

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council.
Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllr M K J Hunt, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs A V Winwood, Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs T Lowe.

In Attendance: Cllr K Pollock.

PC41. Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies received from Cllr S Woodall due to work commitments.

PC42. Declare personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item

Clerk declared an interest in letter received from Lindridge Pre-School.

PC43. Consider the adoption of the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2011.

The minutes were adopted and signed.

PC44. Receive progress reports for information from:

Apologies were received from Cllr W Redman.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock reported that work would start this Autumn on repairs to the bridge at Tenbury, but the bridge would not close until the New Year. Extensive signposting would advise drivers of how to get to Tenbury during that period, with light vehicles likely to use the roads from Eastham and Little Hereford and large vehicles guided via High Cross, Upper Sapey or Kimbolton. A temporary car park to the north of the bridge would be able to serve those wanting to shop in Tenbury. A shuttle bus in the town itself was being contemplated, to take people to and from the south side of the bridge. The idea of a second bridge was judged unrealistic both financially and technically.

Proposed improvements towards the Public Realm Work in Tenbury were scheduled for next Spring and Summer. Tesco had made a new application for a supermarket on the old cattle market site and there was a feeling that it might be successful this time. The planners would demand considerable funds to help the town in general and this might ease the problems of funding the Public Realm Work.

Cllr Pollock confirmed he had joined Twitter under the name #CllrKenPollock. On this could be found monthly newsletters and his personal page on the WCC website.

Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that finances were in good order. Lettings continued with regulars, including coffee mornings ran by Mr and Mrs Harley of Dumbleton Lane. Future fund raising events would be a jazz evening and buffet on 11th November which would be a joint fund raising event for the hall and British Legion poppy appeal; and a quiz and curry evening on Saturday 21st January 2012. If anyone wished to donate prizes, these were to be handed in to Hilary Brown or Genny Sandon. The repair to the disabled toilet was still ongoing. The eco-energy audit had revealed areas for improvement, including draught-proofing, insulation and replacing window casements with double-glazing. Derek Marks had obtained four quotes and was

also trying to arrange a grant application. The hall would endeavour to fund the draught-proofing and construction of storage area in main corridor.

Parish Footpath Warden – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that Mr Phil Coulsen had made contact to say that there was a possibility that Mr Will Hall would have a community service work party available in the near future and it might be possible for them to carry out some general labour work within the parish. Cllr Mrs Sandon was currently compiling a list of possible work to submit to Phil Coulsen. However, the working party would not be allowed to use equipment such as brush cutters, etc so much of the work suggested would not be suitable. Other paths reported and work dealt on them included:

- a) The footpath between the parish hall and Yarrantons garage was becoming very overgrown and this had now been strimmed by Mark Yarranton and the wood cut back by Cllr Mrs Sandon.
- b) A blocked stile in the corner of the field running along the river Teme and heading towards the Nag's Head. This had been caused by fallen trees and Rob Williams is organising its clearance.
- c) A stile and fingerpost that had fallen over (into the field now) at Woodston by the main road.
- d) A path below The Hatch which was overgrown and the bridge collapsing.
- e) Mrs Betty Anderson asked Cllr Mrs Sandon to visit the footpath going through Lindridge Church yard. The iron gates at the top of the graveyard no longer shut due to the tree roots growing into the gate bases. The Countryside Centre would be able to replace them with standard modern steel gates but it was felt that it would be a shame to lose the iron gates. A preferred option was for the church to pay for the trees to be felled.

Cllr Mrs Sandon's last report said "*Following the removal of the timber from Menith Wood the footpaths were obscured and way marking had disappeared. I have contacted Abbey Forestry and they will make good the paths once more using the chip bark that has been left in the woods. I have also arranged for the fingerposts to be replaced*" – repairs are still waiting to be carried out.

Website problems had been resolved. However, no progress had been made to any of the problems put onto the parish map. Also all the fingerposts that required replacing were unlikely to get done until there were about 10 to do so that it would be cost effective.

Councillors –

Cllr Williams reported that since the recent article submitted to the Temespan for the Nomination Awards, a further application had been received.

Cllr Mrs Winwood commented that when the Parish Council is reviewing planning applications it would be good practice in certain circumstances to attend the site before making decisions. Cllr Hunt responded that all planning applications were taken seriously and site meetings were held when necessary.

