



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd July, 2019 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Cripps, Hill, Lomax (Chair), Moore, Spillane and Wilson
Also in attendance: 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 5th June 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator – installation of the unit on the Village Hall to proceed. Further investigation is needed for the second unit in the disused BT phone box.

Spinney Close Green – all actions have been resolved. Registration of the lease to be completed by the Solicitor.

Planning infringement – Swindon Borough Council confirmed receipt and carrying out an investigation.

Highways issues – Email sent to Councillor Sumner on 10th June. Road markings to give the perception of the road narrowing has been added to the Highways programme for discussion in September. A site meeting to be arranged to discuss the other items.

Speakers at future meetings - The Vicar to be invited to the September meeting. Head of Planning at SBC and Wilts and Berks Canal Trust will be invited to subsequent meetings.

Limited Assurance Review – Documentation submitted as required. PKF Littlejohn confirmed receipt and due to the Parish Council declaring itself exempt from the need for a Limited Assurance Review, no further action is required. Should a Member of the public ask them a question during the period of Public Rights of Inspection, which commenced on Monday 1st July, the case may be re-opened.

Play Equipment – A representative of the Company that installed the equipment has visited the site and inspected the identified issues. All loose bolts have been tightened. As wood is a natural material the cracks that have appeared are a normal occurrence and will react to the weather conditions.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

One of the residents present thanked the Parish Council for planting the tree to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice and would encourage similar to be considered for VE Day 75 in 2020 with the possibility of an event being organised.

Several other items were raised:

Is there any progress on a memorial to Lord Joel Joffe?

The iconic trees at the top of Liddington Hill – plaques were being nailed to the trees which in time would cause harm. The area was messy due to discarded wreath frames and ribbons being tied round the trees. As this is on private land with no public right of way, neither the Parish Council nor Swindon Borough Council are able to take any action. Cllr Moore to speak to the Landowner in the first instance.

Action – Cllr Moore

Churchyard – reports of children riding on bikes in the churchyard had been made. Laminated signs stating 'No cycles' to be made and attached to the three entrances.

Action – Cllrs Lomax/Spillane

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/19/0838 (10th July 2019)

Location: 27 Hillside Cottages, Liddington, SN4 0HA

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to this application

(b) The meeting noted that the following application had been granted permission:

S/LBC/19/0622 – 33 Purley Road, Liddington, SN4 0HA – Erection of a two/single storey rear extension – granted

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Judicial Review – The High Court have found in favour of SBC regarding the road on Symmetry Park.

Cabinet report regarding £72m road improvement works for the NEV has been published. The White Hart roundabout to be started in October 2019, Gable Cross junction in January 2020. Upgrading of M4 J15 delayed slightly in September 2019. Nythe Road/Oxford Road junction and the Piccadilly roundabout to follow. Construction of the Southern Connector Road to commence in 2020. Public consultation events providing the details and any mitigation measures to be held at Grange Drive Community Centre on 20th July, Coleview Community Centre on 24th July and Hoopers Field, Wanborough on 25th July.

The tunnel under A419 to be rebuilt resulting in Day House Lane being completely shut for at least a year. SBC are confident that there will be no right turn into Badbury from the Marlborough Road.

Keypoint Incinerator – SBC lost the appeal.

Local Plan Review – new SHELAA about to be published with a consultation to run from 29th July – 23rd September.

Inlands Farm – Applicant still needs to provide further information. An extension of time until the end of August has been agreed.

UK Broadband – Some issues are being experienced with the 4G LTE system. All users are requested to report the details of any problems to the re-sellers.

Cllr Sumner left the Meeting at 8.20 pm.

8. FINANCE

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

- Members Expense – Unlimited webhosting 18/06/2019 -17/07/2019 - £3.59
- WALC – Swindon Area Committee – Annual subscription 2019/20 – £15.00
- Community Heartbeat Trust - £1,570.00
- Clerk's remuneration April, May & June 2019 - £594.00
- Administration allowance – April, May & June 2019 - £43.75

(b) It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following Standing Orders:

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – July instalment - £478.65
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(c) It was **resolved** to ratify the following payment made between meetings:

- Royds Withy King – Legal fees in respect of the acquisition of Spinney Close Green - £613

(d) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – The meeting agreed that the accounts were in good order.

(e) **To receive Q1 Budget Monitoring** – Notes to be added providing the detail of what has been spent under the heading 'Projects'. **Action - Clerk**

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

a) To discuss and agree the Future of the Church in the Village – Cllr Lomax said that a new PCC had been established. The Vicar to be asked to attend the September meeting to speak with the Parish Councillors **Action - Clerk**

b) VE Day 75 – The Vicar to be asked about the Bell Ringers participating? Village Hall Committee to be approached to discuss the possibility of a joint event. **Action – Cllrs Hill/ Lomax**

- c) Unacceptable pothole repairs in The Street – Cllr Wilson to send additional photographs to Cllr Sumner
Action – Cllr Wilson

10. REINSTATEMENT OF BUS NO 20

Resolved – The meeting agreed that the request from Stratton St Margaret Parish Council for support and to contribute into the costs would be declined as the bus route did not run through Liddington. **Action - Clerk**

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Viewing Table – Cllr Bunney had visited the site and confirmed that the platform and viewing table was in good condition with just one strut needing minor attention.

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on the play equipment on 9th and 22nd June. He also confirmed that he was happy with the findings and subsequent actions from the installation Company.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Spillane had contacted the CSW Coordinator and Head on two occasions and not received a reply. No reports were being received and amended forms that were needed had not been provided. She would contact them once more but believed that the Parish Council should proceed with SBC on other measures identified.

Community Safety Forum – the next meeting to be held on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm in Hoopers Field, Wanborough. Cllr Wilson to attend.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

- No Cycles in the Graveyard
- Acquisition of Spinney Close
- Car parking in The Street
- Issues with UK Broadband

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received for information.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To receive information on matters not covered elsewhere & to receive future agenda items

The Meeting closed at 9pm.

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