

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Annual Meeting
Wednesday 17th July 2019 at Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr S Workman, Cllr D Evans, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr H Williams,

In Attendance: District Councillor Godwin, County Councillor Pollock.

PC21 Receive Apologies for Absence

None.

PC22. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Benbow declared that he was the Financial Officer of the Parish Hall and a signatory on their bank account, although not a Member of the Management Committee.

PC23. Minutes of the 15th May 2019 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC24. Agree, check and minute accounts

Cllrs Mrs Lowe and Cllr Evans agreed, checked and signed accounts.

a)	Parish Clerk, Salary – May & June 2019	£676.20
b)	HMRC PAYE – April & May 2019 Payments	£ 7.60

Accounts Unpaid

c)	Parish Clerk, Expenses for May & June 2019	£ 36.15
d)	Parish Lengthsman – May & June 2019	£468.00
e)	Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall 15/05/2019	£ 30.00
f)	In2Out Property Maintenance – Grass Cutting May 2019	£ 28.00
g)	C Baker – Internal Review of Annual Accounts 31 March 2019	£ 45.00
h)	H&W Computers – External USB & Labour	£114.00
i)	HMRC PAYE – June 2019	£ 4.00

Members had received a copy of the End of Year Report. The figures were approved and the Chairman and RFO signed to agree.

PC25. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Godwin reported that educating young people in Worcestershire, would be vital to the future of successfully increasing recycling within the County in the future. He also commented that MHDC were wanting Parish Council's to identify land within their control that could be established for wildflowers to act as pollinators.

Questions raised:

- a) Cllr Workman commented that Eardiston has been put forward as a site by the police to identify traffic calming measures.
- b) Cllr Evans referred to Cllr Pollocks report regarding the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP); rural development, more properties required in rural areas. Eardiston requires revitalisation. Currently Eardiston is categorised as 3,

which means it is not permitted for further development, even though there are several small-scale brown field sites within the village.

- c) Cllr Mrs Lowe commented that the outstanding highways work has still not been completed with the junction of Menithwood and the A443. The road surface is causing damage to vehicles and is a safety concern.
- d) Cllr Williams commented that the road surface from the A456 to M&M Timber was also in a very poor state of repair.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up both with Highways

County Councillor – See attached report.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that additional grants have bought new chairs. At the next Parish Hall meeting a demonstration would be given on how the projector is operated. This could be used at future meetings. He also suggested that more promotion of the village hall would be of benefit. One noticeboard in Frith Common was redundant and could potentially be used for this.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Lengthsman to replace board.

Public Path Warden – Please see attached report.

Councillors

Cllr Workman – commented that he would be attending a Free of Charge event near Malvern to mark personal property. It might be possible to promote this idea at a future date.

Cllr Benbow – commented that he had attended a meeting with Airband. The scheme was looking at various improvements. For example, future arrangements for putting in place same upload as download speeds. Also looking into fibre to premises. Businesses and householders eligible for a voucher scheme.

Clerk – The Clerk reported:

- Co-Option Applications – after discussions, it was agreed that in Cllr Evans would prepare a Co-Option Policy to be adopted at next meeting. Cllr Workman would personally speak with all the applicants, and invite to next meeting, whereby they would be given the opportunity to explain in more detail the reasons why they would wish to become a Parish Councillor. The Clerk would obtain the advice from Worcestershire CALC as to guidelines for the policy.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Workman

- The noticeboard in Eardiston outside the Parish Hall, was beyond repair. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotations for replacement board. Cllr Williams would report to the Parish Hall Committee of their noticeboard also.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Williams

- Since the last meeting, the Clerk had received advisory discussions with the website developer. Prior to the meeting, members of the council had had time to refer to the options put forward. It was proposed by Cllr Workman and seconded by Cllr Williams to go forward with a website that could easily be altered in-house. The

Clerk would obtain confirmation that the Parish Council would hold all necessary passwords and username details.

PC26 – Grievance Policy

Cllr Mrs Lowe had produced a first draft of the Grievance Policy. After discussion, this would be redrafted for the next meeting, in readiness for adopting.

PC27 – Road and Drainage Issues

The Council noted the progress identified on the previously circulated list of outstanding activities:

- Lower Frith Common entrance fence.
- Eardiston sign post extensions.
- Road surface Menithwood junction with A443
- Menithwood traffic speed.
- Retaining wall Mill Lane and A443.
- Oldfields Cider Farm Lorry access signs.
- Surface water outside Stone Cottage, Frith Common.

PC28 – Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston

Cllr Workman reported he had met with the new Tenbury Police Constable Chris Lea. The police would be undertaking speed enforcement tasks in Lindridge. Cllr Wokman also confirmed that the A443 Action Group were trying to set up a meeting with our Worcestershire MP in October to reiterate the impact traffic has on local residents from village to village.

PC29 – Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/00080/ADV

New Village Hall Sign

Lindridge Village Hall, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JH

COMMENTS

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/00796/LB

Replacement of 5 windows

Flat 1, Eardiston House, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JH

NO COMMENT

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/00025/HP

Erection of a two storey side extension and proposed porch with first floor balcony above.

Old Orchard House, Frith Common, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JX

APPLICATION: REFUSED

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/00789/FUL

Change of use of part of a pasture field to site a log cabin for holiday accommodation and associated parking.

Oldfields Farm Partnership

PC30 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting

- Cllr Evans wrote to the representative of Smartwater and confirmed that the Parish Council would not be pursuing this any further.

PC31 – Correspondence for information –

- a) Applications received for co-option
- b) Correspondence with Highways, re outstanding items & school warning lights
- c) Email from PKF Littlejohn, Auditors confirming exempt status
- d) Correspondence with H. Geach website advisor
- e) Letter received from The Pensions Regulator
- f) Reported issues to Highways
- g) HMRC VAT reclaim 2018-2019

PC32 – Items for Future Agenda

- Grievance Policy and Finalise Standing Orders
- Co-Option

PC33 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

- Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting
- Parish Councillor Vacancy

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.