Clerk – The Clerk requested if she could go ahead with setting up a Direct Debit to HMRC for the quarterly tax payments; this was agreed by Members. The Clerk reported on a letter received from Gerry Brienza, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer from WCC. A meeting was to be held on Wednesday 28th September at Lindridge Village Hall for Mr Brienza to explain his role and function. Messrs Cllr Hunt and Benbow agreed to attend along with the Clerk.

PC45. Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Hunt reported that the Millennium Green Trust would have a finalised bid taking account of their recently commissioned survey for the next Parish Council Meeting in November. This item will be discussed at that meeting.

PC46. Garden Competition – The Clerk confirmed that the presentation evening was Thursday 29th September. The Clerk would purchase prizes and refreshments for the evening; Parish Councillors offered to bring along other refreshments.

Cllr Hunt discussed the option of having several open gardens within Lindridge Parish to be publicised in the National Garden Scheme for 2012, as an alternative to the Annual Garden Competition, and to possibly alternate between open gardens and garden competition each year. It was agreed to maintain the Children's Competition separately. Cllr Mrs Winwood agreed to research the entry requirements for the National Garden Scheme and to report her findings at the next Parish Council Meeting.

PC47. Car Parking Consultation – Malvern Hills District Council sent a questionnaire review of its car parking services. It was agreed to focus on Tenbury Wells. Councillors provided comments to Cllr Benbow who had agreed to draft the questionnaire and forward to the Clerk for completion. Cllr Hunt wished to thank Cllr Benbow for all his efforts on this task.

PC48. Provision of Grit Bins and Snow Clearance Contractors – Correspondence was received from Worcestershire County Council regarding Winter Service provision of Grit Bins and Snow Contractors for 2011/2012. It was agreed to write to WCC confirming once again who had been contacted within Lindridge Parish last year and had agreed to clear snow. With reference to the provision of grit bins and purchase of grit/salt, it was agreed to discuss this issue with Gerry Brienza, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer from WCC on his visit on 28th September.

PC49. Check, Agree and Minute Accounts – Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs Sandon signed, checked and agreed accounts.

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – July & August 2011 £385.16

Accounts Unpaid

- b) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for July & August 2011 £ 78.49
c) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for July & August 2011 £408.00
d) Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Parish Meeting – 13/07/11 £ 36.00
e) Malvern Hills District Neighbourhood Watch, Smartwater Signs £ 40.00
f) Malvern Hills District Council – Parish Elections £ 36.75
g) Post Office Ltd - HM Revenue & Customs Payment for July, August and September 2011 Tax Deductions from Clerks Salary£144.00

PC50. Review planning matters, applications and decisions

Planning Application Number: 11/00761/LBC

Internal alterations to facilitate fourth bedroom at Lambswick, Lindridge. NO COMMENT

Planning Application Number: 11/0756/FUL

Proposed detached double garage and store, including extending the limit of the existing domestic curtilage. Bramley House, Newnham Bridge. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Planning Application Number: 11/00856/FUL

Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Erection of Replacement Dwelling. Nineveh, Menith Wood, WR6 6UB OTHER COMMENTS

Planning Application Number: 11/00973/HOU

Increase roof pitch to west gable to create loft space, re tile in dark grey natural Welsh Slate, fit windows to north and west gables and velux roof lights. Mr and Mrs M F E Stroyd. NO COMMENT

PC51. Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

- a) A response had been received from Marches Housing Association. It was agreed to further write to Marches Housing asking for the Parish Council to be alerted in the future when vacancies occur locally.
- b) A further nomination had been received for the Parish Awards.
- c) Sewers/Septic Tanks. Further to the letter sent from Cllr Hunt, a letter had been received from Severn Trent Water acknowledging their error in the recent letter sent to local residents.
- d) Further to the letter sent to Mr K Dicken of WCC regarding the speed limit in Eardiston, it was agreed to discuss this with Gerry Brienza, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer from WCC on 28th September.

PC52. Correspondence for information

- a) Letter sent to Mr K Dicken, WCC – Speed Limit in Eardiston.
- b) Letter sent to Marches Housing Association – Anti Social Behaviour.
- c) Letter received from Royal Horticultural Society - Re Britain in Bloom. It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to David Evans of the Millennium Green Trust and the Cllr Mrs Winwood.
- d) Annual Report 2011 received from MHDC.
- e) Letter received from Lindridge Pre-School – Donation Request. It was agreed to send a cheque for £200 towards the fundraising request.
- f) Letter to Cllr Pollock re: bus routes.

PC53. Items for future agendas

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Garden Scheme
- c) Moto X
- d) Highways Issues

PC54. Items for Teme Span and next meeting date

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 10.15pm