

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.00pm in Old Chapel Hall, Menith Wood**

**Present:** Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs T Lowe (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr S Woodall, Cllr D Evans, Cllr H Williams,  
Cllr Mrs K Pardoe

**In Attendance:** Mrs V Melling

Cllr Benbow welcomed Mrs Melling to the Parish Council meeting. Mrs Melling provided an overview of the taster sessions for the Baby and Toddler Group that had started in May at Lindridge Parish Hall on Thursday mornings. This was being run on a voluntary basis by helpers from the Church. Within the seven weeks that the taster sessions had begun, 15 families with up to 30 children had attended from surrounding areas. At the moment equipment was being borrowed for the weekly sessions, however, it was hoped that a Grant Application from “Awards for All” would be successful in obtaining all the necessary items required. Cllr Benbow asked the Parish Council to encourage this initiative and thanked Mrs Melling for attending and providing the update.

**PC25: Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Mrs Winwood due to pre-arranged event.  
Cllr S Workman due to haymaking  
Cllr K Pollock

**PC26: Declare a personal or prejudicial interest**

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust and Cllr Williams declared same interest on behalf of representation of the Parish Hall Committee.

**PC27: Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**PC28: Receive progress reports for information from:**

**District Councillor** – None Available

**County Councillor** – None Available

**PC29: Parish Hall Representative** – Cllr Williams reported that a complete fire safety plan of the building and its appliances had been carried out and that regular checks were also completed. Cllr Williams confirmed that two grants had been received to enable works to start on the heating system. The gas tank would also be changed. He confirmed that bookings remained good. A programme of the Autumn events would be outlined in a future edition of Temespan.

**PC30: Public Path Warden** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that there was limited access to the foot stile on the path that ran along the River Teme in front of Eardiston House, as a tree had fallen obscuring the stile. There were currently no major problems with the footpaths within the Lindridge boundary. All reported problems had been actioned. The local advisor at Worcestershire Countryside centre – Alan Kingston had announced his retirement in June, however, no decision had yet been made

regarding his replacement. In the meantime we had been advised to continue to use the volunteer points system on Encompass to report issues or alternatively contact Patrick White at:- [pwhite@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:pwhite@worcestershire.gov.uk) or via the general phone number:- 01905 768289. Also, Luke Grant was organising a guided walk over paths in Pensax and Lindridge as a fund raising activity for Pensax church. The walk was planned for September and details would be announced nearer the time.

**Councillors** – Cllr Evans reported that there was no further news regarding the car parking issue between Parish Hall, Yarranton’s and Social Club. An amended proposal had been forwarded to all parties concerned and was now awaiting feedback.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe raised concerns of the safety of vehicle users emerging from the Menith Wood junction onto the A443. She asked whether a reflective mirror could be located opposite this junction. The Clerk was to contact the Highways Department for advice and report back to Parish Councillors.

Cllr Williams had concerns of when the hedges and verges should be cut back. He reported that it should be delayed until the flower heads had seeded. Cllr Benbow also reported that he had made a comment to Cllr Pollock with how early the road side verges had been cut back this year. However, Cllrs Mr Sandon reported that the verges in Eardiston required cutting back as some near misses had occurred with vehicles due to the poor visibility.

**Clerk** – The Clerk reported that she had contacted Eddisons who were the auctioneers for The Nags Head to ask the new owners to board up the property. The Clerk also reported that concerns had been raised regarding the recent location of a large container on land at Lambswick. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with MHDC Planning Department.

**PC31: Public Open Space Grant Money** – The Chairman reported that three queries had been received from Jo Cross at MHDC regarding the application. These had been resolved and forwarded to the Senior Officers Group. A decision was hoped to be received in the next few weeks.

**PC32: Superfast Broadband** – The Chairman reported that the infrastructure had been installed. In general, those who had applied for the service from Airband had now been supplied with the new service. However, 26 applications remained outstanding – 13 were signal issues and 13 were delayed installations.

**PC33: Garden and Vegetable Show** – No report had been received of the last Committee meeting. Cllr Lowe confirmed that a representative from the Hop Pole, Bewdley would judge the fruit, produce and cake entries. The Chairman urged for volunteers from the Parish Council to help on the day. The W.I. would do refreshments. Prizes are to be funded by the Parish Council. The children from Lindridge Primary School would be growing sunflowers during the summer school holidays and prizes would be awarded for the tallest sunflower grown. The seeds from the sunflowers would then be used to create an item such as a picture or a food item etc and these would then be entered into the Autumn Show.

