

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Annual Meeting
Wednesday 15th January 2020 at Lindridge Parish Hall

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

In Attendance: County Councillor K Pollock

PC61 Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs Thomas, District Councillor D Godwin.

PC62. 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.

PC63. Minutes of the 13th November 2019 Meeting

Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC64. Agree, check and minute accounts

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

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| a) | Parish Clerk, Salary – November & December 2019 | £676.20 |
| b) | SLCC – Annual Membership Renewal | £ 92.00 |
| c) | HMRC – PAYE Payments – Oct & Nov 2019 | £ 7.80 |
| d) | Rotary Printers Ltd – Co-Option Vacancy Flyers | £ 49.00 |

Accounts Unpaid

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| e) | Parish Clerk, Expenses for November & December 2019 | £ 42.05 |
| f) | Parish Lengthsman – November & December 2019 | £348.00 |
| g) | Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall 13/11/2019 | £ 25.00 |
| h) | Vinyl Fencing Ltd – Replacement Rail for Village Gate | £ 25.92 |
| i) | HMRC – PAYE Payment – December 2019 | £ 4.00 |

Members had received a copy of the End of Year Report. These figures will be retrospectively signed at next meeting by the Vice-Chairman.

PC65. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – No report.

County Councillor – See attached report. Cllr Pollock expanded on the recent reclassification of Eardiston under the SWDP, the village is now a Class 4 rather than 3. The Parish Council were shocked to hear this news as much work had been carried out over recent years to increase the classification from a 3 to a 2. Cllr Pollock agreed to discuss this on our behalf with representatives of the SWDP.

QUESTIONS RAISED:

ROAD JUNCTION ON A443 BY CHURCH/SCHOOL – After the recent report from the planners confirming that this junction was not suitably safe for access to the rejected planning

application, the Chairman asked again what measures would WCC be putting in place to rectify this. Cllr Pollock suggested replacing the current dangerous bend sign with an advisory speed sign.

PARISH HALL SIGN – Cllr Williams gave an overview of the installed sign and the progressive work being made to this; and thanked Cllr Pollock for funds towards the project.

BROADBAND – Discussion was held with regard to the recently installed broadband to Menithwood, whereby only 50% of the village could receive broadband; if others wished to receive this a Community Scheme would be required to get involved and set it up. It was also mentioned that part of the village in lower end of Frith Common had no adequate broadband provision, even though fibre went straight past those properties. Also, that Broadband Openreach had been extremely slow in providing the quotation for parts of Lindridge and Woodston.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that once the old noticeboard was removed outside, the hall would have a replacement one on the wall outside the hall. The films were being well attended. Cllr Williams commented that the facility of the Parish Hall should be looked upon as a social involvement service, reaching out to the wider local community.

Public Path Warden – Many of the footpaths were in a poor state around those 'pinch points' through gates and around stiles due to the continuous rainfall. Among the issues that had been reported was a very overgrown hedge along FP524 in Broombank making it almost impossible to walk; the PPW had spoken with the owner who had agreed to trim it back and a path in the same area which required additional signage; so far had been unable to contact the landowner to address this issue. There were a number of examples throughout the Parish that required additional waymarks and these would become a priority over the next weeks, most of these would require landowner consent. Since last report the PPW had removed winter vegetation, replacing waymarks and had begun conversations with landowners regarding the additional or clearer signage as reported above.

Councillors

Cllr Benbow – as commented under PC65 regarding Broadband. Also commented had received several complaints regarding barking dogs at a property in Lower Frith Common. The Parish Council would write to the owners

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Williams - commented he had applied to become a Governor and was awaiting confirmation of this role which would be at Lindridge St Lawrence C of E Primary School and expressed that there should be improved links with the school.

Cllr Workman – a recent invitation had been sent out via Worcestershire CALC to nominate past Chairman's to an invitation in May to Buckingham Palace for a tea party. All names were presented and the Clerk was asked to pick one "from the hat". The chosen candidate was past Chairman Mrs Angela Winwood.

ACTION: CLERK TO NOTIFY WORC. CALC

Clerk – The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged to have the first training session with the Web designer. This work would be on-going for a while longer. The Clerk asked for consensus of ordering the replacement noticeboard for the Parish Council usage for outside the Parish Hall, and that the old one could be dismantled; this was agreed to proceed.

The recently revised published version of the Code of Conduct had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was agreed to adopt the new version.

CLERK TO CIRCULATE REVISED VERSION

PC66 – 2020/2021 PRECEPT

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Workman and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Lowe agreed that the Council's precept for 2020/21 should be set at £7200.00

The Clerk had requested clarification on how the 2019/20 Donations budget should be allocated. £50 to be allocated to the Lindridge Baby and Toddler Group, £100 to Temespan and £100 to Lindridge Pre-School.

The fixed asset schedule had been revised.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONFIRM PRECEPT TO MHDC

PC67 – Financial Regulations

Items to consider regarding the Financial Regulations:

- A letter of engagement between the Parish Council and Internal Auditor
- Back up of documents to an external hard drive e.g Cloud

The Financial Regulations were adopted.

ACTION: CLERK TO DISCUSS CLOUD WITH COMPUTER ADVISOR CIRCULATE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

PC68 – Road and Drainage Issues

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

- Lower Frith Common entrance fence – **Fencing to be installed in next few weeks**
- Eardiston sign post extensions - **Ready for collection**
- Menithwood traffic speed - **Posts ready for installation**
- Oldfields Cider Farm Lorry access signs - **Traffic Management to install**
- Resurfacing of C2089 - road from A456 to M&M Timber - **Clerk to report**

PC69 – Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston

There had been a slight decrease in percentile figure.

PC70 – Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01447/LB

Eardiston House, The Coach House 14

Replacement Windows and Doors

APPROVED

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01536/AGR

Eden Grange, Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8NX

Storage Building

REFUSED

PLANNING REFERENCE – 19/01921/HP

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

PC71 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting

None.

PC72 – Correspondence for information –

- a) Correspondence with Highways – Outstanding items
- b) Email from Cllr Pollock – retaining wall at Mill Lane
- c) Email from Highways – Reflective glass mirror enquiry – A443
- d) Letter from MHDC – Precept 2020 – 2021
- e) Correspondence with Rotary Printers

PC73 – Items for Future Agenda

- Website

PC74 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

- Parish Councillor Vacancy

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

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.