



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2014

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Vince Jones, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson(Chair), Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Gordon Wilson welcomed Jane Howes who had come to the meeting to view proceedings as a prospective Parish Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as he is a member of the Village Hall Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that paragraph 3.0 should be amended as it had the incorrect date for the minutes of the previous meeting and that those minutes had been approved but not signed. **Resolved** – That subject to the agreed amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March be approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Write to Chiseldon PC regarding donation towards Commonhead meeting	Action: clerk
Purchase and install fencing & posts for new path along B4192	Action: DL
Review Standing Orders & Financial Regulations prior to March meeting	Action: All
Distribute information about Special Expenses to everyone	Action: GW
Get 3 quotes for internal auditing services	Action: clerk
Submit entry form for Best Kept Village competition	Action: clerk
Read library strategy and come to next meeting with comments	Action: All
Send condolence card to Mrs Thomas	Action: clerk

Actions ongoing

Consider locations for trees	Action: All
Get advice on the process for obtaining evidence to prosecute dog fouling offenders	Action: clerk
Contact SBC about the scope of the maintenance work they do in the village	Action: clerk
Get advice from arborist on work required to reshape Liddington clump	Action: clerk
Get quotes to reshape Liddington clump	Action: clerk
Get permission for access & reshaping from landowner	Action: DL

Dog Fouling The clerk advised the meeting that the dog fouling officer was currently off sick and isn't expected to return to work for some time. Andrew Bennett was asked if he could provide the clerk with an alternate contact.

Liddington Clump It was noted that Dennis Ford has not yet given his permission for access to his land and for the reshaping of Liddington clump. He has however proposed that a meeting be held between himself, his 'tree person' and a representative from the Parish Council. It is thought that Ann Billingham may have planted some of the extra trees on Liddington Hill.

Find out if there is a deadline for applying to the CPRE for a grant

Action: clerk

Highways Matters It was noted that Suzanne Coles hopes to issue an order for the replacement sign patch for the gateway sign in the coming weeks. The delay is due to a lack of resources at the year-end. Suzanne has had to wait for the new financial year's budget before issuing the order. It was suggested that the 40mph signs should be moved to before the section of road where the B4192 narrows as currently they can not be seen by motorists until it's too late. Other highway matters highlighted were the need to cut back trees obscuring road signs and the missing finger post from the triangle of land at the top of The Street. There is no junction or warning sign for the concealed entrances from the village and Badbury. It was noted that drivers are not slowing down and have indicated that they are not aware of why the speed limit is 30mph and that the appropriate road signs for the concealed entrance would make a difference. It was noted that Swindon Borough Council would clear the path along the B4192.

Speak to Suzanne Coles about moving the 40mph signs & putting in signs for the concealed road entrance

Action: clerk

Ask Paul Davies when he will be able to commit to clearing the path along the B4192

Action: clerk

David Lomax left the meeting.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations **Resolved** – That the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved and adopted.
- 5.2 Internal Auditor It was noted that the clerk had obtained 3 quotes and that one company stood out as being experienced at doing internal audits for Parish Councils. **Resolved** – That Auditing Solutions Ltd is appointed as internal auditors.
- 5.3 VAT Reclaim for Village Hall Roof It was noted that the response from HMRC to the query as to whether or not the Parish Council had made an error by reclaiming the VAT on the village hall roof was to refer the Parish Council to its various advice sheets. **Resolved** – That the Parish Council would investigate the matter further in order to determine whether or not the VAT reclaimed should be returned to HMRC.
- 5.4 StreetSmart Hours It was noted that Tracy Scott had requested some road locations so that the work can be planned as StreetSmart would not be able to do the whole village but instead would target the most problematic areas. **Resolved** – That StreetSmart hours be spent focusing on clearing the footpaths along the B4192, The Street and alongside the Rectory on Church road; and that if possible, a site meeting be held before work commences.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 **Resolved** – That the Parish Council had no objections to application S/14/0397/SASN for the erection of a single storey rear extension at 20 The Green, Liddington.
- 6.2 It was noted that planning application S/14/0064/EDSN had been granted permission.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 Account Summary It was noted that the new budget category "Grants" was showing an overspend of £1000 as at the start of the financial year the Parish Council hadn't anticipated giving out any substantial grants. **Resolved:** to vire £1000 of budgeted funds from Parish Plan to Grants.
- 7.2 **Resolved:** to approve payment of the following

- Liddington Village Hall Committee, hall hire, £21.00
- SBC Grounds Maintenance Oct 2013 – March 2014 £451.00

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 It was noted that the CPRE was increasing its membership fee from £29 to £36 per year and that the Parish Council's renewal date was in September. **Resolved:** to consider whether to continue membership of the CPRE before the September meeting.

8.2 The Parish Council noted the following correspondence

- Wiltshire Council Notification of Intention to Prepare 2 New Development Plan Documents, Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD & Chippenham Site Allocations DPD (deadline 5 May)
- Letter from NSPCC asking for a donation
- Posters for the Sarsen Trail and Neolithic Marathon
- Update from SBC on superfast broadband
- Briefing note from SBC on its proposed Solar PV's Local Development Order

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Swindon Borough Council is undertaking an audit of open spaces. It was noted that if a Parish Council has a neighbourhood plan, like Wanborough, it will get 25% of CIL money. The examination in public for the development at Commonhead starts at the end of the month. The meeting noted that the Parish Charter & Parish Protocol are being revised.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out his fortnightly safety inspections of the play equipment and that there were no issues.

10.2 Village Hall Committee – It was noted that the skittles evening is full.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch – It was noted that there had been a break-in at David Hughes's house.

10.4 Community Speedwatch – It was noted that the forms for the two new volunteers are pending approval.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items should be put in the Parish magazine:

Thank you for help with the village clean up

Meeting with Swindon Borough regarding its library consultation

The next meeting is the annual village meeting

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Resolved: That the Parish Council would consider the consultation on the library service, village maintenance & the possible employment of a Parish Lengthsman, and Special Expenses at a future meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____