



## LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Bishop, Bunney, Hill, Lomax, Moore (Acting Chair).

Also in attendance Val Curtis (Clerk).

#### Action

#### 1. ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

Councillor Bishop proposed Councillor Moore as Chair for this meeting. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lomax and agreed unanimously.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

**Resolved:** to approve Cllr Wilson's reason for absence (holiday). **Resolved:** to approve Cllr Jones's reason for absence (business related). Ward Councillor Bennett sent his apologies.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lomax declared an interest as Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Bishop advised that SBC had spoken with a resident about the problem with the branches of a tree in Purley Road growing into the electricity cables. SBC were suggesting cutting it right back but would like the Parish Council to comment.

Contact SBC and confirm agreement to suggestion

Clerk

#### 6. PUBLIC SESSION

As no members of the public were in attendance, the Parish Council continued with the meeting

#### 7. PLANNING MATTERS

##### (a) Application: S/15/2091

**Location:** Pgl Liddington King Edwards Place, SN4 0DZ

**Proposal:** Temporary change of use of land during school summer holidays for tent accommodation

**Resolved:** that the Parish Council had no objections to the application

##### (b) Application: S/16/0088

**Location:** Accolade, Ham Road, Liddington SN4 0HH

**Proposal:** Erection of a single story side and rear extension (retrospective)

**Resolved:** that the Parish Council had no objections to the application

##### (c) Application: S/OUT/16/0021

**Location:** Redlands, Eastern Villages, Swindon

**Proposal:** Outline planning application for the erection of up to 370 dwellings, a local convenient store, a primary school, open space, landscaping, on site infrastructure, means of access not reserved

**Resolved** that the following comment be submitted:

This application in its present form be refused for the following comment and reasons

Clerk

Whilst the Parish Council appreciates that the area is not within its boundaries, it has concerns about the following, which would ultimately have an impact on the Liddington residents and it is therefore relevant that a response should be provided.

1. Primary school – a site has been allocated within the development for a school to be built, however this allocation would be only after the 100<sup>th</sup> occupation. By the time any new school could be built, this development would be complete. The pressure that this will create on Wanborough Primary School (already oversubscribed) is not acceptable.
2. There is no provision for a GP's surgery, therefore existing services would be put under pressure.
3. The current road network is inadequate. The direct access route to the development from the M4 would appear to be via The Marsh which is narrow, winding and totally unsuitable for increased traffic numbers. Any development on this site should only take place after the proposed connector road is constructed.
4. The Parish Council's view is that this proposal is unsustainable. It would have a negative impact on the environment and place a burden on existing infrastructure that is already at its capacity

**(d) Application:** S/15/1228 – Parsonage Close, Medbourne Lane

It was noted that this application was still under review and no decision had been made

**8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was no Ward Councillor's report as Councillor Bennet was unable to attend the meeting. He had asked the Clerk to inform the Parish about two initiatives from Scottish and Southern Electricity 'Extra support for you during a power cut' and 'Community Resilience Fund'. Electronic copies to be sent to all Councillors

Clerk

**9. VILLAGE MATTERS**

**(a) To discuss the findings of The Play Inspection Company's report.** As previously minuted some minor repairs had been undertaken to remedy some of the issues raised in the report. The item will be included in the April meeting. In the meantime, if any issue significantly worsens, inform the Clerk or Chair. Cllr Bishop will monitor when carrying out his safety checks.

**(b) To agree tasks for the Lengthsman to undertake this month –** A section of the footpath at the side of the B4192 needed clearing and cutting back. The Lengthsman to be asked to provide a quote.

Clerk

**(c) To further determine if the Parish Council wishes to explore potential services transfers from the Borough Council –**

**Resolved:** After further discussion it was agreed there were still concerns and it was not possible for a decision to be made before 1 April. The dialogue would continue when Cllr Wilson returns. A hard copy of the map showing boundaries was needed to aid decision making.

Clerk

**10. FINANCE**

**(a) Members' Allowances – To consider paying members' allowances –** The council felt as a whole as far as payment is concerned it is a 'no'. However, if the Chairman would like to draw an amount in respect of the additional duties he undertook on behalf of the Parish, the meeting is in agreement.

**(b) Invoices -**It was **resolved** to ratify the following payments between meetings:

- David Lomax – Lockable poster case - £104.77
- Wanborough Parochial Church Council – Clerk's copy of Lyden magazine - £10

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following

- Liddington Village Hall -Nov 15, Jan, Feb, Mar, April 2016 - £27.00
- Clerk's remuneration, Dec 2015 & Jan 2016 -£250.00
- Administration payment, Dec 2015 & Jan 2016 - £25.00

**11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**WALC - Swindon Area Committee –** Cllr Moore attended. The main subject was the transfer of services. Unfortunately, only 6 parishes were represented which is disappointing. The question of

transfer of services will now be raised at the Borough Parish Liaison meeting in March. Gary Sumner attended and raised issues re the NEV.

**Super-fast broadband** – Cllrs Bunney, Hill and Moore attended the meeting which was well supported by residents. The main objective was to introduce the company, UK Broadband, but had limited information as to how it would be delivered. Infrastructure would be provided by UK broadband who would sell on to re-sellers to be sold to the public. Masts will need to be erected as the provision is via radio.

**South Locality Meeting** – New Chief Fire Officer, Darren Gunter, attended to explain about Wilts and Dorset joining together to create one fire service. HQ will be in Salisbury with a safety centre in Swindon.

Julian Sadler from Highways explained road schemes planned for the next few years. When asked about road provision Cllr Dale Heenan confirmed that £42m had been provided by Central Government for improvements of which M4 Junction 15 would be included.

Cllr Toby Elliot discussed the Planning Inspectorate's decision to overturn SBC's decision re Berkeley Farm. SBC are currently investigating the possibility of a judicial review.

Angus McPherson, Police and Crime Commissioner – Police had been graded as good across Wiltshire. There would be an increase in Council Tax of approximately £3 per annum across Band D properties, for the police budget.

Inspector Sweet – local Inspector spoke about a re-organisation with limited changes.

Cllr Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out his safety checks on the play equipment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Cllr Bishop to ask Mark Reynolds to contact the Clerk re hedge cutting needed and gaps filling in bottom corner of the playing field.

## **12. GREAT WESTERN HOSPITAL**

A polite letter to be sent to the Chief Executive of GWH stating concerned about the comments in the CQC report and would hope that things will be improved, copied to Robert Buckland, MP with an invitation for him to attend a Parish Council meeting  
Clerk

## **13. QUEENS BIRTHDAY**

The Village Hall and Church Committees are working on provisional plans for events over two days; lunch with music and other entertainment on the Saturday with a children's party to follow, concert with supper and a raffle on the Sunday. As the celebration weekend coincides with when the Church Fete is usually held, that will not take place this year. The Parish Council has been asked to assist, possibly with the provision of mementoes.

## **14. PARISH MAGAZINE**

The Parish Council **resolved** to put the following item in the Parish Magazine

- Transfer of Services – still under discussion
- Superfast broadband
- Village Clean up – 16<sup>th</sup> April

## **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

To meeting noted the following correspondence for information:

- SBC had issued an updated planning protocol. It was noted that with effect from 1 February 2016, paper copies of planning applications would no longer be provided. If paper copies were required, a charge would be made

## **16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

- Medbourne Lane – traffic problems, hold ups, erosion and property boundaries
- Doomsday Book

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

Signed .....

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