

**The Meeting of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.30pm in Frith Common Methodist Chapel**

Present: Mr M Hunt (Chairman), Mr N Benbow (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A Meager, Mr H Williams, Mr T Jenkins, Mrs G Sandon, Mrs T Lowe, Mrs C Dey, Mr S Woodall

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Carol Dey to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

PC26 Receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

No apologies received.

PC27 Declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item.

No declarations

PC28 Consider the adoption of the minutes of the May Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2010 were signed and agreed.

PC29 Receive progress reports for information from:

District Councillor – Reg Farmer – Cllr Farmer reported on a difficult financial situation. He confirmed that Council Tax would be frozen for 12 months. There had been a good response to Green Waste. Mr Benbow asked – “How can the council encourage more people to recycle”, Cllr Farmer replied that lots of literature was being sent out but it was difficult to monitor. Comments were also received from Mrs Sandon, Mr Williams and Mrs Meager generally saying how improved the recycling system had been.

County Councillor - Ken Pollock – Cllr Pollock reported that although the County was initially to save £15M this figure had now increased to £100M. Measures were being put in place to save money. Building schools in Wyre Forest had been put on hold; however, money would be spent to improve existing school buildings. The bridge at Tenbury was due a refurbishment 2011/2012. Work will begin at Holt Fleet Bridge in the summer to restore it to its original condition and help with strengthening the structure. A new telephone had been put into Tenbury Library for use by the unemployed to help with contacting future employers. There were plans for representatives of Job Centre Plus to be located in Café 27 so that unemployed people from the Tenbury Wells area can go there to sign on rather than having to travel to Kidderminster or Leominster. A question was asked regarding the County saving money from contractors who cut the verges/hedges. Did it have to take place every 3 months? Also some work carried out by Parish Lengthsman had been unnecessary in the past when several days later the County contractor had done the same work. The Lengthsman’s limited time had been wasted. We needed information about the County contract and the scheduling of work.

Working Party on Flooding – Simon Woodall and Max Hunt have been working on operational plans. It was agreed to have a sub-committee meeting as soon as possible to bring all information together. Mrs Meager commented how well Mr Woodall had progressed with the plans. Mrs Meager commented on the flooding that has occurred in Mill Lane, which has caused the road to be completely covered in deep mud. She met with Mr Danby, Parish Lengthsman and discovered that a protective cover to a very deep drain was loose. It was felt that it was deep enough for a child to fall into. Parish Clerk had referred the problem twice to Highways. However, no work had yet been done. Parish Clerk to write to David Hunter to emphasise the seriousness of the situation and request action.

Representative for the Parish Hall- Mrs Sandon reported that Mr Derek Marks has now been elected Chairman of the Parish Hall after Mr J Walker has decided to retire after 15 years. Another member is urgently required on the committee. Discussions held for raising funds. It costs £2,500p.a. to run the village hall. It is proposed to do four major fundraising events a year to help achieve this.

Councillors— Mrs Meager reported that the Footpath Warden will receive training on 8 December 2010. Mrs Sandon now has definitive footpath maps of the Parish. A suggestion is to repeat an exercise that was carried out a few years ago, whereby Parish Councillors walk different footpaths perhaps in the Spring and late Summer next year to report on areas of the footpath that may require some attention. Two recent highlighted problems were ; subsidence to a bridleway in Menith Wood and the question of improving walking from Lindridge House to bus stop; this particular item has not been considered high priority. Mrs Meager wished Mrs Sandon every success in her new role as Parish Footpath Warden.

Clerk – No comments.

PC30 Parish Awards

The event had been very well supported and the recipients were very pleased with being chosen for this. An article appeared in the Tenbury Wells Advertiser and would also be in Teme Span in September.

PC31 Centenary Celebrations

Mr Benbow prepared and provided a very good presentation display on behalf of the Parish Council for the Centenary Celebrations. Very pleased with how well attended the event was and in particular that so many people from the Black Country had arrived to support the event. £400 was raised for the Parish Hall. The Clerk is to send a thank you letter to Mr Derek Marks for all the work he put in to the event.

PC32 Garden Competition Winners Presentation Evening

It was decided to have the presentation evening on Tuesday 14 September 2010 at the Parish Hall. Mr Keith Taylor, the judge of the competition will be present to help with the awards and will also be providing a quiz for the evening. The Clerk is to purchase refreshments and vouchers. Also to put an advert into the Teme Span for September.

PC33 Water Running Across Road, Stone Cottage, Frith Common

Mr Jenkins reported that he had not followed up the situation with Richard Clewer from Highways. Clerk to issue Mr Jenkins with contact details so a follow up can happen and find out the current situation regarding this.