**PC34: Baby and Toddler Group** – The Parish Councillors confirmed that it was a very worthwhile project. The general view was for the Parish Council to offer an annual grant to underwrite any shortfall in revenue that might arise. This decision would be carried forward to the next meeting to decide on a proposal at that time. The Chairman and the Clerk were to email Came and Company to check the indemnity insurance on the policy.

**PC35: Road and Drainage Issues** – Since the last meeting, Worcestershire County Council had jet patched areas within the Parish which had resolved some of the previous road problems. However, some problems still existed from the works carried out by Enterprise on behalf of Severn Trent. The Clerk was to arrange a meeting with Jeff Lord (Enterprise) and representatives of the Parish Council to discuss outstanding issues.

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the water meters at the Hop Kilns were still a problem with water continually filling up and making the water meters inaccessible. Local residents had written many times to Severn Trent without much success.

Recent works had been carried out to a culvert in Frith Common, opposite to The Paul Pry entrance. The Chairman asked for the Clerk to clarify with Highways Department as to whether the culvert was in working order before carrying out the extra works; and to clarify if the water would still be carried under the road.

Cllr Woodall reported that Tom Palmer of WCC was to produce a mapping of all land drainage across the County. Talks would be held with Farmers and Parish Lengthsmen for advice. Cllr Woodall would help to provide information for the Parish.

Cllr Williams reported that access to Lower Frith Common would be difficult for an Emergency Vehicle due to the overhanging trees. Cllr Williams confirmed that he would write to H&W Fire Brigade to clarify whether an emergency vehicle would be able to access Lower Frith Common.

A comment had been received to say how well the Parish Lengthsman's work was much appreciated.

**PC36: To discuss Industrial Estate, Eardiston** – Item carried forward to next meeting.

**PC37: Agree, Check and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Mrs Sandon and Cllr Mrs Lowe signed, checked and agreed accounts.

#### **Accounts paid since last meeting**

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – May & June 2013 £413.74

## **Accounts Unpaid**

b)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for May & June 2013	£ 71.80
c)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for May & June 2013	£252.00
d)	Lindridge Parish Hall – Parish Council Mtg on 8/05/13	£ 54.00
e)	Eardiston Sawmill Ltd – Repairs to Bus Shelter	£ 54.00
f)	Post Office Ltd – Tax Payments April – June 2013	£154.80

## **PC38: Review Planning Matters –**

PLANNING REFERENCE: 13/00768/FUL

Erection of agricultural building, and farmworker's dwelling and access track.

Little Lambswick Farm House, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JT

Mr and Mrs G J & D I R Thompson

NO COMMENT

## **PC39: Report on Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting –**

- Table Tennis Association – The Chairman confirmed that the bid was in the process of consultation.
- PC17 – Financial Report – The Chairman had raised a question to Richard Levett of CALC for guidance on Governance and Accountability for Local Councils. A response was received from CALC. The Parish Council should produce a justification of the level of reserves that it holds and carry out a risk assessment. It was suggested that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Evans met to discuss this and report at September meeting.

## **PC40: Correspondence for Information –**

- a) Letter received from Cllr K Pollock
- b) Letter received from WCC – Broombank Layby
- c) Email from Mr G Brienza – Broombank Layby
- d) Letter and revised application to Jo Cross, MHDC – S106 Grant Application
- e) Letter received from Jo Cross, MHDC.
- f) Letter and Annual Return to Grant Thornton UK LLP
- g) Letter received from Safer Roads Partnership - ~Community Concern Site, Eardiston – Clerk to follow up on the complaint received.
- h) Email received from Tom Palmer at MHDC – Flooding and Drainage Mapping
- i) Email received from MHDC – Electronic consultation on planning applications from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013
- j) Email from Cllr D Evans – Car Parking Arrangements
- k) Email from Cllr N Benbow – Table Tennis Grant
- l) Letter received from WCC – Area Officer Retirement – Alan Kingston



**PC41: Items for Future Agenda –**

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Superfast Broadband
- c) Autumn Show
- d) Industrial Estate, Eardiston
- e) Risk Assessment of Reserves
- f) Emergency Plan
- g) Road and Drainage Issues within Parish

**PC42: Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date –**

Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Lindridge Parish Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.