annual subscription 2018/19 - £145.22

(b) It was **resolved** to ratify the following payment made between meetings:

- Liddington Village Hall – invoice number 18/0011 - £18.00

(c) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following standing orders:

- Wilts Building Records - £15
- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – April instalment - £388.70

(d) **To review and approve Q4 budget monitoring** – It was **resolved** to accept and approve the Q4 finance statement

(e) **Account Summary** – it was **resolved** to accept the statement of accounts as at the end of financial year 2017/18

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Allotments – Regrettably no further action would be taken with regards to the Parish Council taking over the management of the allotments unless significant interest is shown from the residents.

(b) Village clean up – key tasks identified: Litter picking, washing road signs, tidying the verges and trimming back over hanging branches. The meeting agreed to purchase 10 litter pickers. **Action - Clerk**

10. FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The footpaths still need to be walked. Cllr Hill had posted photographs of the footpaths on the Liddington.org website so all councillors were requested to look at these online. The item is deferred to a future meeting **Action - All**

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Community Safety Forum – Cllr Wilson had attended the last meeting on Tuesday 13th March. It was noted that there had been several attempted and actual break-ins to sheds in the Village.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane explained that a set of sessions was completed on the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd April. In the last session of 45 minutes, 400 cars had been monitored on B4192 of which 8 cars had been captured as doing over 40 mph. She thought it was now time to ask the Police to move to the next level as they were regularly identifying speeds of 50 mph, so the next step of considering traffic calming measures being put in place should be discussed. The meeting agreed. **Action – Cllr Spillane**

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- Annual Meeting on 2nd May 2018
- Mystery litter picker
- Break -ins

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- Friends of the Ridgeway – Annual Report 2017

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

- Quotes for additional works

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

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