

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 7.00pm in Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe,
Cllr D Evans, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs D Hawkeswood, Cllr S Workman.

In Attendance: ~Cllr C Dell.

PC57. Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Pollock.

PC58. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust. Cllr Mrs Lowe on behalf of the Community Association.

PC59. Minutes of 10th September 2014 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC60 – Agree. Check and Minute Accounts – Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs Winwood signed, checked and agreed accounts. The Clerk produced the bank reconciliation as of 30th September 2014.

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary for September & October 2014£
530.80
- Post Office – Tax Payments for July/Aug/Sept 2014 £ 7.20

Accounts Unpaid

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Sept & Oct 2014 £ 69.69
- Mr P J Danby, Parish Lengthsman – Sept & Oct 2014 £
336.00
- Lindridge Parish Hall – Parish Council Mtg 10/09/2014 £
36.00
- Forest Garden Ltd – Benches for MWMG
£384.00
- Mr A Bush – Expenses for Autumn Show £ 92.16
- Tenbury Town Council – Share of Battery Purchase for VAS £
40.00
- North Teme Group of Churches – Donation to Temespan £200.00

PC61. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Dell reported that there would be free parking in Tenbury on Friday and Saturdays from end of November until 20 December. A 10 year contract had been signed by the new management of Tenbury Swimming Pool. He confirmed that Tesco had pulled out from Bromyard, however, hoardings had recently gone up around the old market site in Tenbury. He also reported that crime had

increased in the region, particularly that of outlying buildings.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock was unable to be present. Please see his attached report.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that the Parish Hall now had a website up and running. The 100 Club had held its first draw. Currently there were just over 50 members. New noticeboards had been put up inside the hall. Bookings were still going well. Cllr Williams also commented that Community First had recently conducted an audit. A summary of this report could be found on the Parish Hall website.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that with the help of Cllr Evans in the East of the Parish and Cllr Workman in the North of the Parish the survey of the 150 footpaths continues. Despite initial failings of knowledge help was made available to the area representative to identify the responsible parties for blocking one footpath and to have put right. However, no action remains on the main Lambswick to school/church route. Reports have also been passed on of problems with overgrown footpaths. No plans to form clearance working parties at the moment.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Lowe – reported that the local representative, Margaret Watkins for the Citizens Advice Bureau had contacted her and would be using the Parish Hall to facility meetings for people within the Parish.

Cllr Evans – asked if the Parish Council could write to Mr W Redman to confirm the event dates planned for 2015.

Cllr Williams – reported that some of the sides of the hedges in Lower Frith Common had now been cut back.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe – asked who is responsible for the cherry tree on the Parish Hall car park. The higher branches required cutting back from the lines overhead. Cllr Williams to find out.

Clerk – Reported had received a complaint from a resident of Lower Frith Common of the increase of dog fouling of the Old Lane in Frith Common. A representative of MHDC looked at the situation and agreed that it was not in an acceptable state. A suggestion was made by MHDC to install a waste bin specifically for the dog waste. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price and report at next meeting.

PC62 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Williams reported that he had received photographs of the Open Day from Cllr M Baker. Cllr Evans confirmed that the benches had been delivered and were to soon be installed. On-going issue as of September minutes regarding the overhead power lines.

PC63 – Emergency Plan – Cllr Mrs Lowe reported no response had been received from Mr Woodall. It was therefore decided to restart the Emergency Plan. A sub-

committee of Cllr Mrs Lowe, Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams would meet to begin work on revisions. A letter would be written to Mr Woodall asking to return all master documents.

PC64 – Lindridge Autumn Show/Garden Competition – Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that she had obtained some of the cups from previous winners. It was agreed to sort out the prize money. At next meeting start discussions of who will represent on behalf of the Church/Parish Hall/Parish Council.

PC65 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk reported that she had asked for an update from Mr G Brienza, but none had been received. Had recently had to report that the barriers had come down in recent bad weather.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk reported that an update had been received from Paul Danby and Tom Palmer of WCC. The issue that still arises is the faulty drain. Cllr Benbow will liaise with both these parties to establish how to rectify this fault.
- Sink Hole – Outside Stone Cottage – The Clerk reported that the sink hole was dropping again and water was continually flowing from it. This had been reported to the hub with some urgency. Planned works to take place on 2nd December.
- Weight Restriction – Frith Common – To be monitored.
- A456 – Broombank – A letter was received from Mr G Brienza outlining that no plans were in place to incorporate a concealed access sign. Still waiting for an official reply as to why a 50mph limit cannot be imposed. Clerk to write to Mr G Brienza.
- **PC66 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston - VAS Unit** – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had now been invoiced for the contribution of the batteries for the VAS Unit. The Clerk also reported that she had made contact with the Chairman of Leigh & Bransford Parish Council, who have bought their own VAS Unit and a data collection unit attached. This unit collects an array of information that in turn could help to identify when the maximum traffic flows and also the levels and times at which speed limits are being exceeded. The Council asked the Clerk to forward this information to the other three Parishes who had contributed to the purchase of the batteries and establish if there would be an interest to purchase the data collection unit.
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- **PC67 – To Discuss Draft 2015-2016 Precept** - Cllr Benbow and Evans had worked together to look at financial reports for the budget of next year. The draft

precept for 2015/2016 (which showed no increase on that for 2014/2015) was considered on a line by line basis. The draft precept was accepted and would be adopted as final at the January meeting.

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- Cllr Williams asked if the Parish Council would act as a Loan Guarantor to the Parish Hall if in the future maintenance works were required and the funds were not immediately available. After discussions thoughts were that the Parish Council could discuss with the Parish Hall Committee if difficulties arose and assist with support.
- Cllr Mrs Winwood asked should we be helping to contribute towards Community First Transport. Cllr Evans would report at next meeting on this issue.
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- Cllr Evans had prepared a draft document for Financial Management and Reporting. The Council were asked to consider. Cllr Williams proposed for this to be accepted.
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- **PC68 – To Discuss Neighbourhood Plan** – The Parish Council felt that there was currently no need to develop a plan.
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- **PC69 – To Discuss Standing Orders** – Cllr Benbow reported that Cllr Williams and Cllr Benbow had worked together on revising the current Model Standing Orders. At the meeting some guidance was sought on a few issues. These would be included in the Standing Orders and a Draft version would be issued at the next meeting. The Chairman wished to thank both Councillors for their time spent on this.
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- **PC70 – Parish Council Vacancy** – The Clerk reported that after advertising for the role, two applications had been received. After discussions, a close vote was held and Sean Beauchamp was co-opted.
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- **PC71 - Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received an email from the owner of Eden Grange, Newnham Bridge, outlining that they had 4 acres of land available. Would this be of interest to the Parish for development. The Council decided that the SWDP had established that no housing need was required within the Parish. The Clerk to respond to email received.

Planning Reference: 14/1038/FUL

Change of use of land for siting of a mobile holiday home. 2 Brickyard Cottage, Featherbed Lane, Newnham Bridge, Tenbury Wells, Worcs, WR15 8JF. Mr L Badham. APPROVAL

Planning Reference: 14/01051/HOU

Single storey extension to the existing entrance porch. The Cottage, Fox Lane, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UG. Mr D Evans. APPROVAL

Planning Reference: 14/01413/LBC

Retrospective internal alterations to barn conversion (11/00761/LBC), Lambswick, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ. Mr B Burgoyne.

Planning Reference: 14/01500/HOU

First Floor Bedroom Extension over Existing Footprint of Lounge.
5 Lower Frith Common, WR15 8JU. Mr D Stroyd.

PC72 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting – The Clerk would insert the news regarding the S106 Grant for the works undertaken at the Parish Hall in Clerks and Councils Direct magazine. Cllr Benbow reported that the stolen post box near to the Nags Head had now been replaced.

PC73 – Correspondence for information –

- Letter to G Brienza, WCC – Speed Limit for the A456, Broombank
- Letter to Big Lottery Fund – End of Grant Report for Baby & Toddler Group
- Email received from Big Lottery Fund – End of Grant Report Approved
- Email from CALC for estimate of next years subscription.
- Email from John Sharp, Chair of Leigh & Bransford PC – VAS Units.
- Applications received from Mr A Bush and Mr S Beauchamp for Vacancy of Parish Councillor
- Email from Councillor M Baker – Re: Open Day and Photographs
- Email correspondence from Brett Jarman, WCC – re: dog fouling

• **PC74 – Items for Future Agenda**

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- S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
- Emergency Plan
- Lindridge Autumn and Garden Show
- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
- Standing Orders
- Precept 2015-2016

PC75 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th January at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.25pm