



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

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

Also present: One member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve the Clerk's reason for absence (unwell)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Poppleton declared an interest as Treasurer for All Saint's Church and Cllr Sturgess as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st May 2024 were approved 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.

- i) Road sign on Purley Road is complete
- ii) Village flier – Agreed to get it printed at Mike Horan Printers at £55. This was lower than 2nd quote. Cllr Aftelak to get printed. Councillors to deliver. **Action- Cllr Aftelak**
- iii) Benches – Clerk has now paid for wood. Cllr Bunney will try and get it repaired before the fete.

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.

- i) Hillside Cottages – Resident has made a request for the grass verge to be cut regularly as it is dangerous for people exiting the Cottages onto Purely Road. It was deemed too dangerous for Adams and Watt to do that stretch. Clerk to contact SBC and ask for urgent action on this. This was missed when the rest of Purley Road was done. **Action- Clerk**
- ii) A resident has recently had an accident with a mobility scooter on The Street when trying to use a dropped kerb. There was a pothole immediately in front of the dropped kerb which caused an issue and flipped the mobility scooter upside down causing it to land on top of the resident. There is also an issue with visibility on that stretch of pavement. There is a legal requirement for cars to leave a specific width when parking on pavements but difficult to enforce. Clerk to contact SBC and report the accident and ask them to repair the road urgently. **Action- Clerk**
- iii) Abandoned car on Purely Road – Is it abandoned? Cllr Sturgess will make enquiries about what should be done.
- iv) Resident brought presentation entitled 'A Liddington Tour'. Some good ideas concerning a creation of circular walks and a footpath to Commonhead Roundabout. Parish Council will reflect on suggestions and discuss fully at the July meeting. Clerk to put on next agenda. **Action- Clerk**

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT (10 MINUTE)

No Ward Councillor's report received in his absence. ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Sumner

9. 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:**
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

Some confusion at the meeting about dates for comments as Wanborough noticeboard stating June. Need to find out what is actually happening. How would this impact the Great Western Hospital? Need to ask the CEO at the July Parish Council meeting when he attends. Maybe reach out to South Swindon Protection Group and/or John Warr at Wanborough to learn from their experience. **ACTION:** Clerk to ascertain situation of the planning application and the key dates for the process.

(c) **To note any decisions:**
The meeting noted that no decisions had been received.

10. FINANCE (10 MINUTES)

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

- HMRC- Tax Month 02 - £53.20
- Chairs Discretionary Allowance - £75.00

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

- Adams & Watt June 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 – (18/05/2024- 17/06/2024) - £5.99

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

- Salary May - £212.40
- Gallagher- Insurance Renewal - £890.42
- Play Inspection Company- Playpark inspection - £99.00
- S Hill- Web Domain for .org website- £14.53

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

Meeting approved payments and noted the monthly account reconciliation. Proposed by Cllr Poppleton and seconded by Cllr Wilson.

13. VILLAGE MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

- a) Playpark equipment suggestions – No suggestions so far received but Lyden only just published. Cllr Bunney contacted a few families who were using the park who suggested maybe a seesaw rather than a Crazy Daisy. Leaflet includes the request so wait and see if any responses received. Clerk to retain on agenda. **Action-Clerk**
- b) Medbourne Lane Landslips – Still awaiting SBC replacement for previous person responsible for this work. Clerk to keep on the agenda. **Action- Clerk**

14. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The recently updated version published by NALC will be brought to the July meeting. **Action- Clerk**

15. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT (5 MINUTES)

The internal audit report 2023-24 as provided by Auditing Solutions has been held up. This will now be brought to the July meeting.

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)

All plots now taken. Water collecting scheme now complete so need to reimburse expenses. Consider setting a specific fund for the allotment so income and expenditure can be seen clearly. Cllr Poppleton to liaise with Clerk about payment of £500 and setting up 'Allotment' column in the accounts. **Action- Cllr Poppleton**

Playing Field (CB) – Check carried out on 25th May 2024. Cllr Bunney has ordered the wood to re-do the bench. Play equipment awaiting suggestions as per earlier item on agenda. Need to replace at least one of the stanchions on the small swing – picked up as medium risks as rotting at the bottom. Some youths who use the seat on the far side have been having BBQs. They were told not to do it again. Cllr Bunney to fix bench and find out costings ref swing. **Action- Cllr Bunney**

Village Hall Committee (JS)

BBQ on 6th July. Interested in knowing what’s happening ref the village website but nothing to do with PCC now.

Town Advisory Engagement Group (GW)

There has been a meeting but Cllr Wilson hadn’t received notification of the meeting. There are currently 6 areas of Swindon being looked at. An overview of the current situation was given. Nothing further to report at present.

Swindon Local Council Forum (CB)

Supposed to be an updated protocol document being produced but has not been delivered to anyone. Awaiting sight of this before transfer of services can be agreed. Appears SBC will not be delivering some services and it appears if local Parish Councils don’t pick up these services then they just will not happen. There is a definitive list of services they are stopping, but it is not totally clear what it entails. Cllr Wilson will distribute the paper showing certain information. Clerk to obtain more clarity on what services would be stopping. **Action- Cllr Wilson**

Parish Chairs/Clerks Engagement Meeting

No meeting. No report.

17. PARISH MAGAZINE (5 MINUTES)

The meeting agreed to put the following in the Parish Magazine;

Hedges – The Parish Council have received some complaints about overhanging hedges and would be really grateful if residents could please trim their hedges.

Allotment – now full! Water provision now in place. Everybody looking forward to their homegrown veg and salad this summer.

We still have 2 vacancies and really would welcome new people.

Play equipment – any suggestions on what we could install in the playing field?

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that no correspondence had been received.

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

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

Future agenda:

- Information board at trigpoint and cleaning of the compass
- Footpath suggestions

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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