

Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th March 2018 at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston

Present: Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr S Workman, Cllr D Evans, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs Lowe, Cllr Mrs Pardoe, Cllr Mrs G Hazeldine, Cllr Miss De Laurier

PC67. Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Benbow - Holiday
District Cllr C Dell and County Cllr K Pollock

PC82. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Evans declared that he was applying for freehold of land adjoining his property.

PC83. Minutes of the 17th January 2018 Meeting

Cllr Evans noted that page 3, should read “footpath 641B”.
Minutes agreed and signed.

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PC84. Agree, check and minute accounts

Cllrs Williams and Evans agreed, checked and signed accounts; and direct debit payment schedule for HMRC to instruct payment for PAYE payments.
The Bank Reconciliation as at 28th February 2018 was approved and signed by Cllr Mrs Winwood.
Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Williams signed mandate to withdraw interest from NS&I Account. These funds of £1.42 to be forwarded to the Parish Hall Committee.

Accounts paid since last meeting

- Parish Clerk, Salary – January & February 2018 £
600.40
- Stitches of Bridgnorth – Hi-Viz Vests £
88.80

- **Accounts Unpaid**
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- Parish Clerk, Expenses for January & February 2018 £
85.10
- Parish Lengthsman – January & February 2018
£312.00
- Lindridge Parish Hall – Interest from NS&I £ 1.42
- Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall 17/01/18 £
42.00
- Temespan – Donation £100.00
- Lindridge Pre-School – Donation £
50.00
- Lindridge Baby & Toddler Group – Donation £
50.00
- Friends of Lindridge School – Donation £

50.00

- Worcestershire CALC – Training – S Workman & A De Laurier £ 60.00
- Grant Thornton – 2017 Annual Return
£120.00
- Mr C Lee – Frith Common Telephone Box Restoration
£500.00

PC85. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – No report.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock report – see attached.

Parish Hall Representative.

Cllr Williams reported on the following:

The recent quiz night was well received. Discussions are being held with the Planning Department regarding the installation of the sign.

Public Path Warden

Mr Humphries tendered his apologies as away on holiday. He reported via the clerk that heavy snow had caused some damage to trees in the Parish. Steel mobility gates had been installed at both ends of the footpath connecting Frith Common with Lower Frith Common; these works had been planned for a number of months. During this work, a new footpath sign had been erected at the north end of the footpath. On this note, the Chairman also reiterated the fact that it was the County Councils policy to install mobility accessible gates in Frith Common.

The wooden footpath sign at the start of Lower Frith Common had rotted and fallen to the ground; similar issue with sign at Box Bush. Both of these reported to Countryside Centre.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Pardoe commented on firstly, the two lights to the entrance to the Parish Hall car park. At night time, it appears to drivers that vehicles could be oncoming to them. Could these be moved or dimmed? Secondly, there was a visibility issue with a bush at one of the terrace properties prior to Pensmill Close. It was causing difficulty to walk safely on the path and also for accessing onto the A443. The Clerk would write to the owner and ask for it to be cut back. If not successful then would write to Fortis Living Housing.

Cllr Mrs Lowe commented on the difficulties in Menith Wood during the snow conditions at the beginning of March. As a major bus route for schools, the road had not been gritted. Grit bins had been emptied from non-residents. Question asked; could we find out if the County Council has a main contractor for snow ploughing villages, and if so could a contact be found for future reference. Villages at times

have to rely on the help of good natured local farmers for assistance. Discussions held led onto the current number of grit bins in the Parish. A detailed location of current bins would be collated and sent through to WCC, to check that these records are correct. The Clerk would also find out the criteria for adding two further bins for Featherbed Lane and Farm Lane.

Cllr Ms A de Laurier asked if provision of a play area in the village of Eardiston had been considered. Cllr Williams was able to provide a brief history of past efforts that had unfortunately at the time failed to materialise.

Cllr Ms A de Laurier also asked whether we should have a register of vulnerable people in the Parish, particularly in light of the recent poor weather. It was suggested that we the Parish Council should reiterate the Emergency Plan policy in the Temespan in October/November; in order to make residents aware of Parishioners who may require assistance.

A brief discussion of the Transparency Fund Application was had. The funds would be for the purchase of a printer/scanner for the Clerks use and of the set-up of a website for the Parish Council. Still awaiting to hear confirmation of the bid. It was suggested that a sub-committee would work on developing a logo and pop-up consultations with residents. The Council thanked Cllr Ms de Laurier for her time on putting this together.

