

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Held at the Old Chapel Hall Menith Wood on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr T Jenkins, Cllr S Woodall, Cllr Mrs T Lowe.

In Attendance: District Councillor R Farmer
SCO Howells
Mr R Reynolds, Safer Roads Partnership

PC95 Receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr N Benbow, Cllr Mrs A Meager and Cllr Mrs C Dey.

PC96 Declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item.

No declarations were made.

PC97 Consider the adoption of the minutes of the January 12th 2011 Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 12th 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC98 Receive progress reports for information from:

Apologies were received from Ken Pollock, County Councillor

District Councillor – Councillor Reg Farmer, MHDC, reported that the Council Tax would not be going up this year. Money had been saved in shared services. The Council noted the improved winter service and that refuse collections had been maintained in spite of the bad weather.

County Councillor – County Councillor Ken Pollock had prepared a brief document for the Parish Council. It included reports of : the consultations on home to school transport and bus services that were open until the end of the month, both documents available on the Worcestershire County Council website, where a list of local bus services at risk and details of roads intended to be improved under the Rural Roads Initiative were shown. The nearest roads nominated were Fartown Lane and Menithwood Lane.

Police Representative - CSO Howells reported that three incidents had occurred in the area. They were the theft of a water compressor, a number of cold callers and diesel/heating oil thefts. CSO Howells said that overall it was very good in the area with low crime figures.

Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall- Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that a considerable amount of damage had been caused to the hall parquet flooring and the curtains as a result of two separate floods. Two insurance claims had been submitted, with a total cost possibly exceeding £4000. As yet the true extent of damage could not be identified. Cllr Mrs Sandon reported on the forthcoming events to help with fund raising. Work had also started on the disabled toilets and two windows had been replaced with double glazing. It was also reported that an eco-energy audit had been carried out; from this several areas could be addressed to improve the running costs of the

hall – replace windows with double glazing, draught proofing doors and insulating the roof space being the main ones. However, due to the recent insurance claims and building works, the Parish Hall Committee felt that these issues would be pursued later in the year. The plan would be to try and obtain a grant and have separate fund raising activities for this.

Footpath Officer – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that Phil Coulson, Worcestershire County Council Footpath Officer and herself walked a route to include inspection of the newly replaced foot bridges in Menithwood and on footpath 641 over Dumbleton Brook. These cost over £21,000. Owing to recent removal of timber from Menithwood, some footpaths had become obscured and way marking had disappeared; the contractors had been contacted and they will make good the paths once finished. Fingerposts to be replaced in the wood, including one at the road end of the bridleway joining the road through Menithwood. It was also reported that a mud landslide continues over the bridleway through the woods, but is of a minor nature, the vehicles used by the contractors are flattening this anyway. Cllr Mrs Sandon would be grateful for anyone to bring to her attention any paths that required attention.

Councillors –

- 1 Cllr Hunt reported that he had received a letter from Cllr Mrs Meager stating her wish to resign from the Parish Council. However, Cllr Mrs Meager had requested that she would like to retain a place on the Emergency Planning Group and to retain usage of the litter picker. Members of the Parish Council accepted these requests. The Parish Council wanted to thank Cllr Mrs Meager for her outstanding service as a Parish Councillor for 10 years and as Chairman for 2 years.
- 2 Cllr Hunt reported on the County Council Budget Consultation. He had a reply sent regarding the Standard Agreement and the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme. This information was passed onto Cllr Mrs Sandon.

Clerk – A quote had been obtained for a notice board for the Broom Bank. It was agreed to place order with Eardiston Sawmills and have installed. The Clerk had received concerns about litter at Devils Pitch and end of Woodston Drive. These issues had been dealt with promptly by Worcestershire County Council. The Clerk was also looking more in depth of associated costs of the purchase of a laptop. The Clerk had received more information from HMRC, regarding registering for payroll. It was agreed that the Clerk to register details and liaise with Cllr Hunt and Cllr Benbow. The Clerk had also received a letter from a resident of Frith Common asking for the Parish Council to reconsider the adoption of the telephone box. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not have enough funds to maintain the telephone box once adopted, as annual costs such as insurance and electricity had to be found. Clerk to write to resident explaining the concerns of the Parish Council. The Clerk also reported that junction warning signs were to be erected before end of March near to the Cutmill Bridge housing estate.

PC99 Mr R Reynolds, Safer Roads Partnership

The Chairman welcomed Mr Rod Reynolds the Manager of Safer Roads Partnership, who are the Enforcement Agents for reducing speed on the roads. Mr Reynolds explained about the extreme high volume of traffic that uses the A443. He emphasised how speed has noticeably been reduced through certain villages on this road, for example, Great Witley by up to 60%. Following a recent

survey he confirmed that the A443 through Eardiston is an area that experiences vehicles travelling at high speed. He also confirmed that once the Highways Department had put measures in to slow traffic down by the Cutmill Bridge area, the route enforcement team would come into Eardiston. Clerk to write and thank Mr Reynolds for his attendance at the meeting and his informative presentation.

PC100 Consider and Comment upon the Walks Event

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that she had received quite a lot of interest for this event. She agreed to place a notice in Temespan emphasising that this was a fun event to walk the footpaths within Lindridge Parish. After the walk everyone would be invited to attend a get together at Eardiston Country Club for refreshments.

PC101 Consider and Comment upon the Public Open Space Grant Money

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Treasurer of the Menithwood Millennium Green Trust, as a potential bid for Section 106 funding. The Trustees had identified items for potential purchase for the Millennium Green that would enhance its usage in terms of environmental and educational awareness. Members of the Parish Council agreed that it was a very good application. The Clerk to write to the Treasurer and ask for the Trustees to submit quotes for the items they wished to purchase.

