

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council.**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 A Winwood, Cllr Mrs J Gittins, Cllr S Woodall

Members of the Public Present: Mr and Mrs D Marks and Mr and Mrs Lee.

**PC86. Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Due to Bereavement.

**PC87. Receive questions from the public**

Mr D Marks asked the Parish Council if the S106 money could be used by another Council. He also asked the Council why the Parish had not been made aware of the money sooner and ideas sought from local residents. The Chairman responded that Lindridge Parish Council had up to 10 years to spend the money. If this did not happen it would be used elsewhere by MHDC. The Chairman also apologised on behalf of the Parish Council for not advertising the S106 Project sooner. It had been assumed that the information had reached the Parish Hall Committee via the Council's Representative..

Mr and Mrs Lee from Broombank had contacted the Parish Council regarding the noise of vehicles that passed their property on the Broombank. The noise problem had occurred after works had been carried out by Severn Trent. This had caused a depression in the road. The noise problem was particularly bad when artic vehicles went over the point in question. Cllrs Hunt and Benbow had looked at the site in question and confirmed with Mr Lee the problem. Cllr Hunt advised Mr Lee to contact the Highways Department directly.

Questions from the public concluded at 2000hrs.

**PC88. Declare personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item**

None Declared.

**PC89. Consider the adoption of the minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

The minutes were adopted and signed.

**PC90. Receive progress reports for information from:**

**District Councillor** – The Chairman welcomed Cllr W Redman to the meeting. Cllr Redman apologised to Members of the Council of his non-attendance prior to the meeting. He reported that at a recent meeting held in Tenbury, the planning permission had been granted for the new Tesco Store.

**County Councillor** – Cllr K Pollock reported that the Tenbury bridge was now open and that work had been completed earlier than scheduled. Cllr Pollock added that Tesco would be contributing towards the Public Realm work, for example, new footways and slowing down measures for traffic. An exhibition of the Public Realm work would be mounted in January next year. Cllr Pollock confirmed that ten local broadband projects had been approved by WCC. No formal response had yet been received to the Parish

Council's Expression of Interest. Cllr Pollock agreed to follow up. He also confirmed that work in Mill Lane, Eardiston was to start shortly.

### **Police Representative – No Report**

**Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that finances were in good order. Regular lettings continued. There would be a fund raising event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This was a talk on Witley Court. The quiz night would be held later in the year. The repair to the disabled toilet was still ongoing. The Committee Secretary had now written to the builder asking to replace the toilet, as it was nearly 12 months since works had been completed. Excellent news had been received that the Parish Hall Committee had been successful in obtaining a Lottery Grant for funding of the replacement windows, ceiling fans, boiler timer etc. The Parish Hall Committee would fund the partitions in the corridor. Cllr Mrs Sandon asked the Parish Council to write to Mr and Mrs Marks acknowledging their continued efforts and the success with the grant application.

Cllr Mrs Sandon also reported that the Parish Hall Committee would like to submit a proposal for the S106 open space project. The idea would be to create a Lindridge Parish square or garden around the Parish Hall. They would like to create a seating area with planting. This would have several benefits; an open space for all parish residents, a focal point in the middle of the parish and encourage more use of the Parish Hall and Country Club.

Cllr Mrs Sandon announced that Cllrs Mrs Winwood had agreed to become the new Parish Hall Representative. She had enjoyed her time as the representative and would remain on the committee to help. Cllr Hunt thanked Cllr Mrs Sandon for her time spent as the representative for the last two years.

**Parish Footpath Warden** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that no new problems had been reported. She had been contacted by the owners of Wharf Cottage regarding the path that does not join the old Leominster canal by their property. They are still getting walkers down to the cul de sac and making enquiries at their cottage. Cllrs Mrs Sandon had written to them. The Menith Wood fingerpost issue and many others were still ongoing. Cllr Mrs Sandon was still waiting to meet with Alan Kingston who had taken over as the new area officer.

### **Councillors –**

Cllr Hunt reported that the Parish Clerk's appraisal had been conducted by himself and Cllr Benbow. He apologised for the delay in carrying this out. All documents were now signed. As from April 2012 the Parish Clerk would move to the next increment on the payscale.

Cllrs Mrs Winwood asked whether the Parish Council be involved with the Chancel Tax issue recently publicised in Temespan. The general view was that this was purely a PCC issue. She also remarked on the increased number of vehicles parked at the village hall during the day.

**Clerk** – The Clerk read out an email received from Paul Danby, Parish Lengthsman. He raised the question whether the grit boxes in Menith Wood could be relocated to make it more convenient for moving grit to more relevant areas within Menith Wood. A letter was to be written to Gerry Brienza at WCC.

