

**The Meeting of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30pm in Lindridge Hall, Eardiston**

Present: Mr M Hunt (Chairman), Mr N Benbow (Vice-Chairman), Mr H Williams, Mrs G Sandon, Mrs T Lowe, Mrs C Dey.

PC43 Receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

Apologies received from Mrs Meager and Mr Jenkins who were both on holiday. No apologies received from Mr Woodall.

PC44 Declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item.

No declarations

PC45 Consider the adoption of the minutes of the July Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2010 were agreed and signed.

PC46 Receive progress reports for information from:

District Councillor – Apologies were received from Cllr Farmer.

County Councillor - Ken Pollock

- Cllr Pollock reported that Advantage West Midlands would be disappearing over the next few years and will be replaced for Worcestershire by a Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Cllr Pollock explained the 'Community Right to Build' whereby applicants can bypass the conventional planning route. Smaller developments could pursue this objective, but only if 90% local support was achieved. There would be opportunities for Parish Councils in this scheme.
- Cllr Pollock also identified roads, including unclassified ones within the Parish that require attention. If anyone knew of any trouble spots, they were asked to contact him directly before 1st October 2010.
- He highlighted the review of speed limits on the A443. Particular problem was Eardiston. The question was asked if the speed camera van could occasionally be sited in Eardiston. Cllr Pollock responded that he would ask the relevant department.

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Working Party on Flooding – This item to be discussed under **Emergency Plan**.

Representative for the Parish Hall- Mrs Sandon reported that the Parish Hall Committee were desperately looking for people to join the Committee.

Footpath Warden – Mrs Sandon reported that she has started to familiarise herself with some of the footpaths. She had noticed that some of the footpath signs had been taken away. Phil Coulson has been notified of this. Anybody who notices any footpath problems can contact Phil Coulson directly. Mr Hunt reported the removal of a footbridge in Menith Wood. However, it was explained this was due to its unsafe structure and that it will be replaced.

Councillors— Mrs Lowe reported the current usage of the Motox on land near to Claywood. The issue is the level of noise being generated from this. It was agreed to review at the next meeting.

Clerk – Parish Clerk raised the issue of local organisations receiving a donation from the Parish Council. It was agreed to send the Teme Span Newsletter the same amount as in the previous year, which was £100. The Clerk also addressed the current issue of the drain in Mill Lane. A work request had been submitted on behalf of David Hunter's team to rectify this problem.

PC47 Garden Competition Presentation Evening

Clerk confirmed that letters inviting prize winners had been sent out. Refreshments had been purchased and Members were asked to bring contributions of food items.

PC48 Emergency Plan

It was agreed by all Members that Mr Woodall had produced a very good document in the Draft Emergency Plan. The first meeting of the full Emergency Support Team was to be held on Wednesday 22 September 2010.

PC49 Hedges in Lower Frith Common

Mr Williams reported that the hedges in Lower Frith Common were not a concern at the moment.

PC50 Hedges within the Parish

Mr Hunt is to ask Carl Edwards a local contractor who does hedge cutting, if he would do this as a public service through the Parish Council. If anyone had issues with overgrown hedges, they could contact the Worcestershire Hub directly.

PC51 Water Running Across Road, Stone Cottage, Frith Common

The Clerk reported that it had been confirmed that work was due to start on Monday 13th September 2010 to put in new drainage to rectify this problem.

PC52 Public Open Space Grant Funding

Mr Benbow had prepared an outline of how Frith Common Methodist Chapel was currently used, for various activities throughout the year. The letter had been forwarded to Manda Graham who was taking it to the Section 106 Group for first discussions. Awaiting response from this.

PC53 Standing Orders

Mr Benbow and Mr Williams had reviewed the current documentation. For the next Parish Council Meeting, they would be able to propose some recommendations and the simplified draft document would be ready for discussion. Members thanked them for the work done so far.

PC54 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts

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

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary & Exps for July & Aug 2010 - £734.40
- b) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengsthman – June & July 2010 Expenses - £360.00
- c) Mr S Woodhall, Equipment for Emergency Plan - £272.07
- d) Clement Keys Chartered Accountants – Audit of Annual Return - £141.00
- e) Frith Common Methodist Chapel – Hire for Parish Council Mtg 14/07/10 - £30.00
- f) Worcestershire CALC – 2 x Councillor Training – Mrs C Dey - £58.76
- g) Eardiston Sawmill Company – Replacement Bus Shelter Window - £44.65
- h) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengsthman – August 2010 Expenses - £132.00

PC55 Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

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

Planning Permission Granted

Planning Application:- 10/01005/HOU - Proposed double garage with office over. 5 Lower Frith Common, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8JU

Parish Council – Objection

Amendment to Planning Permission 07/00333/FUL – alterations to roof and enlargement of dormer. Elsewhere, Upper Claywood, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UB

Mrs Lowe was asked to leave the room while this was discussed.

Parish Council – No Comment

Planning Application:- 10/01042/FUL – Construction of Canopy to create covered play area. Lindridge C of E Primary School, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ

Parish Council – No Comment

Planning Application:- 10/01011/HOU:- Installation of 2 air source heat pumps (Retrospective). 2 & 3 Pensmill Close, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8GA

Parish Council – No Comment – Issue Resolved.

PC56 Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting

PC39 - PC9(d) – Councillors – Mr Hunt reported that he had spoken with an experienced farm vet and the issue of a certain infection in sheep was not considered a risk in this area.

PC57 Items for Future Agenda

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Precept
- c) Motox
- d) Emergency Plan
- e) Water Running Across Road, Stone Cottage, Frith Common

PC58 Correspondence for Information

- The Parish Council sent a letter to Worcestershire County Council of its requirements for the Winter Service season for 2010/2011.
- A reply had been received from Mr David Hunter apologising for the duplication of grass cutting work by our Lengthsman and the District Council in Menith Wood. Mr Hunter agreed to reimburse the Parish Council for the hours spent by our Lengthsman. Details of hours spent to be checked with Paul Danby and the offer accepted with thanks.
- A letter had been received from Gillian McDermott regarding the Internal alterations to Barns 2 & 4, external alterations to barns 1, 2, 3 & 4 at Claywood Farm, Menith Wood. The letter outlined that MHDC agreed with our comments that meticulous monitoring of the site was required to ensure that that conditions are complied with and that works are completed within the specified time period.

- Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief – Nags Head. It was decided that the Parish Council would recommend Option B – whereby 25% Discretionary Relief would be awarded.

PC59 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

- Clerk to put date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 10 November at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.