

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council.**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr P Grove

**PC55. Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr S Woodall due to work commitments.

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs A Winwood due to ill health.

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

**PC56. Declare personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item**

None

**PC57. Consider the adoption of the minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

One amendment made to Page 1, beginning of last sentence – changed to read “Derek Marks” rather than “Cllr Mrs Sandon”. The minutes were adopted and signed.

**PC58. Receive progress reports for information from:**

**District Councillor** - Due to Cllr Redman being unable to attend, Cllr Grove, Leader of the District Council attended. Cllr Grove gave an overview of MHDC since he became Leader in 2009, and the changes that have been implemented to date, for example, on issues such as management structure. He gave details of the services that MHDC provide. He confirmed that Council Tax would be frozen for another year. He reported that the Tesco planning decision would be delayed until the New Year, as still awaiting amended plans. He also reported that Tenbury businesses would benefit from business rate relief. £50,000 had been set aside to promote the businesses in Tenbury.

It was confirmed that the next District Council Elections would be the same as next general elections in May 2015.

**County Councillor** – Cllr Pollock provided a report for the meeting which has been attached to the minutes and would also be available to view on the Parish Website.

**Police Representative** – PC Tracey Wood provided a report, informing that one item had been recently identified in Lindridge area that of a male going around trying to sell jumpers and had been forceful in his selling techniques.

**Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that finances were in good order. Lettings continued with regular coffee mornings run by Mr and Mrs Harley. There would be a jazz evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November which would be a joint fund raising event for the hall and the British Legion poppy appeal. There would also be a quiz and curry evening on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. If anyone wished to donate prizes, these were to be handed in to Hilary Brown or Genny Sandon. A talk on Witley Court also planned for

the New Year. 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. A grant application was hoped to fund the work on the windows. Four quotes had been obtained. 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 a stile and fingerpost had fallen into a field at Woodston by the main road. This had been reported and a replacement ordered. The bridge below The Hatch in Frith Common had been replaced. The path running from the bridge alongside the little lake would be cleared using winter clearance money and this would be carried out shortly. The overgrown hedge along the footpath at the back of The Pry in Frith Common had been trimmed back, but the path would benefit from some strimming and this had also been arranged for winter clearance. Menithwood fingerposts and path issues were still ongoing. The Parish Council wished to show their appreciation to Cllr Mrs Sandon for all her efforts in this role.

#### **Councillors –**

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that she had been contacted by a resident of Frith Common who had potential interest in the sale of the Chapel. The original Trustees of the Chapel are no longer around, therefore this had caused the sale of the Chapel to be delayed for a further 6 months, potentially inviting other interested parties to come forward. The Parish Council had been asked if evidence could be provided detailing what other potential uses the Chapel could have been used for. Cllr Hunt to liaise with Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the new Neighbourhood Watch signs had been put up within the Parish.

Cllr Benbow reported that the completed questionnaire of the Car Parking in Tenbury Wells had been completed and forwarded to the Clerk for submission to MHDC. Cllr Benbow also reported that he had recently attended the policing meeting at Abberley. This was well attended. However, it was reported that the current Neighbourhood Watch messaging scheme was not working as well as it had in the past. It had also been confirmed that Police Representation at Parish Council Meetings would decrease.

Cllr Hunt reported that the Facilities Survey had been completed and sent off with the exception to the broadband section. This section had been forwarded to Cllr Benbow who commented that broadband speeds in the area were unacceptably low. Cllr Benbow to forward the broadband speed checker link to other members. Cllr Hunt reported that the County Council had produced a revised Worcestershire Agreement and that this had been previewed by Cllr Benbow and himself. Cllr Hunt discussed Agreement with members and asked views in order to complete the document. Cllr Hunt to liaise with Clerk in returning views to Worcestershire County Council.

**Clerk** – The Clerk requested if a donation could be sent to Temespan magazine. It was agreed to send £100. The Clerk confirmed that Clement Keys had audited the accounts. The Clerk presented an application for co-option to Lindridge Parish Council from Mrs Janet Gittins. Members all agreed to co-opting Mrs Gittins to the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Mrs Gittins and distribute revised member contact details. The Clerk also raised the topic of the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June 2012. It was agreed to look at past events and discuss at the January meeting.