Parish Council Facebook page to be set up.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Evans commented also of the recent poor road conditions, particularly in Menith Wood. Reiterating that minor roads linked into major road networks. Question asked for clarification from Highways of when villages should expect clearing of isolated lanes and bus route lanes to be kept clear.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Williams commented on the recent notification received from MHDC of the revised refuse collection services, and of the unclear statement of those who only use black bag, and the problem of rubbish being taken by vermin from uncovered bins. Clarification was provided from District Councillor Dell via email. It was suggested that his comments should be displayed in the Temespan so that residents within the Parish were all made aware.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllrs Mrs Winwood explained that along with Cllr Workman, they had carried out the annual review of the Clerk. She commented that the Council should be mindful of the hours carried out by the Clerk and that regular annual assessments should be made as to whether sufficient provision was being made. Cllr Mrs Lowe proposed to support this and was seconded by Cllr Evans. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would raise to Salary Point 26 on the SLCC scale. Cllr Mrs Winwood also commented that the talents of the Parish Councillors does not go unnoticed.

Clerk – The Clerk had distributed a draft policy of the retention of Parish Council documents. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

PC86 - Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston and A443 Action Group

Cllr Workman prior to the meeting had distributed his current report. He reported that two representatives from the A443 Action Group had met with Safer Road Partnership and successfully lobbied for the white camera van to be reinstated in Eardiston. Recent findings from the Department of Transport Guidelines, works on three principles of speed on highways; they are: engineering, education and enforcement. The road should be engineered to present the natural speed limit. The Parish Council have taken measures to make a natural speed, however as evidence from the VAS unit shows this has not proved to work. The Action Group will now present a further case with facts and present it to the Head of Worcestershire County Council.

Discussions had been held with Cllr Workman and Cllr Evans and Mr Davies of Lindridge, who had concerns of the speed near to the School. It was concluded that a working group would not be the most efficient way to proceed but felt that the initiative deserved the support of the Parish Council in both name and the sharing of non-personal information. This was accepted by all parties. More recently Mr Davies had contacted the Headteacher of Lindridge Primary School to secure support for the initiative. A meeting was to be set up after Easter with the school to discuss further.

PC87 – Road and Drainage Issues within the Parish

Road Slip at Frith Common – The Clerk to ask Highways to reinstall a metal barrier and remove the temporary barrier.

Mill Lane – Follow up to be made with Environmental Services regarding grey water from local business flowing into ditch.

ACTION: Clerk

Lower Frith Common – Cllr Mrs Winwood commented that Highways had been taking tarmac samples from the road in Lower Frith Common.

PC88 – Risk Assessment/Date Protection

Nothing to be added at the moment.

PC89 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

PLANNING REFERENCE – 17/01932/LB

Flat 5, Eardiston House, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JH

Replacement of 3 dormer sash windows at the rear

Mr L Smith

APPROVED

PLANNING REFERENCE – 18/00131/FUL

Construction of Amenity Block and Re-Location of mobile home within site of

touring caravan.

Broome Field, Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8NX

Mr M Jones

Site meeting had been held on Wednesday 14th March and comments would be relayed to Planning Department.

PLANNING REFERENCE – 18/00373/FUL

Proposed change of use from industrial to mixed use industrial estate incorporating Class B1, B2 & B8 together with Modified Access, Demolition Works and Associated Landscaping and boundary fence.

The Moor, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JJ

PC90 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting

A reminder of importance of risk assessments at the Annual Meeting.

Data Protection – A sub-committee of Cllr Ms de Laurier, Cllr Mrs Winwood and Cllr Williams was agreed to set help set up requirements for the Parish Council.

PC91 – Correspondence for information –

- Email to and From MHDC – to confirm 2018/2019 Precept.
 - Email to David Perridge – A443 Eardiston Traffic Speed Enforcement
 - Letter to Cllr K Pollock – Superfast Broadband
 - Letter to Electoral Services – Co-opt of Ms A De Laurier
 - Letter to Mr S Hodgkinson – Overgrown Hedge
 - Email to and From Mr W Austin – Confirmation of received funds towards restoration of Frith Common telephone box
 - Email to Planning Services – Static Caravans within Parish
 - Letters to various HGV companies – Usage of A443
 - Application for Transparency Fund
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- **PC92 – Items for Future Agenda**
 - - Road and Drainage Issues
 - Speed Restrictions in Eardiston and A443 action group
 - Website
 - Risk Assessments/Data Protection

PC93 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

- Waste Collection Service
- Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on

Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.