



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Aftelak, Hill, Hyatt, Lomax and Wilson

Also Present: Two Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Ward Councillor Sumner's reason for absence (unavailable) **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Bunney's reason for absence (unavailable) **Resolved:** To approve the Clerk's reason for absence (Unwell)

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 February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

Defibrillator training: 17 people interested. Once date set it can be made known. Liddington Hall - 6pm either 20th or 27th April. Put out a flier as well as in Lyden magazine, Friends of Liddington, and on website. Would be good to divide the village up into 5 areas with a responder for each area. **Action Cllr Lomax/ Aftelak**

Hedges – Hedge in Purley Road is being dealt with and is to be cut when the frosts have passed. Power line running through one of the very large trees near The Hardings needs attention. It was suggested that the residents speak to SBC directly as it is on SBC land. **Action – Cllr Hyatt**

5. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

Two residents were in attendance.

Jubilee – It was explained that a meeting had been held in the Church for the village to discuss what to do. Information from Wanborough was also provided. Agreed to hold an event in the Recreation Ground on the Sunday. People and families to bring own food and drink. Games and entertainment to be sourced locally. The next meeting to discuss progress will be hold on 25th February in the Church. Received an approach from Primary Insurance & Finance Services in Swindon asking if they could sponsor/volunteer a Jubilee event but looking at 29th May. A suggestion was made that perhaps they could sponsor the bug, bird, bee, bat boxes and provide kits. The Beacon lighting is being done by the Scouts and they are taking it up to the hill. It was also suggested that part of Ham Road to be included as they are Liddington postcode. Suggest donations towards expenses. A Time capsule was also suggested, and the meeting agreed that this was a good idea.

Football Club - Local Church meeting discussed the use of the footpath through the churchyard to the field by the football club. General inconsiderate behavior has caused the Church to write to Chair of the Club and asked them to refrain from using the path. They are now using the bridleway which appears to be working well. To avoid clashing with Church services, the football club have been provided with the dates. A question has arisen about why the football club are using the field and is this an arrangement between the LPC and Club. Cllr Wilson confirmed many years ago there used to be a payment made by a football club for use of the field. However current users pay nothing. The footpath was originally put in for a fete, so the Church to decide when it should be open. The Football club provided the posts and the nets. Signs stating the parking is for users of the playing field are incorrect. These were put up by the Village Hall committee and need to be changed. Any parking for the field needs to be in The Street and a suggestion was made to ask the Village Inn for use of their car park if it's not during opening hours. The original deed for the Village Hall states the car park is for the benefit of Liddington Villagers. Cllr Hill to take the suggestion of changing the parking notice to the Village Hall Committee. **Action- Cllr Hill**

Lynch gate parking slot. This is Church land and will be made into a parking slot for disabled use.

Cllr Wilson had been contacted by a resident to raise a few queries on their behalf.

- Jubilee Memorial. The resident wished to know if there would be a memorial for the Jubilee. The meeting suggested that some trees are planted on the Clump for the memorial.
- Fencing off the play area. The resident also wished to know if the play area was going to be fenced off to prevent dog fouling in the park. Cllr Wilson to obtain quotes before a decision can be made.
Action- Cllr Wilson
- Ridgeway Crossroads. Concern raised over parking and the littering that is taking place. Cllr Lomax to contact Ward Cllr Sumner to ask SBC if a notice can be put there regarding littering/fly tipping.
Action- Cllr Lomax

Cllr Wilson to contact the resident to follow up on all the points that were raised.

A resident asked if there were any volunteers to deliver the Lyden Magazine in Purley Road. Cllr Hyatt volunteered.

Gigabyte Fibre- A resident asked if there was an update on the broadband. Cllr Lomax referred to the report provided by Ward Cllr Sumner; it should be mid- March to end of April for the first tranche. Medbourne Lane area will be completed by the end of August.

6. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/OUT/20/0160 (25th February)

Location: Land At Foxbridge Village, New Eastern Villages Wanborough Road
Wanborough

Proposal: Outline application for mixed use development comprising up to 358 dwellings and a mixed use hub of up to 1,550sqm (use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5 and D1) with associated works. Details of the access from the Southern Connector Road to be determined with all other matters reserved (Revised details).

(b) To note any decisions:

Application: S/LBC/21/1661

Location: April Cottage, 22 The Green, Liddington, SN4 0HG

Proposal: Installation of solar PV panels to garage roof-Withdrawn

Application: S/HOU/21/1764

Location: 2 Manor View, Liddington, SN4 0HP

Proposal: Installation of 4no. velux roof lights – Granted

Application: S/21/1281/SASM

Location: Rhodes Farm House, The Street Liddington, SN4 0HD

Proposal: Change of use of from agricultural Dutch Barn to domestic garage & workshop including alterations to external materials - Granted

7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTES)

Cllr Lomax presented the report, in absence of Ward Cllr Sumner.

