



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Aftelak, Hyatt, Lomax and Wilson

Also Present: Ward Councillor Sumner, Laura Evans (Clerk) and four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hyatt declared an interest due to a relative becoming Chair of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th October 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

Community Heartbeat Trust- 2 residents have shown an interest in a familiarisation session for the defibrillators. Cllr Lomax suggested contacting the Clerk at Wanborough Parish Council and Bishopstone to see if a joint session approach would work best for both Parishes. **Action- Clerk**

Swing – Confirmation of installation of the beam has been received and will be taking place on 3rd December 2021.

Liddington Clump – Cllr Lomax spoke to the land owners and arranged a meeting to discuss the situation. The land owner made Cllr Lomax aware that next to one of the fields, a hardstanding area for cars has been made and this is increasing the levels of fly tipping seen in the field. Ward Cllr Sumner is aware of the fly tipping situation and should this become an ongoing situation to notify Ward Cllr Sumner.

5. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

Lyden Magazine- Two volunteer representatives of the Lyden Magazine attended the meeting to discuss if the Parish Council would consider paying for the article submitted monthly as this would help towards the printing and distribution of the magazine. The meeting was informed that Liddington subscribers have decreased by 50%. Two members of the public expressed concern that they felt the magazine was more about Wanborough rather than Liddington. It was confirmed that the some of the money raised from advertising in the magazine goes to the PCC but Liddington Church has not received any share of this. Cllr Wilson confirmed these were also the concerns when this issue was raised in 2019. A leaflet that was distributed by All Saints Church advertising upcoming fundraising events caused confusion among some residents; this is being reviewed in January.

Cllr Lomax to arrange a meeting, in the new year, with the representatives of the Lyden to discuss further.

Action- Cllr Lomax

6. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

The meeting noted that no planning applications were received.

(b) To note any decisions:

Application: S/21/1477

Location: The Great Western Hospital, Marlborough Road Swindon SN3 6BB

Proposal: Erection of a compound to accommodate 2no. oxygen tanks and associated highways works – Retrospective- granted.

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTES)

Fibre Broadband- The project is going well, the only section left for completion is between the Marsh and the Hospital. Some properties will be connected before Christmas.

Local Plan Review- The consultation has now closed.

Inlands Farm – Awaiting to hear the inspectors decision which is due at the end of November

Bus Improvement Plan- A new project is underway to improve the Bus Services and hopefully introduce zero emission buses. Ward Cllr Sumner wishes for the rural areas to have a regular bus service and route.

Ward Cllr Sumner left the meeting at 8:05pm

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- HMRC- Tax Month 07- £41.80
- Chairs Allowance- £75.00
- Expenses for Postage and refreshments for Lord Joffe Memorial - £160.53
- Expenses for D Lomax for printing and postage- £62.12
- Adams & Watt Ltd- Joel Joffe Way and Flailing - £384.00

Resolved: Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the invoices, 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 – October instalment- £526.34

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits:

- Three Mobile phone bill - £3.00

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payments

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/10/2021- 17/11/2021) - £4.50

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

- Salary October- £167
- Arkell's brewery- £295.15

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation

Resolved: The meeting noted that the accounts were in a good position,

9. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) Royal Mail post box- change to last collection – Cllr Aftelak explained that a resident raised concerns regarding the change to the last post collection from 4pm to 9am. Cllr Aftelak to find out more information regarding this. **Action- Cllr Aftelak**
- b) Speed Signs-SBC has not addressed our request for a new speed sign to replace the old one
- c) (east of Church road) when it is relocated. The quotes received covered relocation and refurbishment of the old one. Cllr Lomax to email Ward Cllr Sumner with the specifics so this can then be forwarded to the Traffic Management team at SBC and hopefully make progress before winter. **Action- Cllr Lomax**
- d) Lyden Magazine – Covered under item 5
- e) The Monument –Cllr Lomax and Cllr Wilson attended a Zoom meeting held with a member of English Heritage to discuss the platform at the monument. The meeting agreed that the best way to proceed is for the contractor to investigate the problem to better understand the amount of work required for obtaining quotes.

10. 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 (LH) – Cllr Hyatt confirmed that four people turned up to the clean up of the allotments, and the next step is to remove all the rubbish that has accumulated. A water tank has been located from the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust at a cost of £40. Cllr Lomax proposed to purchase the water tank. Cllr Aftelak seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. Cllr Lomax requested the Clerk to chase the Solicitor regarding the lease. **Action- Clerk**

Playing Field (CB) – No update provided.

Village Hall Committee (SH) – No update provided

Town Fund Board (GW) – Meeting to be held in mid- December. The town market proposals are looking promising and moving ahead.

Swindon Local Council Forum (DL & GW) – No update provided due to the meeting dates

11. JOEL JOFFE MEMORIAL SUMMARY

Cllr Wilson produced an article for the Lyden Magazine summarising the Joel Joffe Memorial Unveiling that took place on Saturday 9th October 2021. The article will be uploaded to the website.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine

- Speed Sign Data
- The Trough

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Aftelak raised concerns over holding the meetings upstairs in the village hall, as there is no disabled access.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December 2021

The meeting closed at 21:15pm

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