



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Aftelak, Bunney (Chair), Poppleton and Wilson

Also present: Laura Evans (Clerk), Ward Cllr G Sumner and a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Sturgess's reason for absence (unavailable)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Poppleton declared an interest as Treasurer for All Saint's Church.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th December 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

Football Parking – continuing action – Cllr Bunney to source a sign stating “No football traffic beyond this point” which can be placed at the end of Church Road for football matches. The football club will be responsible for ensuring the sign is placed out on match days. **Action- Cllr Bunney**

Medbourne Lane – The highways team from SBC came and cleared the road and a brilliant job was carried out but due to further rainfall and the lane being used as a diversion for a day the road is back to its previous state. Clerk to contact SBC to see if they will attend again. **Action- Clerk**

Ward Cllr G Sumner confirmed that Medbourne Lane is being investigated as the LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) have opened a section 19 investigation.

Trigpoint platform Plaque – still ongoing, Cllr Aftelak has been chasing the second quotation but to no avail. The one quotation returned was for a black and silver plaque is £75.70 + VAT and postage.

Resolved: Cllr Bunney proposed acceptance of this quotation. Cllr Poppleton seconded the proposal and was unanimously agreed. Cllr Aftelak to check the sizing of the post to which it will be fixed. **Action- Cllr Aftelak**

5. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTE)

Bin Collections – Cllr G Sumner confirmed that there has been a lack of emptying due to staff shortages.

Draft Swindon Plan - The draft Swindon Plan was discussed by Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet on 13th December 2023 and is based on the Council's three main priority missions for the town - Combat Inequality, Build a Better Swindon and Achieve Net Zero. Ward Cllr G Sumner encouraged LPC to look at the consultation regarding rural areas.

Southern Connector Road- Drainage survey is being carried out while SBC await further information from the previous contractor Buckingham.

Ward Cllr G Sumner left the meeting at 7:00pm

6. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

The Police Officer in attendance gave an update on recent activity in the area and was pleased to report that there are very few incidents in Liddington. Regular patrols are also being carried out.

There have been a recent reports from surrounding areas of door handles of properties being tested, to help residents feel more safe and comfortable the Police recommend video door bells are used as this provides the best evidence and can act as a deterrent, cameras should not encroach onto neighbouring properties.

The meeting thanked the Police for attending.

7. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

The meeting noted that no applications had been received.

- (b) **To note any comments submitted between meetings:**
The meeting noted that no comments had been submitted.
- (c) **To note any decisions:**
The meeting noted that no decisions had been received.

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) **To approve payment of the following invoices:**

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

- HMRC- Tax Month 09 - £52.20
- Liddington Village Hall Hire- £24.00
- Adams & Watt Ltd- Additional works- £446.40

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

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – January instalment- £665.36

(c) **To approve the following Direct Debits:**

- Three Mobile phone bill - £3.00
- ICO - £35.00

(d) **To approve payment of the following recurring payments**

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/12/2023- 17/01/2024) - £4.79

(e) **To ratify payments made between meetings**

- Salary December - £209.00
- Friends of the Ridgeway- Annual subscription- £15.00

(f) **To receive the monthly account reconciliation.**

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

(g) **Q3 Budget Monitoring**

Resolved: The meeting noted that the budget was on track but the Clerk to add a note on the monitoring sheet regarding the purchase of the chairs on behalf of the village hall.

9. TO AGREE ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2024/25 (10 MINUTES)

Resolved: To continue to maintain the level of service provided the meeting proposed that a small increase in the precept was necessary as had been discussed at the December PC Meeting.

Resolved: That the precept be set at £23,812.60p for 2024/25

10. REVIEW OF IRPP FOR PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES 2024-25 (5 MINUTES)

Resolved: The Councillors stated and agreed that they did not wish to receive the allowances and the situation should continue as currently in place.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) Website – Cllr Aftelak tried to proceed with the company selected but no responses have been received which does not bode well if there is ever an issue. The next cheapest website provider Netwise is £330 per year with an intentional set up fee of £599 and an annual subscription fee for the .gov. uk domain for £60.

Resolved: The meeting agreed to proceed with Netwise.

Action- Cllr Aftelak

12. 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 (AP & GW) – Looking to hold a meeting in January 2024

Playing Field (CB) - Cllr Bunney inspected the play equipment on 9th December 2023.

Village Hall Committee (JS) – No update provided due to the absence of Cllr Sturgess.

Town Advisory Engagement Group (GW) – No recent meeting has taken place.

Swindon Local Council Forum (CB & GW) – No recent meeting has taken place.

Parish Chairs/Clerks Engagement Meeting – No recent meeting has taken place.

NEV Meeting - No recent meeting has taken place.

13. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

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

- Police attendance at the meeting
- Condition of Medbourne Lane
- Vacancy

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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

- Lyden Magazine
- Allotment/Parish Council leaflet drop

The meeting closed at 8:18pm

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