**PC91. Public Open Space Grant Money** – Cllr Hunt gave an overview of the sub-committee meeting held in February. Three additional options were now available:-

1. Part use of the field located to the rear of the Working Men's Club. Cllr Hunt read out to Members the letter that the Parish Council had sent to Mr Denniston the owner of the land, and the subsequent reply from G. Herbert Banks the agents working on behalf of Mr and Mrs Denniston of the Moor Farm.
2. Resurface of the car park at the Parish Hall.
3. The Lindridge Parish garden square.

After much discussion, it was agreed to continue with the idea of either buying or leasing some of the ground owned by Mr and Mrs Denniston but by a separate method i.e. lottery grant. A letter was to be written to G. Herbert Banks with proposal. Secondly, an advert to be placed in the Temespan asking the residents of the Parish for any other ideas to be put forward and finally inviting the Parish Hall Committee to put together a sketch plan of the proposed garden area and to submit to the Parish Council.

**PC92. Garden Competition** – The Clerk reported that only one resident of the Parish had come forward from the Temespan advertisement to opening their gardens to the public. Rather than having gardens open to the public, Cllr Mrs Winwood suggested that residents could nominate other residents' gardens to be judged. Once nominated the owner would be written to asking if this would be acceptable and confirming date of judging. An advertisement was to be placed in the Temespan explaining how nominations would take place. The Clerk to contact Maurice Bracher to judge this years competition. It was also agreed to continue with the Children's garden competition at the school. Clerk to contact Mrs Warner and discuss.

**PC93. Insurance** – Cllr Benbow reported that the Clerk had added the emergency shed and its contents to this years insurance cover with AON. The extra premium had been paid. The Clerk had contacted CALC for companies that insured Parish Councils. The Clerk contacted Came and Company. A quote had been sent and this was to be forwarded to all Members. Cllr Benbow reported that the new quote was lower than existing insurance cover and he strongly recommended the Parish Council to change its current insurance provider. It was agreed to discuss further at next meeting.

**PC94. Superfast Broadband** – Cllr Benbow reported that he had attended a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 with other local Parish Councils. He was disappointed with not receiving any correspondence since submitting an application. He confirmed that he had been told that Lindridge Parish Council would be going through to the next stage with other local parishes. It was also reported that in the cellars beneath Lindridge Primary School was located a telephone exchange that provided 7-8MB.

**PC95. Moto X at Menithwood** – Cllr Hunt reported he had spoken with Will Redman and now understood that an accommodation had been reached upon dates and hours of the day when the track was to be used. Members agreed that this item should now be removed from future agenda.

**PC96. Diamond Jubilee** – It was reported that no Parishioners had come forward with ideas for the Jubilee Celebrations, therefore, no requirements were needed from the Parish Council.

**PC97. Check, Agree and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Mrs Sandon and Cllr Williams signed, checked and agreed accounts.

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

a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – January & February 2012 £385.16

#### **Accounts Unpaid**

b) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for January & February 2012 £ 77.68  
c) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for January & February 2012 £384.00  
d) Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Parish Meeting – 11/01/12 £ 36.00  
e) AON Ltd – Premium for Emergengy Shed and Contents £ 45.01

#### **PC98. Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

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. – PLANNING REFUSAL

Planning Application Number: 11/01436/FUL

Provision of Stables, Upper Ridney Farm, Stockton, Worcs. Mr W Redman - APPROVAL

Planning Application Number: 11/01728/HOU

Two storey extension, Sycamore Cottage, Eardiston, Worcs, WR15 8JT. Mr R Round. APPROVAL

#### **PC99. Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting –**

- No Smoking signs to be put up.
- PC77 – Precept figure. Consult Treasurer at MHDC to calculate figure for us.
- PC85g – Supplementary Planning Proposals – No comment given – document filed.

### **PC100. Correspondence for information**

- a) Letter received from Editor Temespan – Thank you for donation cheque.
- b) Letter sent to MHDC to confirm Council Tax Precept for 2012/2013.
- c) Letter sent to Mr Woodall
- d) Letter sent to Mr N Denniston, Moor Farm – Land Enquiry to S106
- e) Letter received G. Herbert Banks on behalf of Mr Denniston
- f) Letter received from Amanda Smith re: S106
- g) Letter sent to Mr S Wheeler – verges opposite business in Frith Common

### **PC101. Items for future agendas**

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Garden Scheme
- c) Superfast Broadband
- d) Insurance
- e) Parish Awards Committee

### **PC102. Items for Teme Span and next meeting date**

Items to be submitted:-

Garden Nominations  
S106 Public Open Space Grant Money

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms, Eardiston for the Annual Parish Meeting and 8.00p.m for the Council's Annual Meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm

### **ADDENDUM**

Cllr Hunt noted that this was the last occasion on which he would chair a formal meeting of the Council. He thanked Members for all their help and assistance over the last two years of his being Chairman. Cllr Benbow responded on behalf of Members that they had been grateful for Cllr Hunt's assistance on leadership issues.