**PC59. Public Open Space Grant Money** – Cllr Hunt reported that an itemised survey from the Millennium Green Trust had been received and this information was relayed to members. It was agreed to support the potential funding of £5000. The Clerk would contact Manda Graham of the Section 106 Funding Group to provide details of the Millennium Green Trusts survey. Members agreed that a considerable amount of work had gone into this from the Trust. Potentially £9000 still remains to be used within the Parish. Further thoughts would be discussed at next meeting of how to benefit local issues.

**PC60. Garden Competition** – After discussions, it was agreed to support an Open Gardens Scheme and to retain the Adult and Children’s Garden Competition. However, before any final decisions were made, it was agreed that insurance cover for the “Open Gardens” be sought. Cllr Benbow was to seek advice on this matter and to also contact Cllrs Mrs Winwood. Cllr Hunt agreed to prepare an item for the Temespan for January edition outlining the ideas of an Open Garden Scheme and to welcome feedback from Parishioners.

**PC61. Precept for 2012-2013** – The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2012-2013. It was agreed to avoid an increase in the Precept and to maintain it to the same as last years figure of £6675. Final amendments were to be presented and reviewed at the January meeting.

**PC62. Moto X at Menith Wood** – Cllr Grove reported on behalf of Cllr Redman that Cllr Redman would welcome residents to contact him directly with the problems related to the noise associated with the Moto X usage. Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that another landowner adjacent to Cllrs Redman’s land was also using land for the same purpose. A data log of usage times would be compiled and reported at the January meeting. Cllr Hunt agreed to have discussions with Cllr Redman to help resolve local residents concerns.

**PC63. Highways Issues** – Cllr Hunt reported that at the end of September, a meeting was held at Lindridge Parish Hall with other local Parish representatives by invitation from Gerry Brienza, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer from WCC. This was attended by Cllr Hunt, Cllr Benbow and the Clerk. Mr Brienza provided an overview of his role and services from WCC. The Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from Mr Brienza concerning the installation of junction warning signs to Cutmill Bridge Estate. Clerk was to forward details to Members.

**PC64. Check, Agree and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Benbow and Cllr Mrs Lowe signed, checked and agreed accounts.

**Accounts paid since last meeting**

a)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – September & October 2011	£385.16
b)	Miss R S Lambert, Expenses incurred for Garden Competition	£212.49
c)	H&W Computers – Laptop	£540.40

## **Accounts Unpaid**

d)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for September & October 2011	£125.76
e)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for September & October 2011	£240.00
f)	Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Parish Meeting – 13/07/11 & 29/09/11	£ 36.00
		£ 72.00
g)	Clement Keys Chartered Accountants – Audit of Annual Return	£144.00
h)	Lindridge Pre-School – Donation Request	£200.00

## **PC65. 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. PARISH COUNCIL MADE COMMENTS TO MHDC  
PLANNING APPROVAL RECEIVED

Planning Ref: 11/01235/CLE

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – extension of domestic cartilage to include part of the adjacent agricultural land. Sycamore Cottage, Eardiston, Worcs. Reg Round. – NO COMMENT

Planning Application Number: 11/00856/FUL

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Ninevah, Menith Wood.  
APPROVAL

The following Planning Application was received and discussed during the meeting:-

Planning Application Ref: 11/01443/HOU

Increase roof pitch to west gable to create living area in loft space, fit windows to north and south gables and rood lights to west and east elevations.. High Acre, Dumbleton Lane, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JR. Mr & Mrs Stroyd.

(Previous application 11/00973/HOU had been withdrawn and replaced with the above application). Members considered new application and recommended APPROVAL to the application.

## **PC66. Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting – No items to report.**

## **PC67. Correspondence for information**

- a) Letter sent to Clement Keys enclosing copy of Notice of Conclusion of Audit.
- b) Letter received from WCC – Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Dev. Plan.
- c) Received South Worcestershire Development Plan – September 2011.
- d) Letter received from MHDC – Review of Polling Places
- e) Letter received re: The Jubilee Woods Project
- f) Letter sent to Mr R Williams and M & M Timber, enclosing tender for snow clearing.
- g) Questionnaire sent to MHDC re: Review of Car Parking in Tenbury Wells.
- h) Letter sent to Marches Housing Association – Responding to letter of 01/09/11.

- i) Facilities Survey returned by Cllr Hunt to District Council Planning Department.

**PC68. Items for future agendas**

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Garden Scheme
- c) Moto X
- d) Precept
- e) Insurance – i) Gardens Public Liability and ii) future insurance arrangements.
- f) Diamond Jubilee

**PC69. Items for Teme Span and next meeting date**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 10.20pm