



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 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.

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Laura Evans

### Agenda

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

#### 3. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies and consider accepting any reasons for absence

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April need to be agreed and signed as a true record

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING (10 MINUTES)

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

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTE)

To receive the Ward Councillor's report

#### 9. PLANNING MATTERS (10 MINUTES)

(a) **To consider any planning applications:**

No applications were received.

(b) **To note any comments submitted between meetings:**

**Application:** S/EIA/24/0412

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

**Proposal:** Request for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion for.

**Resolved:** The combination of the two previous comments made regarding the application were resubmitted (see below)

Liddington Parish Council feel the environmental impact has **not** been considered after reading the documents for the above and that this **does** require a full EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) to be done.

The following needs to be fully considered;

- Pollution- Air, noise and light
- The flood zone
- AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) – concerned that this sets a precedence for building with an AONB.

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:**  
No decisions were received.

## 10. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

- (a) **To approve payment of the following invoices:**
- HMRC- Tax Month 01 - £53.00
  - Clerks Expenses- Paper & Folders- £23.11
  - Wiltshire Association of Local Councils -Annual Subscription- £283.15
- (b) **To approve payment of the following Standing Orders:**
- Adams & Watt May Installment – £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 – (18/04/2024- 17/05/2024) - £5.99
- (e) **To ratify payments made between meetings**
- Salary April - £212.60
- (f) **To receive the monthly account reconciliation.**
- (g) **To review, agree and approve the final budget for 2024//25**
- (h) **To formally agree amounts to be identified as Earmarked reserves for 2023/24, Projects and Contingency**

## 11. INSURANCE RENEWAL

To discuss the Insurance renewal for 2024-25

## 12. LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

To review, approve and sign:

- a) Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
- b) Accounting Statement 2023/24
- c) To confirm period of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

**13. TO RE-ADOPT**

- a) Liddington Parish Council Standing Orders
- b) Liddington Parish Council Financial Regulations
- c) Liddington Parish Council Code of Conduct

**14. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)**

- a) Liddington.org website update
- b) Badbury Park – management teams request to place a notice on the board stating “no ball games” (email from 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024)
- c) Quotation for replacement wood for bench on the playing field.

**15. 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) - To discuss the annual playpark inspection report provided by The Play Inspection Company.

Village Hall Committee (JS)

Town Advisory Engagement Group (GW)

Swindon Local Council Forum (CB & GW)

Parish Chairs/Clerks Engagement Meeting

NEV Meeting

**16. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)**

To agree input to the Parish Magazine

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

To note the following correspondence for information:

**18. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

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