A letter had also been received and read out during the public session of the Parish Council Meeting by Mr W Austin of Frith Common. This referred to the sale of Frith Common Methodist Chapel. Mr Austin stated that as this was now the last public building in the village of Frith Common, that the Parish Council put the Chapel back onto its agenda as a potential place of usage within the Parish. After much discussion with Members it was agreed to write to Mr Austin asking for him to prepare a business plan for the Chapel and its future use.

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting any decision on how the Public Open Space Grant Money should be used.

PC102 Consider and Comment upon the Emergency Plan

Cllr Woodall reported that all copies of the Emergency Plan had been sent out. Cllr Woodall to liaise with Cllr Hunt and Cllr Benbow to arrange a date for locating and building the storage shed.

PC103 Discuss 2011 Parish Awards

Cllr Williams reported that he had prepared an article for Temespan for the 2011 Parish Awards. He commented that he had already received one nomination.

PC104 Discuss Garden Competition

Members agreed that the garden competition would be judged in July this year, with same categories as last year and that the school to be contacted to take part again. The Clerk was asked to place notice of the competition in the Temespan and on the Parish Noticeboards.

PC105 Consider and Comment upon Moto X at Menith Wood

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that the formal events held at this site were not a problem. However, the Parish Council were informed that the site is being used more frequently for informal use by Moto X and Quad Bike riders, and that it is creating a serious noise problem within the area. Cllr Mrs Lowe presented Members with a data log of dates and times of usage of the site since August 2010. It was agreed that residents would discuss the problem with the landowner first and show him evidence of the data log to aid the discussion.

PC106 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts

Cllr Mr Williams and Cllr Mrs Sandon signed, checked and agreed accounts.

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| a) | Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary Jan & Feb 2011 | £463.78 |
| b) | Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Jan & Feb 2011 | £292.00 |
| c) | Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Jan & Feb 2011 | £ 80.89 |
| d) | Eardiston Village Hall Committee – Donation towards Grant | £300.00 |

Note

Revised Standing Order agreed and signed as of PC63(a) for revised monthly payment of Clerk effective from 1st April 2011.

PC107 Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

10/01517/FUL

Modifications to recently constructed garages at Lambswick Farm, Lindridge.

PARISH COUNCIL – OBJECTION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL

10/01198/CLE

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land use as private garden.

Rose Cottage, Frith Common, Tenbury Wells. Mr W Austin

APPEAL NOTIFICATION – Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J1860/X/11/2144514

APPEAL WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

11/00197/FUL

Erection of ancillary building to provide basic mess facilities and storage for maintenance equipment for 2 private fishing pools. Provision of car parking (Retrospective).

Lambswick, Lindridge. Mr R Bartram.

Parish Council – Other Comments

11/00102/CPU

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use for the erection of single storey home office.

5 Lower Frith Common. Mr R O'Hare.

Parish Council – No formal application received to date, however, Parish Council have forwarded concerns prior to any application for this proposed building.

11/00195/FUL

Relocation of liquid nitrogen bulk storage on the Botanix site. The Moor, Eardiston.

Mr Richard Smith.

Parish Council – No Comment/No Objection

PC108 Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting

The Clerk reported on the following :

PC81 – BOAT at Frith Common. Damage had been assessed by Phil Coulson. A sign to read "Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles" to be erected by end of July to the access from Lower Frith Common.

PC81 – Clerk had informed Parish Lengthsman of blocked drain on corner of Featherbed Lane, this had now been dealt with.

PC81 – Solar Panels, Chestnut View Cottage, Frith Common. Clerk had contacted Simon Rowles, Planning Officer. He confirmed that planning permission would be required. Clerk to follow this up as no planning application had yet been received.

PC109 Items for Future Agenda

- a) Walks Event
- b) Proposals for use of Public Open Space Grant Money
- c) Moto X at Menith Wood
- d) Parish Awards 2011
- e) Garden Competition 2011
- f) Parish Elections

PC110 Correspondence for Information

- a) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy: First Draft Submission Consultation & Feedback Form. Cllr Hunt to complete and return.
- b) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document : Publication Document.
- c) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Consultation – Worcestershire County Council Revised Draft Validation Document.

- d) Letter received from The Royal British Legion – Re: Great Poppy Party Weekend to celebrate The Royal British Legion’s 90th birthday. Cllr Mrs Sandon to report at next Parish Hall Committee Meeting.
- e) Letter received from Community Transport Helpline Ltd – Public Meeting at Rock Village Hall – Friday 18th March 2011.
- f) Letter received from Clear View Cleaning Services – Re: Bus shelter cleaning quotation.
- g) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Re: Public consultation on the proposals for reducing Subsidised Bus Services within Worcestershire. Questionnaire to be completed. Cllr Hunt to prepare and return a response on behalf of the Parish Council.
- h) Email received from Worcestershire County Council of Local Snow Clearance and Rock Salt Storage Contractors. The information was noted.
- i) Letter sent to Mr D Hunter – Re: Thanking for the improved gritting service.
- j) The Worcestershire Agreement – Parish and Town Council Agreements. Clerk to complete questionnaire and return.

PC111 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Cllr Mrs Sandon – walk event on May 8th

Cllr Williams – Parish Awards

Clerk to put date of next meeting of Lindridge Parish Council and notice of garden competition

Next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday May 11th 2011 at 7.30 pm in Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 10.45 p.m.