

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall, Eardiston

Present: Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr S Woodall, Cllr D Evans

In Attendance: Cllr K Pollock and Mrs K Pardoe (member of public)

Cllr Benbow welcomed newly appointed Co-Opted Member Cllr David Evans.

Public Members Questions – Mrs Pardoe of Eardiston raised the issue of the parked campervan at Eardiston Country Club. The Parish Council stated that a representative from MHDC Planning Department had contacted the Clerk to confirm that no breach of planning control had occurred. The Clerk was to send a copy of this letter to Mrs Pardoe. The Chairman advised Mrs Pardoe to contact the Planning Department directly on this issue. Cllrs Mr Sandon confirmed she would discuss the situation again with the owners of the Country Club.

PC42: Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr H Williams who was away on holiday and District Cllr W Redman.

PC 43: Declare personal or prejudicial interest

Cllr Evans declared an interest in the S106 Open Space Grant.

PC44: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2012

The minutes were adopted and signed.

PC 45: Receive progress reports for information from:

County Councillor Cllr Pollock gave his report on issues relating to the recent GCSE results at Tenbury High School. Due to the problems caused by the change in standards for the June sitting, nearly all pupils taking English were affected. Many schools over the County were affected. Cllr Pollock also stated that he would be meeting with the Chief Constable to discuss the policy on who takes the responsibility for road closures, for example, during road accidents or the recent flood issues. Cllr Pollock said that some money was still available in the Divisional Fund; Cllr Mrs Sandon asked if the Parish Hall could apply for some of this funding for a new Parish Hall sign. Cllr Pollock suggested writing with overall costings.

Parish Hall Representative Cllrs Mrs Winwood gave an overview of Cllr Williams progress report for the Parish Hall improvements. It is proposed to improve the car park area, plant a shrubbed area, create a soak away to reduce the impact of storm flooding and have a new village hall sign. Plans had been drawn up and revised quotes being sought. Cllr Benbow asked for quotes to be available for the next Parish Council Meeting and to find out how many hours the Parish Lengthsman would be required to maintain the area.

Volunteers had been painting the hall.

Two forthcoming events: 2nd November – Halloween Evening – Supper and Magician and 9th November – Cooking with Chef – Darren Bale to provide demonstration.

Cllrs Mrs Sandon reported that discussions had begun for the idea of having a Parish Website for the hall. This would be a privately funded website separate from the existing parish council website. It was agreed that there would be benefits from a jointly run website to include forthcoming events from the hall, the club, WI and other groups as the current way of promoting events was through Temespan and this had time limitations for announcements due to publication dates. However, Cllr Mrs Winwood was to attend a training session of the "My Parish Website" on making better use of the existing website. It was decided that the council would wait for feedback from Cllr Winwood after the course. Cllr Sandon agreed to let the parish hall committee know of the decision.

Public Path Warden Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the footpath between Lindridge Parish Hall and Yarrantons Garage had been strimmed by Mark Yarranton and Mrs Brown's gardener. The path continues to run between Eardiston Club and Yarrantons and this had been kept maintained by the stewards from the Club. The footpath that runs between houses in Eardiston and ends at the back of the houses by Mr and Dr Teague had also been trimmed by the neighbouring house owners. Cllrs Mrs Winwood commented that the footpath running alongside her field in Frith Common remains very narrow and difficult to access due, mainly to no-one using it. She felt this was due to the installation of a stile at the road end of the path and this had limited access for walkers with dogs. Cllr Mrs Sandon will investigate whether the stile can be removed to improve access and usage. No other reports had been received of any other problems within Lindridge, however, some may have been referred directly to the Countryside Centre help desk.

Councillors - Cllr Woodall reported that after the recent floods, the Emergency supply of sand bags had been given to the Country Club to use. A suggestion had been made to use aqua bags in future. Cllr Woodall to look into this as an easier method of usage rather than sand bags. He also reported that the three gully issues a) Dumbleton Lane b) End of Lay-by opposite the Parish Hall and c) Mill Lane would be investigated by the company Ringway within 4 weeks. Cllr Woodall also reported that after recent complaints of the noise of the generator being used at Devil's Pitch for the fast food van, that the owners had now replaced with a smaller version and the noise level had decreased.

Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that a large hole had appeared at the end of Lower Frith Common and Muddy Lane. Cllr Woodall to help with reporting this to the hub. Cllr Mrs Winwood also reported that she had attended the recent South Worcestershire Development Plan consultation.

Cllr Mrs Lowe suggested that the Parish Council write to Mr Max Hunt and thank him for his help whilst the Clerk has been absent due to maternity leave. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that there had been a recent company notice in the local paper from TWC Ltd for the operation of goods vehicles at Whitehouse Farm. There were concerns from local residents about the increased traffic at the entrance to the farm off the A443. On investigation of details of the application Alec Fowler from TWC Ltd reassured Cllr Sandon that there would be no huge amounts of heavy goods

vehicle activity and that it was based at Whitehouse Farm address as the retrospective planning application for the Cutmill site was still undecided. Cllr Sandon read out an email from Alec Fowler in which he also asked Cllr Sandon to enquire if the council were prepared to write to Malvern Hill planning department a letter to support the application going to committee. After careful consideration, it was decided not to write to the planning department as the council had already given a long and detailed response to the planning application and had nothing further to add.

Clerk – The Clerk confirmed that Clement Keys had audited the accounts of the Parish Council. The only question raised was to confirm details of the Trustee. The reply given was : “Lindridge Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee under a scheme established on 15 March 1962 by the Minister of Education under s18 of the Charities Act 1960. The Parish Council is Trustee of the Eardiston Village Hall and the Wallace Endowment of £300, both originally established by a Declaration of Trust dated 14 August 1939”.

PC46. Public Open Space Grant Money – Costed plans from the Parish Hall Committee were still being prepared. The Chairman suggested carrying this item forward to the November meeting, when all costs could be considered. The Chairman conveyed apologies to Cllr Evans who acts as a Trustee of the Millennium Green Trust for the delay. Cllr Evans advised that revised quotes would need to be sought from the Trust for the November meeting.

PC47. Garden Competition – The forthcoming garden presentation evening on Tuesday 18th September had been prepared. Maurice Bracher the judge would be presenting prizes and showing photographs of all the gardens. The Chairman suggested that ideas for next years competition to be discussed at a later date. Cllr Mrs Lowe confirmed that a letter and pictures of the school entrants would be sent to Buckingham Palace.

PC48. Parish Awards Committee - Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that Cllr Williams had sent letters to the three Parishioners. The Committee were now waiting to receive confirmation of acceptance. It was suggested that Cllr Ken Pollock should make the presentations. The Chairman was to write to him and confirm.

PC49. Superfast Broadband – The Chairman reported that four tenders had been received – 3 were satellite and 1 was wireless. The tender evaluation process and supplier interviews would now take place. A decision would be made on 8 October 2012. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pollock and CALC for their support and help on this issue.

PC50: Lay-By at Broombank - The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a reply from Worcestershire County Council and that the issue had been referred to the Senior Highways Liaison Engineer – Gerry Brienza. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Brienza for a follow up on this and carry forward to next meeting.

PC51: Parish Council Vacancies - The Clerk reported receipt of two applications had been received: a) Mr Steve Workman of Broombank and b) Mrs Kath Pardoe of Eardiston. The Parish Council considered the applications and both were co-opted

onto the Parish Council. The Clerk was to write and confirm details to both applicants and invite to the next Parish Council Meeting.

PC52: Standing Orders – Due to recent changes to the Code of Conduct issued from CALC, the Parish Council agreed and adopted proposed changes.

PC53: Check, Agree and Minute Accounts - Cllr Mrs Lowe, Cllr Mrs Sandon and Cllr Woodall signed, checked and agreed accounts.

Accounts paid since last meeting

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – July & August 2012 £399.14

Accounts Unpaid

- b) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for July & August 2012 £ 81.60
- c) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for July & August 2012 £324.00
- d) MWCA – Parish Meeting – 11th July 2012 £ 16.00
- e) Clement Keys Chartered Accountants – Audit Fees £144.00
- f) Mrs T Lowe – Children’s Garden Competition Exps £ 52.44
- g) Post Office – Tax Payments July-Sept 2012-09-21 £149.40
- h) The Co-Operative Bank (Visa) – Garden Vouchers Purchased £225.00

PC 54: Planning Matters

Planning Application Number: 12/00415/HOU

Ancillary accommodation in existing extension with bedroom above. Alterations to the property to include new slate roof with velux windows and rendering of walls.

Raising of roof to main dwelling. High Acre, Dumbleton Lane, Eardiston. Mr M Stroyd –
APPEAL

Planning Application Number\; 12/00867/HOU

New pitched roof over rear ground floor accommodation to replace flat roof.

The Stables, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ

Mr and Mrs P Wallace

APPROVAL

Planning Application Number: 12/00394/FUL

Change of use of former Methodist Chapel into additional ancillary accommodation including link block extension.. Medley House, Frith Common.

APPROVAL

PC55: Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Williams regarding arrangements for the Parish Assets and Neighbourhood Plans meeting.

PC56: Correspondence for Information

- a) Application received for co-option to Lindridge Parish Council – Mr S Workman and Mrs K Pardoe
- b) Letter sent to National Savings and Investments – Interest for 12 months
- c) Letter sent to Clement Keys - Auditors
- d) Letter sent to G Herbert Banks
- e) Letter sent to Highways Department – Broombank Layby
- f) Letter received by Mr S J Workman – Broombank Layby
- g) Letter received by WCC – Broombank Layby
- h) Letter sent to Electoral Services re: co-option of Mr D Evans
- i) Letter sent to Mr D Evans
- j) Letter received Re: South Worcestershire Development Plan
- k) Email received from MHDC Enforcement Investigation Officer – Location of Motor Home at Eardiston Country Club
- l) Letter received from National Savings and Investments – change of signatories update

PC57: Items for Future Agenda

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Parish Awards
- c) Superfast Broadband
- d) Website
- e) Precept

The Clerk was asked to contact Gerry Brienza and enquire whether an announcement issued from HMRC permitting farmers to spread grit in the winter while using red diesel would result in Worcestershire County Council contacting local farmers to see whether they would now be willing to undertake such work.

PC58: Items for Temespan and Next Meeting Date

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday November 14th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.