PC34 Public Open Space Grant Funding

A meeting had been held on 21st June between Manda Graham, Community Development Manager, Caroline Palethorpe, Extended Services, Mr M Hunt, Mr N Benbow and the Parish Clerk to discuss possibilities within the Parish for the Public Open Space Grant Fund. Two items were discussed a) to provide toilets and water to the Chapel at Frith Common and b) to enhance the facilities at the Millennium Green in Menith Wood. The favoured item was to see if the Chapel identified as viable. Manda Graham has confirmed since that meeting that this could be within the remit. The Parish Council are required to submit a brief outline of the project by 23rd August 2010, which will be circulated to Panel members of the Open Space Grant Funding Scheme. Mr Benbow and Mr Jenkins to put together this proposal.

PC35 Adult Learning Services

Mrs Meager liaised with Anna Lee from Adult Learning Services to obtain a list of the courses available. However, the options that were made available were deemed not sufficiently dynamic. Possible courses that may provided interest, for example Health & Fitness, it was discovered had no available teacher in the Tenbury Wells area.

PC36 Standing Orders

The revised model standing orders had been issued to Mr Benbow and Mr Williams. The document was lengthy and the sub-committee were to begin working through this and to make it into a manageable sized document suitable for local use.

PC37 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts

Mrs Meager and Mr Benbow signed, checked and agreed accounts.

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary & Exps for May & June 2010 - £544.39
- b) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman – May 2010 Expenses - £144.00
- c) Mrs M Lowe, Prizes for Children's Garden Competition - £44.00
- d) Eardiston Village Hall Committee, Hire of Hall 12 May & 15 June 2010 - £70.00
- e) Mr Mark Taylor, Maintenance of Parish Noticeboards - £230.00

PC38 Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

Planning Application:- 10/00417/LBC - Replace six windows and repair four windows, Eardiston Place, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, Worcs, WR15 8JR

Comments:- The Parish Council support the application as a significant building is being well looked after and seeking full advice on restoration

Planning Application:- 10/00549/FUL

Internal alterations to Barns 2 & 4, external alterations to barns 1, 2 3 and 4 previously converted under planning permission 05/01540/FUL and Listed Building 05/01542/LBC and external alterations and retention of detached garage
And

Planning Application:- Amendments to barns converted under planning permission 05/01540/FUL and Listed Building 05/01542/LBC

Claywood Farm, Menith Wood, Worcester, WR6 6UB

Comments:- Whilst does not meet full original criteria, it is considered to be a reasonable resolution of the issues. Trust meticulous monitoring of this application is carried out.

Planning Application:- 10/00536/FUL – Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian. Construction of timber stables and store room, The Coach House, Lambswick Barns, Lindridge, Worcs, WR15 8JQ.

Comments:- After inspecting plans Members resolved to make no comment other than an observation that the proposal would be beneficial in consolidating existing parcels of land and tidy up the site.

Planning Application:- 10/00652/HOU - Two storey side extension. 5 Lower Frith Common, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8JU

Comments:- Development appears to enhance a currently virtually uninhabited property. Parish Council pleased to see what will essentially be an improvement project.

PC39 Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting

PC9(d) – Councillors – Mr Hunt reported that before an item was put into the Teme Span, he wished to double check the information provided regarding the possible infections passed on from dogs to sheep.

PC40 Items for Future Agenda

- a) Hedges in Lower Frith Common
- b) Hedges within the Parish
- c) Emergency Plan
- d) Garden Competition

PC41 Correspondence for Information

- A letter had been sent to Festival Housing and Malvern Hills District Council raising concerns about the new installed units to the front of two properties. A reply from Festival Housing said that a planning application was being submitted and that remedies had been put into place to rectify the situation.
- A letter had been received from Worcestershire County Council reviewing the Winter Service for the forthcoming season for 2010/2011. The Parish Council was asked to identify areas within the Parish that require assistance. Mr Jenkins, Mr Benbow and Mr Williams are to do a sketch map of where existing grit bins are and where new ones could be located in Frith Common. Mr Hunt had already prepared a map for Menith Wood. Mr Jenkins was to ask M&M Timber and Mr Godwin from Foxley Farm if they would be able to help clear snow and Mr Hunt to ask Mr R Williams. A response was required by 30 July 2010.

PC42 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

- Clerk to put advert in for Community First Responders
- Date of Garden Competition on Tuesday 14 September 2010.
- Mr Williams to submit write up of the Parish Awards Evening.
- Emergency Plan announcement.

Next meeting Wednesday 8 September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.