Purley Road – A report will be sent to LPC regarding a property in Purley Road

Local Plan- has been delayed until late 2022.

Gigabyte- Phase 1 will be completed by May 2022, phase 2 will be complete in August 2022

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- HMRC- Tax Month 10- £41.80
- Chairs Allowance - £75.00
- Play Inspections - £83.40
- Bower Bailey Solicitors- £900.00
- Adams & Watt – Monument- £681.60 – Query to be raised with Adams & Watt regarding the cost before payment is made
- Adams & Watt – Railings - £158.40

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

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – January 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 web hosting – (18/01/2022- 17/02/2022) - £4.50

(e) To ratify payments made between meetings

- Salary January - £167.00

(f) To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation

Resolved: The meeting noted that the accounts were in good order.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- Annual Play Park Inspection – Deferred until the next meeting
- Allotment Lease - Cllr Hyatt confirmed the lease has now been signed by the Diocese and received. Currently being registered at HMLR but this could take some time due to a back log at HMLR. Cllr Hyatt to start the process of renting the allotments. **Action- Cllr Hyatt**
- Football Pitch Costs - Deferred until the new football season in September
- Football/ Church Issue - Matter discussed under item 5
- Rubber Matting for Play Park- Quotation for £120 + VAT received from Creative Play, to replace the matting on the play equipment and Cllr Bunney to install. The meeting agreed to purchase the matting. **Action- Clerk**
- Transfer Deed - Update - A meeting was held between Cllr Lomax, Cllr Wilson and the Chief Operating Officer at SBC. An agreement was made that a clear list defining responsibilities for LPC and SBC should be generated.
- Speed Signs - permission Granted to move it to Hillside and replace with more modern device. Cllr Lomax suggested the solar panel speed sign could go down the bottom of Purley Road where it would then work. The new Speed sign could then be put the East end of the village and also have one that can be moved around between Purely Road and Medbourne Lane. Cllr Wilson to obtain further information regarding plate recognition devices. LPC to ask for 30mph across the motorway into Badbury. New Highway Code rules do give right of way to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders **Action- Cllr Lomax/Wilson**
- Noticeboard quote for Badbury Park. Three quotations were provided. Decision deferred until next meeting.
- Liddington Clump – Cllr Wilson and Cllr Hill are attending a meeting with the Landowner to discuss cleaning up of the area and a place that allows people to scatter ashes and place markers but lower down away from the trees.
- Closed Church yard money – All grass cutting to be done for the whole benefice by one contractor. LPC to ensure the money for the Liddington Closed church yard maintenance comes from SBC to LPPC.
- Jubilee Celebrations – Matter discussed under item 5.
- Lyden Magazine. LPC is still awaiting the documentation requested. **Action- Cllr Wilson**
- Disability Access to PC Meetings - In an attempt to ensure full access to your Parish Council meetings it has been decided to hold the Public Session downstairs in the Village Hall and then move to the upper room for the remainder of the business from 7.30pm when the hall is booked out to other users. Obviously, members of the public are permitted to be present throughout the whole of the meeting and are welcome to join the continuance of the meeting upstairs. At present the Village Hall is not available for us to hold the whole of the meeting downstairs. This is good news in that it means our Village Hall is well used but does mean we need to compromise for our Council meetings. The public session will be the first item on the agenda after apologies and declarations of interest. If this doesn't work out, then we may consider meeting earlier to enable the whole meeting to take place downstairs, but this would be subject to all Councillors and the Clerk being able to do so. If you have any views on this, please let us know.
- Monument Platform Repairs – The area has been fenced off correctly with signage until repairs can be made.

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 needs help to plot out each allotment space. A committee for the allotments needs to be established. Cllr Aftelak, Hill and Lomax offered help to plot the spaces. **Action –Cllrs Hyatt/Hill**

Playing Field (CB) – No update provided

Village Hall Committee (SH) – The rates for hirer have increased recently. £8 per hour for villagers and £12 an hour for non-villagers, parties will be charged more.

Town Fund Board (GW) – The Board will be looking at the Mechanics Institute at some point but the cost not within remit of Government Scheme. Kummerfeld's and the Old Railway areas are being refurbished for start-up businesses. Discussions will be held regarding the Heritage Action Zone- Station Road tunnels to the Outlet and New College. An open-air market has been approved which will be situated near the old tented market.

Swindon Local Council Forum (DL & GW) – No update provided

11. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine

- Defibrillator Training Date
- Village Spring Clean Up
- Disabled Access for Meetings

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

No matters were raised, nor future agenda items.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm

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