

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council.**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Present:** Cllr M K J Hunt (Chairman) Cllr N J Benbow (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr H Williams,  
Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr Mrs J Gittins

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Gittins to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

**PC70. Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr S Woodall due to work commitments.

Apologies received from Cllr W Redman, Cllr K Pollock and Police Representative Tracey Wood.

The Clerk was to send a letter to Cllr Woodall regarding absence from Parish Council Meeting.

**PC71. Declare personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item**

Cllr Mrs Lowe declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Moto X at Menith Wood.

**PC72. Consider the adoption of the minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>h</sup> November 2011**

One amendment made to Page 4, spelling incorrect “cartilage” instead of “curtilage” .  
The minutes were adopted and signed.

**PC73. Receive progress reports for information from:**

**District Councillor** – No Report

**County Councillor** – No Report

**Police Representative** – No Report

**Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that finances were in good order. Regular lettings continued. The jazz evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November which was a joint fund raising event for the hall and the British Legion poppy appeal proved to be a great success. The quiz and curry evening on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 had been postponed due to lack of interest. This would be organised for later in the year. A talk on Witley Court also planned for the New Year. The repair to the disabled toilet was still ongoing. The grant application for the cost of replacement windows was still ongoing. Awaiting two further quotes for the partitions in the corridor. There had been an extensive professional energy efficiency inspection and advice received suggests, roof insulation, replacement windows, ceiling fans (to re-direct warm air down) and draught proofing. Wall insulation was too expensive costing over £6000 and it was thought not to be of benefit given the cost and the limited use of the hall.

Cllr Mrs Sandon also asked the Parish Council for a volunteer to be the Parish Hall Representative, due to extra work commitments Cllr Mrs Sandon was finding it

increasingly difficult to do this post justice. Cllr Mrs Winwood volunteered for the role, but this was dependant on her health. Cllrs Mrs Sandon has agreed to remain as the representative until confirmation is received. Cllr Williams and Cllrs Mrs Lowe also said they could provide additional support.

**Parish Footpath Warden** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the stile and fingerpost at Woodston by the main road had been repaired and a replacement had been delivered to the landowners. Winter clearance had been carried out, no new problems had been reported. The stile at the bottom of the field behind the Country Club in Eardiston was difficult to negotiate as the landowners had put wooden slats close together to stop livestock escaping. This had now been removed so that the stile is easier to climb over. Menith Wood fingerposts and path issues were still ongoing. There had been a review of the structure of the access team and Phil Coulson was now to work in the central part of the county. Alan Kingston had taken over from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, as the new area officer and Cllr Mrs Sandon would be meeting him in the New Year to discuss new or ongoing concerns.

**Councillors** –

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the campervan located to the side of the Countryside Club was being used for one to two nights a week by the owners. This was for security reasons only. Ian Vanes the Chairman of the Countryside Club also confirmed that the campervan was not being used full time. No siting of rubbish reported. Cllr Mrs Sandon also reported that nuisance dogs had been entering premises at the Hop Kilns in Eardiston. The owner of the dogs was to put up extra fencing to stop this from happening in the future. Cllr Mrs Sandon also reported that the NO SMOKING signs had been removed again from the bus shelter. The Clerk will purchase permanent metal sign saying NO SMOKING.

Cllr Benbow reported that he had received correspondence on Superfast Broadband. This would be discussed under Correspondence for Information.

Cllr Hunt reported that he had completed the Worcestershire Agreement questionnaire. A copy was given to the Clerk for filing. Cllr Hunt also wished to thank Cllr K Pollock for his help in maintaining one of the grit bins in Menith Wood.

Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that part of the verge in Frith Common that was located opposite to a local business was being damaged, possibly due to traffic entering and leaving the premises. Cllr Benbow and Cllr Hunt to discuss and report back to Cllr Mrs Winwood.

Cllr Williams reported that he had leaflets explaining the Localism Bill. If anyone wished to receive one, they were to contact Cllr Williams directly.

**Clerk** – The Clerk read out an email received for Sports Relief in March. It was decided not to take any further action. The Clerk also reported that she would be expecting a baby at the end of May 2012. Clerk to arrange appraisal with Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**PC74. Public Open Space Grant Money** – The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Caroline Palethorpe, the contents of which were read out at the meeting. The email received suggests that the Parish Council have one application which could be made up of several smaller projects. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting to involve Caroline Palethorpe, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Benbow, Cllrs Mrs Sandon, Cllr Mrs Winwood, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors from Lindridge Primary School to discuss the remaining money potentially available. The £5000 request from the Millennium Green Trust already received, to form part of the application.

**PC75. Garden Competition** – Cllr Hunt had produced an article for the Temespan which would appear in the February edition. It was agreed to discuss the item at the March meeting when there might be comments from Parishioners.

**PC76. Gardens Public Liability and Future Insurance** – Cllr Benbow reported that the insurance cover currently covers for Public Liability up to £5M in any one claim. This provides sufficient cover for the Open Gardens. Cllr Williams suggested carrying out risk assessments of sites that would be involved in the Open Gardens. It was decided to discuss at the March meeting.

Cllr Benbow also reported that the current insurance cover is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012. It was agreed for the Clerk and Cllr Benbow to obtain a quote for future insurance. Clerk to contact Community First for a quote.

**PC77. Precept for 2012-2013** – The Clerk reported that the Safe Custody Fee of £15 per year related to two envelopes held at Lloyds Bank, Tenbury Wells. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Benbow to look at these and report the contents at the next meeting. The Precept for 2012/2013 of £6675 was agreed and approved. Cllr Benbow Proposed and Cllr Mrs Sandon Seconded.

**PC78. Moto X at Menithwood** – Cllr Hunt reported on the usage of dates and times of the land used at Menithwood for the Moto X, which had been compiled by Cllrs Mrs Lowe. No usage had been carried out since 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011. However, it was noted that a track was being used on the other side of the main road. Cllr Hunt reported that he would discuss the issue with Will Redman and confirm that the Parish Council was coming under pressure from various local people of the concerns of the number of times the track was being used. Cllr Hunt also reported that any individual could contact the Noise Abatement Department of MHDC directly with their own concerns regarding the noise caused.

**PC79. Diamond Jubilee** – Cllr Hunt reported that he had produced an article for the February issue of Temespan. This would be discussed at the meeting in March.

**PC80. Check, Agree and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Mrs Winwood and Cllr Benbow signed, checked and agreed accounts.

#### **Accounts paid since last meeting**

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

#### **Accounts Unpaid**

b)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for November & December 2011	£ 59.89
c)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Nov & Dec 2011	£336.00
d)	Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Parish Meeting – 09/11/11	£ 36.00
e)	Temespan Magazine – Donation	£100.00
f)	Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Membership Renewal	£ 72.00
g)	Post Office Ltd – Tax Payments for Oct/Nov/Dec 2011	£144.00

### **PC81. Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

Planning Application Number: 11/01194/HOU  
Proposed 2 Storey Side Extension and Erection of Detached Garage. 5 Lower Frith Common. David Stroyd.  
**PLANNING APPROVED**

Planning Application Number 11/01235/CLE  
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – extension of domestic curtilage to include part of the adjacent agricultural land. Sycamore Cottage, Eardiston.  
Mr R Round  
**APPROVAL**

Planning Application Number: 11/01443/HOU  
Increase roof pitch to west gable to create living area in loft space, fit windows to north and south gables and roof lights to west and east elevations. High Acre, Dumbleton Lane, Eardiston. Mr and Mrs M Stroyd. – **NO COMMENT**

Planning Application Number: 11/01436/FUL  
Provision of Stables, Upper Ridney Farm, Stockton, Worcs. Mr W Redman - **NO COMMENT**

Planning Application Number: 11/01438/FUL  
Change of use of land for the storage of caravans out of agricultural season. Farm Buildings at Lowe Green, Stockton, Worcs. Mr W Redman -**COMMENTS MADE TO MHDC**

Planning Application Number: 11/01549/HOU  
Conservatory to side/rear elevation at Link Orchard Cottage, Dumbleton Lane, Eardiston, Worcs. Mr E Benavente – **NO COMMENT**

**PC82. Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting – No items to report.**

### **PC83. Correspondence for information**

- a) Letter sent to Mrs J Gittins – confirming co-option to Parish Council
- b) Letter sent to Electoral Services confirming co-option.
- c) Email sent to MHDC and Mrs Stockbridge – Frith Common Chapel
- d) Letter received from MHDC – Council Tax Precepts 2012/2013
- e) Letter received from WCC – Budget Consultation Meeting
- f) Email received regarding Sports Relief – March 2012

- g) Letter received from MHDC – Supplementary Planning Department – Cllr Hunt asked Members to provide comments to either himself or the Clerk.
- h) Email received regarding Superfast Broadband – Cllr Benbow volunteered to look into this. A meeting had been arranged for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January where this would be attended by other representatives of local Parish Councils and a Broadband Advisor. Cllr Benbow to report to Members of outcome from the meeting.

**PC84. Items for future agendas**

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Garden Scheme
- c) Moto X
- d) Superfast Broadband
- e) Insurance
- f) Diamond Jubilee

**PC85. Items for Teme Span and next meeting date**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm