

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Annual Meeting
Wednesday 13th November 2019 at Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr S Workman, Cllr D Evans, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs Thomas

In Attendance: District Councillor Godwin

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Mrs Thomas to her first meeting.

PC47 Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Lowe, County Councillor K Pollock.

PC48. 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.

Cllr Mrs Thomas with regard to Planning Application.

PC49. Minutes of the 11th September 2019 Meeting

Cllr Benbow asked for an amendment to minute number PC38 – Councillors and Clerk Section; to replace formerly with formally. Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC50. Agree, check and minute accounts

Cllr Workman and Cllr Evans agreed, checked and signed accounts.

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| a) | Parish Clerk, Salary – September & October 2019 | £676.20 |
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Accounts Unpaid

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| b) | Parish Clerk, Expenses for September & October 2019 | £ 36.15 |
| c) | Parish Lengthsman – September & October 2019 | £423.00 |
| d) | Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall 11/09/2019 | £ 20.00 |
| e) | In2Out Property Maintenance – Grass Cutting Sept & Oct 2019 | £ 42.00 |
| f) | S Workman – Reimbursement for Costs to Install Posts at | |
| g) | Devil’s Pitch Layby | £ 40.20 |
| h) | Helen Geach – Website Design and Set-Up | £501.00 |

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

PC51. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Godwin gave an update with issues within Malvern Hills District Council.

Questions raised:

- a) **Planning Applications** – the Clerk commented that a recent application received had all the relevant contact details for the agent removed. This had caused several days of trying to make contact with agent/owners very difficult. Cllr Godwin agreed to pass on this comment to Planning Services.

- b) **Collapsed Wall/Signage/Flooding** – the Council wished to express concerns in relation to the recent collapsed wall in Eardiston. The Council were disappointed by Cllr Pollock's comments in relation to this, in his report which is attached. Also, of the poor signage of "no access" into Lindridge/Eardiston whilst the first floods of 26/27th October had taken place, which had caused HGV's to travel along the A443 from Worcester. These comments would have been passed onto Cllr Pollock.

County Councillor – See attached report.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams had submitted a report in his absence. The Hall Committee had debated the purchase of a defibrillator. The Heart Foundation had offered to pay towards half of the cost of a defibrillator, with the rest from donations; the Council's decision remained the same on existing policy, that any money spent would be to benefit training individuals of life saving techniques. The Hall had also decided at this time not to proceed with contributing for half of a replacement noticeboard with the Parish Council. The new Parish Hall sign had now been erected and works were being carried out on the signage.

ACTION: Chairman to discuss noticeboard with Chair of Parish Hall Committee

Public Path Warden – The past couple of months had been concentrating on replacing old and missing waymarks and tackling some of the overgrown paths. Over the next two months the Public Path Warden would be concentrating on a couple of areas where additional waymarks are required to avoid 'trespass' over private ground.

Councillors

Cllr Benbow – Broadband – promotion of fibre being available to more premises was under way. Currently awaiting quotation for 26 premises in Lindridge. A resident from Lindridge had agreed to become a Lead Project/Promotor to assist with the establishment of fibre broadband in that area of the Parish. Would estimate going live with it in next 2 – 3 months.

Cllr Evans – wished to note the comments made to the Parish Council, from a resident of Menithwood with regard to the speed issue within the village and that also of Pensax. The Council had noted these concerns as these had been raised some time ago; and were still awaiting posts to be erected in the village in order for the VAS sign to be installed to obtain data.

Cllr Workman – reported had now received more wheelie bin stickers promoting speed reduction limits. Clerk to advise residents via Facebook Page. Reference was also made to the recent Inspectors Report of the Appeal of the Glamping Site being rejected. It was suggested that this further evidence should be highlighted in a speed reduction limit for this section of the A443.

Clerk – The Clerk reported:

- **Co-Option** – Discussions were held and it was agreed that the Parish Council required a more geographical representative view via its Members; so even though vacancies existed, it would welcome applications from interested parties from under represented areas of the Parish. Cllr Evans offered to assist with redesigning the current vacancy advertisement.

- The Clerk gave a brief demonstration of the website. Further amendments and additions were to be made. The Clerk confirmed that the Facebook page was now up and running. All Councillors to be given the opportunity to log onto the website and make comments.

ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS

PC52 – DRAFT 2019/2020 PRECEPT

Cllr Benbow discussed that himself and the Clerk had met and processed the outturn figures for 2018-2019. Budgets for 2019-2020 were looked at. Consideration had been taken into account of expenditure of items for next financial year.

The final proposed Precept figure would be reported at the January meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Benbow for time spent on this so far.

The fixed asset schedule required updating.

ACTION: TO MEET – CLLRS BENBOW/WORKMAN/EVANS

PC53 – Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

This item carried forward to next meeting.

PC54 – 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.
- Menithwood traffic speed.
- Retaining wall Mill Lane and A443.
- Oldfields Cider Farm Lorry access signs.
- Resurfacing of C2089 - road from A456 to M&M Timber.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the extension posts for Menithwood.

PC55 – Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston

Nothing to report.

PC56 – Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

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.

WITHDRAWN

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01259/FUL

Upper Ridney Farm, Stockton, Worcester, WR6 6XB

Erection of polytunnel for sheep housing.

NO COMMENT

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01447/LB

Eardiston House, The Coach House 14
Replacement Windows and Doors
NO COMMENT

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01462/AGR
Michaelmas House, Frith Common
Agricultural Track
NO COMMENT

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/00136/FUL
Erection of a dwelling with garaging
Land at 32 Eardiston
REFUSAL

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01536/AGR
Eden Grange, Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8NX
Storage Building
NO COMMENT

PLANNING REFERENCE – 18/00160/FUL
Lindridge Priory, Lindridge
Safari Tents
APPEAL DISMISSED

PC57 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting

The latest draft of the SWDP was now available to view. Cllr Workman commented nothing related to Lindridge, despite the previous comments submitted to the last consultation process. Cllr Workman would reiterate the same comments again.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN

PC58 – Correspondence for information –

- a) Correspondence with Highways – Outstanding items
- b) MHDC – Training Programme 2019/2020
- c) Snow Clearing Farmers – Correspondence
- d) Correspondence re: collapsed retaining wall
- e) Worcs Regulatory Services – Light Pollution Complaint
ACTION: TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY CLLR EVANS
- f) Speeding Through Village – Menithwood
- g) Reporting Issues in Parish
- h) Correspondence re: floods on A443

PC59 – Items for Future Agenda

- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
- Draft 2020-2021 Precept

PC60 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

- Parish Councillor Vacancy

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.