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The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.00pm in Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr Mrs D Hawkeswood, Cllr S Workman.

In Attendance: - Cllr C Dell.

Members of Public Present: Mrs S Rainbird and Mr A Bush

Questions

Mr Bush asked questions of the proposed development at Yarranton's. He felt that the Parish Council should take the lead on this when discussing with the local community. The Chairman replied positively that as and when detailed applications were received, the Parish Council would discuss the matter further with a view to holding a public meeting. The Parish Council wished to thank District Councillor Dell for attending the recent site meeting.

Mrs Rainbird had two issues 1) Access safety onto the A443 from their property. Due to neighbouring overgrown hedges and railings, visibility onto the busy main road was causing a serious safety issue. Mrs Rainbird also said that her disabled daughter now lived permanently at home and due to the safety aspect, it was felt that her daughter was not able to be outside on own. The Parish Council agreed to write to WCC for further help with this matter. 2) Mrs Rainbird discussed the use of the private track that is alongside their property. Due to the 624 footpath from Eardiston to Dumbleton Farm, that runs near their property, being overgrown many users particular dog walkers were now using the private track. They were having disturbances late at night and some incidents had occurred during the middle of the night with users using this track. Dog mess is becoming a nuisance. They have put polite notices up stating where the correct footpath is and to pick up after their dogs but this has not been received favourably. The Parish Council would write to the Countryside Service who clear the footpaths and state that a formal complaint has now been presented due to the inaccessibility of the 624 footpath.

PC54. Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Pollock, Cllr D Evans & Cllr H Williams

PC55. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Mrs Winwood declared to having footpaths on her property.

Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood in relation to planning application 15/01338/FUL.

PC56. Minutes of 16^h September 2015 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC57 – Agree. Check and Minute Accounts – Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood and Cllr Mrs Winwood signed, checked and agreed accounts. The Clerk produced the bank reconciliation as of 30th October 2015.

Accounts paid since last meeting

a)	Parish Clerk, Salary for September & October 2015	£ 543.88
b)	Malvern Hills District Council – May 2015 Uncontested Election	£ 26.49

Accounts Unpaid

c)	Parish Clerk, Exps for Sept & October 2015	£ 79.77
d)	Menith Wood Hire of Hall– 15/07/15	£ 16.00
e)	Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall – 16.09.15	£ 30.00
f)	Parish Lengthsman – October 2015	£ 156.00
g)	Worcestershire CALC – Clerks Gathering	£ 10.00

PC58. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Dell reported that there would be free parking in Tenbury with the run up to Christmas. If anyone had problems with refuse collections to let the District Council know. He explained that if a planning application is received and NO COMMENT is ticked then this closes all communication. If a comment is made then it keeps the communication open. Cllr Dell also reported that due to the lack of amenities in Eardiston it was not considered a sustainable settlement and therefore any large development would be prima facie ruled out if present guidelines were followed. Some concern was expressed by the councillors that this could lead to derelict sites in the parish remaining undeveloped and becoming an eyesore.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock was unable to be present. Please see his attached report.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams was not present to report.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that she had spent a number of hours on footpaths LD624, LD649 and 650 which have proved to be the subject of considerable neighbourly dissension. Footpath 649/650 complaints had been received by walkers regarding electrical fences and by landowners regarding dogs and gates left open. Footpath 624 had been the subject of earlier discussions at Council meetings. Access on the right of way needed to be restored to alleviate the problems caused by unauthorised use of an adjacent private track, which was far greater than first thought.

Footpath 579 had a stile at either end. A copy of the definitive statement could be sent to the landowner requesting the stiles be removed as it is supposed to be an open path.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that works had begun on extra drains in Lower Frith Common, however, no notification had been received by WCC that the road would be closed for up to 10 days.

Cllr Mrs Lowe – reported that the motor bike training at Menith Wood had now reached its maximum 14 events for the year. She also reported that at one of the events she had received abusive threatening behaviour and that a complaints letter had been written to the sponsors of the event.

Clerk – Reported she had attended a recent CALC event regarding the new Transparency Code, whereby Councils who have an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 will be exempt from routine external audit. Instead they must publish information specified in the transparency code. This will be published on the “My Parish” website after the annual return is completed. This is usually around July of each year.

PC59 – Discuss Draft 2016 – 2017 Precept – It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with Cllrs Benbow, Williams and Evans before the January meeting to discuss the annual Precept. The Clerk would issue to all other Councillors the draft precept before the next meeting.

PC60 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Evans was not present at the meeting, update would be produced at January meeting. Cllr Benbow apologised for not finalising the letter to be sent to MHDC from the September meeting. This would be completed before the next meeting.

PC61 – Emergency Plan – Cllr Williams had produced the next set of draft notes for the Emergency Plan and these were distributed before the meeting. The Clerk had identified where certain items were missing from the emergency shed and had notified Cllr Williams and Evans.

PC62 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk reported that she had asked for an update from Mr G Brienza. An investigation report with possible remedial options had now been produced for addressing the landslip issues. However, due to costs, WCC would review for next year. The Parish Council view was that this is a site that maybe deteriorating and that three school buses use this route. The Clerk was to follow up with WCC the urgency of the repair work to be carried out in the next financial year, before a catastrophic landslip were to occur and for no serious injuries to happen.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk reported that an update had been received from Paul Green, Land Drainage Inspector of WCC. There appears to be a question as to where liability now rests. Either with the landowner or WCC as to clearance of the culvert. The Chairman would write to WCC for further clarification.
- A456 – Broombank – Cllr Workman reported that he had liaised with Bob Haynes (Traffic Management Advisor) for West Mercia Police. Through that discussion, it has been agreed to carry out a 24/7 speed survey next year, to establish a current average speed.

PC63 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston - ~The Clerk confirmed that Mr B Haynes of West Mercia Police had agreed that the white van for recording speed would come into Eardiston. The Clerk was asked to establish how often and for what length of timescale. It was also agreed to put a note into the Timespan asking residents of the area to email their concerns of speed through Eardiston to Cllr K Pollock. The Clerk also reported that a van had demolished the Eardiston sign and planter that is located near the old greenhouses. New sign to be reinstated.

PC64 – To Discuss Local Council Award Scheme – Carried forward to next meeting.

PC65 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

Planning Reference: 15/00737/HOU

First floor rear extension over existing and single storey extension to front elevation.
2 Coppice Close, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UH
Ms C Williams - APPROVAL

Planning Reference: 15/01220/OUT

Outline application for residential development on a bus/coach garage and workshop, and green field paddock with all matters reserved except for access.
The Garage House, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JL
Mr Yarranton – PARISH COUNCIL MADE COMMENTS TO MHDC
The Parish Council was positive to the application made for the housing development at this site.

Planning Reference: 15/00759/FUL & 15/00760/LBC

Conversion of redundant barn into a single dwelling.
Lambswick, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ
Mr M Adams – PARISH COUNCIL MADE COMMENTS TO MHDC

Planning Reference: 15/01338/FUL

Erection of a three bedroom dwelling.
Land at Cutmill Bridge, Eardiston, Worcestershire
Mr T Williams
The Clerk would make contact with MHDC and inform the Enforcement Officer that it appeared evidence of business activity was taking place at the proposed site.

The Clerk was asked to follow up with 5 Lower Frith Common and establish if adequate sewage measures were in place.

The proposed Solar Farm at Stockton was at the decision process at MHDC. It was agreed that if a similar application was presented within this Parish, that the Clerk would be empowered to start raising a public meeting as soon as possible.

PC66 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting – None.

PC67 – Correspondence for information –

- a) Email from and to Bob Haynes, Traffic Management Advisor, Police re: speed van in Eardiston and report of speeding vehicle in Eardiston.
- b) Email from A. Vanes notifying of demolished sign due to vehicle leaving road.
- c) Email to Mr Sheldon – replying to email.
- d) Letter from Mr S Beauchamp – notifying of resignation.
- e) Letter to Electoral Services – Re Councillor resignation.
- f) Email from/to Paul Green – Mill Lane
- g) Email regarding MHDC – Standards Committee
- h) Email from MHDC – Free First Aid Courses in November.
- i) Email from Cllr N Benbow regarding public meeting to Solar Panel Application.

PC68 – Items for Future Agenda

- S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
- Emergency Plan
- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
- Precept 2016-2017
- Local Council Award Scheme
- Parish Councillor Vacancy

PC69 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm