

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs T Lowe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr H Williams, Cllr D Evans

Members of Public Present: Mrs A Meager

Cllr Benbow welcomed Mrs Meager to the Parish Council meeting. Mrs Meager reported on the recent vandalism to the bus shelter in Eardiston. The window had been broken leaving dangerous shards of plastic. This had now been removed. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether louvre or Yorkshire boarding could act as a replacement. Mrs Meager also reported on the recent water leak at the properties of the Hop Kilns in Eardiston. After several communications with Severn Trent the leak had been repaired. However, Mrs Meager passed on details to the Clerk of the Consumer Council for Water. She said how useful this organisation had been in dealing with Severn Trent in arranging for the works to be carried out.

PC43: Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from: Cllr S Workman due to holiday
Cllrs S Woodall due to work commitments

PC44: Declare a personal or prejudicial interest

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust and Cllr Williams declared same interest on behalf of representation of the Parish Hall Committee.

PC45: Minutes of 10th July 2013

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Mrs Lowe Proposed and Cllr Williams Seconded.

**PC46: Receive progress reports for information from:-
District Councillor - None Available**

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock reported that the County Council budget was very tight and that further cuts of £20M would be happening for the next 4 years. He also reported on Highway maintenance. Tenders were being submitted for contract work. He advised that £20M to be spent on all roads in Worcestershire.

The Chairman provided an overview to Cllr Pollock of Severn Trent's contractor's work, and specifically of the list of works still requiring attention.

The Clerk read out the email regarding the reflective mirror for the Menith Wood turning on the A443. Highways advised that reflective mirrors can cause accidents to happen and they suggested other possible solutions, for example, improved signage to drivers of the Menith Wood turning. Members asked for this to be circulated to them.

PC47: Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that the environmental works would need to be started fairly soon. It was agreed that the shortfall of the costs associated with the Baby and Toddler Group would be funded every three

months by the Parish Council. Also, Groups that used the hall were asked to clean up effectively for the next user coming into the hall. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a projector for looking at planning applications at meetings. This would also be a useful resource for the Parish Hall. Cllr Williams and Evans were to liaise and report at the next meeting with cost recommendations.

PC48: Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that no further information about the replacement for Alan Kingston had been made available as yet. She had received no response from emails to Patrick White regarding the blocked path by the River Teme due to soil excavation. Luke Grant's proposed fund raising walk in the Parish did not happen and she was awaiting return of maps and paperwork from him. The land slippage on the Menith Wood bridleway was still awaiting repairs. Again this had been logged as an action point on the WCC web site.

PC49 – Councillors – Cllr Evans reported that the agreement for parking between the Parish Hall, Yarranton's and Social Club had reached a conclusion and agreed by all parties. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Evans for his time on this matter.

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported on an interesting article from MHDC regarding vulnerable residents who live in our area. She recommended that everyone take the time to read it.

Cllr Mrs K Pardoe reported that the campervan had returned for a short while to the Social Club. MHDC had been contacted for advice.

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that a helicopter was based at Claywood. Would planning permission be required? Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Williams reminded everyone that he was involved with a health consultation group.

PC50 – Clerk – The Clerk asked if a wireless keyboard could be purchased to use with the laptop. This was agreed. Costs would be £25. The Clerk also informed the meeting that as of April 2013, The Society of Local Council Clerks had agreed an increase in its current pay scale. Councillors agreed to the revised pay scale.

PC51 Public Open Space Grant Money – The Clerk read out outstanding issues that had been asked from MHDC solicitor – Sue Marsh. A reply was now ready to send. General view was that if the Grant was not finalised shortly, then a letter would be written to the District Councillor and MHDC outlining our frustrations of how long the process had taken.

PC52 Superfast Broadband – The Chairman reported that the superfast broadband was now available across all the Parishes involved. The wireless infrastructure had been completed. A meeting was to be held on 30th September at Eastham for parish representatives, with a further meeting on 16 October between the County Council and Airband. There were some residents that could not receive the service.

PC53 Lindridge Autumn Show – Cllrs Mrs Lowe and Winwood reported that it had been an excellent day, well organised by the committee and all the volunteers. A

letter was read out from Mrs B Andersson thanking all those involved. A report would be put into the Temespan along with photos. At the end of the show the produce was raffled and a sum of £40.50 was raised, which was to be donated to the Parish Hall. The Parish Council received back the sum of £25 from the monies originally donated to the prizes. This was paid back into the bank. It was decided that a Committee would continue to meet to decide upon next years show. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay towards expenses and prizes.

PC54 Baby and Toddler Group – The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received a grant from Awards for All for £2,113. This money would be for purchasing various pieces of equipment for the setting up of the Baby and Toddler Group. Vickie Melling would be responsible for the purchases and the Parish Council would reimburse her. The Parish Council would be paying the shortfall on the running costs of the group to the Parish Hall, as agreed above.

PC55 Road and Drainage Issues within Parish – Further to the previously read out explanation of the reflective mirror request on the A443 to the turning for Menith Wood, the Clerk would forward the correspondence to Cllr Mrs Lowe. This information was to be relayed to the Menith Wood Community Association, who would like to see the junction made safer for drivers.

Other Road and Drainage Issues:-

- The drain at the end of Featherbed Lane was still covered from the recent jet patching. The Clerk was to follow up with Mr G Brienza.
- The gutters opposite the Parish Hall have become filled with grit. A request was to be put to Highways to clean out the gutters.
- The road and verge that had subsided above the Krest at Frith Common – Cllr Williams to show Mr Brienza at their next meeting.
- The drain located in Mill Lane.

The Chairman read out a list of outstanding issues that Enterprise would be repairing in the near future.

PC56 Industrial Estate, Eardiston – Cllr Mrs Winwood discussed the issue of the vacant site at Botanix in Eardiston. Discussions were held as to what possible future the site may hold. The Chairman confirmed that the site was important within the Parish and that the matter should be revisited at a later date when a planning application was received.

PC57 Risk Assessment of Reserves – The Chairman stated that the planned meeting with Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Evans had been cancelled. This would be carried forward to the next meeting.

PC58 Defibrillator for the Parish – The Clerk was initially contacted by Sue Burrows the Parish Clerk for Bayton asking for local Parishes to attend one of their meetings whereby representatives from West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) would be there to discuss the use of defibrillators to be held within the Parish. The Chairman attended on behalf of Lindridge. The Chairman gave his report to the Parish Council. Potential costs could be in the region of £1700 (before grant aid) and

it would require up to 5 people to manage it on a regular basis. The general view of the Parish Council was that the Parish was too rural to have a central location and concerns of whether the machine would be serviced regularly. The Chairman recommended that the Parish Council should promote Heart Start Courses for Parishioners to attend; and he would discuss with Martin Bennett, a local health professional trainer, to discuss possible training courses.

PC59 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts - Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Williams signed, checked and agreed accounts.

PC60 Accounts paid since last meeting

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – July & August 2013 £413.74
- b) Miss R S Lambert, Prizes for Autumn Show £140.00

Accounts Unpaid

- c) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for July & August 2013 £ 73.19
- d) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for July & August 2013 £384.00
- e) Menith Wood Community Association– Parish Council Mtg on
10/07/13 £ 20.00
- f) Post Office Ltd – Tax Payments July – September 2013 £154.80

PC61 Review Planning Matters –

PLANNING REFERENCE – 13/00438/FUL APPROVAL

Erection of detached dwelling and garage following demolition of former dwelling.
Cherry View, Frith Common.

PC62 Report on Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting –

Clerk – To contact Eddisons Auctioneers regarding the redundant Nags Head Public House.

The Chairman stated that delays had occurred to the table tennis bid grant application.

PC63 Correspondence for Information –

- a) Letter to Jo Cross, MHDC – S106 Application
- b) Email from Sue Marsh, MHDC Solicitor Re: S106 Application
- c) Email from Sue Burrows – re: Purchase of Defibrillator
- d) Email to and from David Jew – re: Reflective Mirror
- e) Rural Fair Share Petition
- f) Letter received from Awards for All confirming allocation of Grant
- g) Signed agreement of car park arrangement.

PC64 Items for Future Agenda –

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Baby and Toddler Group
- c) Road and Drainage Issues within Parish
- d) Risk Assessment of Reserves
- e) Heart Start Courses
- f) 2014/2015 Draft Precept

PC65 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date –

Date of next meeting 13th November 2013 at Lindridge Parish Rooms.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.