



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL: Councillors Aftelak, Bunney, Sturgess, Poppleton and Wilson.

You are hereby summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of the Council which will be held in Liddington Village Hall at **6:30 pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2024** and at which your attendance is required.

Please note the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall.

26th March 2024
Laura Evans

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies and consider accepting any reasons for absence

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and during the meeting if it comes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th February 2024 need to be agreed and signed as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

To consider any matters arising from the minutes that are not covered elsewhere within the agenda.

5. PUBLIC SESSION (15 MINUTES)

Members of the public are invited to make representations to Liddington Parish Council on any matters on the agenda, any matters relating to the work of the Council, any Parish related matters or to raise any areas of concern. The session will last no more than 15 Minutes unless changed by resolution of Council. Should no members of the public be in attendance, the Parish Council reserves the right to continue with the meeting.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTE)

To receive the Ward Councillor's report

7. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/OUT/23/0456 (15th March 2024)

Location: Land East Of Wanborough Road , New Eastern Villages Wanborough

Proposal: Outline planning permission for up to 275 dwellings (use class C3) including the provision of affordable homes, together with pedestrian and cycle connections, landscaping, surface water drainage, open space to include play areas, allotments and other supporting infrastructure (including utilities) and engineering works including groundworks; removal of structures and demolition; with all matters reserved except for the formation of accesses from the Southern Connector Road and Wanborough Road.

(b) To note any comments submitted between meetings:

Application: S/24/0014

Location: Land Off Commonhead Roundabout, Purley Road Swindon SN4 0HA

Proposal: Development of a Bio-CNG vehicle fuelling station comprising fuel pump islands, plant compound, widened access, landscaping and associated development.

Resolved: The meeting submitted the following comment;
Liddington Parish Council has reviewed the above planning application that was received by us on 29th January 2024.

Whilst we support the need to move towards a cleaner environment and reduce our dependency on fossil fuels, we are concerned that the negative impact of this proposed development outweighs the benefits and do not support it. Specifically,

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) - The proposed location has been designated an AONB for a reason. AONB designation should offer protection against this development
- Access – Proposed access to the site will be via the Purley Road. To enter the site, HGV's will have to turn across oncoming traffic. This is not only dangerous but is likely to lead to queues tailing back to the Commonhead Roundabout at peak times which will further disrupt the traffic flow on the A419 and associated roads
- Flooding – The proposed location is prone to flooding. Also, water often lies on the Purley Road near the proposed entrance to the site requiring cars going north-west down the Purley Road to go onto the south-east bound carriage to avoid the water. This will be a dangerous arrangement if there are HGVs trying to cross the traffic at this point
- Traffic – We see that the traffic analysis submitted to support the application was conducted during a single week in September 2023. If it had been conducted over a longer period of time, and during one of the 5 or 6 recent closures of the M4, you would have seen the utter chaos on the Purley Road as it is used as an alternative to the M4. The proposed development will exacerbate an already unacceptable situation
- Pollution – Whilst the application talks at length about the proposed mitigation for pollution, there is no doubt that there will be air, light, noise and visual pollution of the environment.

We also see that many alternative sites have been considered and disregarded for various reasons. We find it impossible to believe that there isn't a suitable brownfield site that would avoid the destruction of the countryside. Indeed, there is a large service station development planned at junction 16 of the M4. Wouldn't this make a far better location for this development?

Please consider this input as part of your decision making process. We believe it provides compelling rationale for rejecting the proposed application.

(c) To note any decisions:

Application: S/HOU/23/1215 and S/LBC/23/1058

Location: The Old Rectory, Church Road Liddington Swindon SN4 0HB

Proposal: Erection of greenhouse within new walled garden, creation of sunken garden, creation of formal gardens within existing garden and the removal of 2no. trees (amendments to S/HOU/22/1634)- Granted.

Application: S/HOU/23/1213 and S/LBC/23/1051

Location: The Old Rectory, Church Road Liddington Swindon SN4 0HB

Proposal: Demolition of existing tennis court and metal fencing surround, erection of single storey orangery to northeast elevation of house, alterations to existing lean-to on northwest elevation of house (replacement windows and door, part re-roof, addition of glazed roof section), and erection of detached timber-framed cartshed (amendments to S/HOU/22/1101). – Granted.

8. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

(a) To approve payment of the following invoices:

- HMRC- Tax Month 12 - £52.20
- Adams & Watt annual contract 2024/25 to be paid by 12 equal instalments by standing order- £8910.60
- Swindon Local Councils Forum- Annual subscription - £15.00
- Adams & Watt Ltd – Additional works as identified on the walkaround - £1,261.68

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

- Adams & Watt – £742.55

(c) To approve the following Direct Debits:

- Three Mobile phone bill - £3.00

(d) To approve payment of the following recurring payments

- Unlimited webhosting – (18/03/2024- 17/04/2024) - £5.99
- (e) **To ratify payments made between meetings**
- Salary February - £209.00
 - Salary March - £209.00
 - Kompan - £99.37 – new swing cradle
 - HMRC- Tax Month 11 - £52.20
 - Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – February instalment- £665.36
 - Adams & Watt - Annual grass cutting contract -March instalment - £665.36
 - Three Mobile Phone bill - £3.00
 - Unlimited webhosting – (18/02/2024- 17/03/2024) - £5.99
 - Liddington Village Hall – Hall hire- £51.00
 - Wilts & Berks Canal Trust- Annual Membership - £25.00
- (f) **To receive the monthly account reconciliation.**
- (g) **To review and approve Q4 Budget Monitoring.**
- (h) **End of Year Bank Reconciliation**
- (i) **To review and approve Asset Register as at 31st March 2024**
- (j) **To review and approve Liddington Parish Council Risk Management**
- (k) **Annual increase in Clerks Payscale point from SCP 9 to SCP 10**

9. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

To agree appointment of Auditing Solutions as the Internal Auditor for financial year 2023/24

10. PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2024-25

See attached document

11. LYDEN MAGAZINE

12. TO FORMALLY NOTE THE PARISH HARMONISATION ORDER

13. STANDING ORDERS

To review, approve and adopt version 3 of the Standing Orders

14. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) Village Flyer- To discuss what is to be included in the flyer for residents of LPC.
- b) Traffic calming on B4192

15. ALLOTMENT RENTAL 2024/25

To discuss an increase for allotment plot rental

16. 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)

Playing Field (CB)

Village Hall Committee (JS)

Town Advisory Engagement Group (GW)

Swindon Local Council Forum (CB & GW)

Parish Chairs/Clerks Engagement Meeting

NEV Meeting

17. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

To agree input to the Parish Magazine

18. CORRESPONDENCE

To note the following correspondence for information:

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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