

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr S Workman, Cllr Mrs Morris

**In Attendance:** Cllr C Dell and Cllr K Pollock

**PUBLIC MEMBERS SESSION – Mrs J Thomas**

Mrs Thomas came to the Parish Council to explain of a footpath that is located on her land in Lower Frith Common. She said that a ditch had been dug out on the existing footpath; and that she had not been responsible for digging this out. Mrs Thomas confirmed that she had been contacted by Jon White of the Countryside Centre who had advised her that the ditch dug out on part of the footpath would be required to be filled in; because if a member of the public was to have an accident, the landowner would be liable for costs. Mrs Thomas wanted to assure the Parish Council that work was in progress to rectify this problem. However, the land on which the ditch stands was in contention.

**PC90. Receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr D Evans

**PC91 Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest**

The Chairman declared an interest due to her role as Public Path Warden and for having footpaths on her property. The Clerk advised members that if any Parish Councillor had a footpath on their property, they too should declare an interest.

**PC92. Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Meeting**

Before the minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman, a discussion was held to record in the absence of Cllr Evans and Cllr Benbow their emails noting that the minutes referring to Footpath 579, Frith Common, were not a true representation of the meeting. Cllr Evans recollection was that no agreement had been made for the Parish Council to write to WCC again stating the opposition to the gates and thought it had been agreed that having referred the matter to WCC, the Parish Council would abide by whatever was decided. Cllr Benbow's comments were whilst the minutes record the Public Path Warden's recommendations to write to WCC; this was not accepted at the meeting. The Chairman provided an overview again of the discussion held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and the members present agreed that what had been minuted was correct. The Clerk had sought advice from CALC, and their suggestion was that as the draft minutes had been checked by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman before issuing, that any actions set should be carried out.

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**PC93. Agree, check and minute accounts**

Cllr Mrs Morris and Cllr Workman agreed, checked and signed accounts. Chairman signed bank reconciliation.

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

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| • Parish Clerk, Salary – January & February 2017 | £        |
| 559.18   |          |
| • Stocksigns Ltd – 50% deposit for VAS Sign      | £1468.80 |

### **Accounts Unpaid**

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| • Parish Clerk, Expenses for January & February 2017 | £ 68.20 |
| • Parish Lengthsman – January & February 2017        | £       |
| 304.75   |         |
| • Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire – 18/01/2017          | £ 42.00 |
| • In 2 Out – Repairs to notice board in Eardiston    | £       |
| 20.00  |         |
| • Lindridge Baby & Toddler Group – Donation          | £       |
| 50.00  |         |
| • Temespan – Donation                                | £100.00 |
| • Lindridge Pre-School – Donation                    | £       |
| 50.00  |         |
| H and W Computers – Site Visit – Printer Issues      | £       |
| 50.40  |         |

Transfer from the Business Account to Current Account of £315.00 – accumulated reserves

towards the replacement of the old Menith Wood noticeboard. This was agreed.

An emergency transfer of £1000 from the Business Account to Current Account was authorised by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman prior to the meeting, as a shortfall in the Current Account for the 50% cheque to Stocksigns. Monies would be transferred back to Business Account at next meeting.

### **PC94. Progress Reports for Information**

**District Councillor** – Cllr Dell confirmed that the recent meeting Phil Grove, Leader of MHDC and Cllr Mrs Winwood held in Eardiston, to visit derelict sites, that Mr Grove had now taken forward these potential areas to various economic teams and were currently waiting for responses to come in and report back to the Parish Council on its findings.

Cllr Dell reported on the forthcoming road closure on 24<sup>th</sup> September of the road cycling route that will affect local roads in the area to here. Residents should have received notification of this.

Cllr Dell advised that he had fund money available and to submit an application by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for funds towards the refurbishment of the Frith Common telephone box.

**County Councillor** – Cllr K Pollock addressed the meeting with his report. Please

see attached.

The Chairman lobbied Cllr Pollock again on the volume of HGV's that pass through the village of Eardiston, and that the footways required extending and in some places widening, so as to help with the reduction in speed levels.

**Parish Hall Representative** – In Cllr Williams' absence, he had emailed the Clerk to confirm that current Parish Hall issues were all under control. However, he asked for a formal agreement to be drawn up for cost of the grass cutting at the Parish Hall. The 50/50 split of costs would be between the Parish Hall and the Parish Council for the Parish Lengthsman to undertake. The Clerk had received an email from the Chairman of the Parish Hall in connection with continuing problem with dog mess in the Parish Hall car park. Dog walkers were unable to use the footpath as it is blocked and covered with broken glass, therefore have to walk through the car park instead. The Parish Hall had put up notices but the problem continued. The Clerk had notices from MHDC which she would pass onto the Parish Hall.

**Public Path Warden** – The Public Path Warden, Cllr Mrs Winwood, read out the reply received from Jon White of the Worcestershire Countryside Centre regarding footpath 579, Frith Common. The question asked – “is there any way a can have a gap at each end of the path”? – As the land is woodland not pasture, the type of animal stock that could be here would be pigs. If this was the case, the path would need to be segregated by pig wire, in order to keep the path fenced. A follow up to be prepared and replied to Mr White.

## Councillors

- Cllr S Workman – Confirmed that the Lengthsman would undertake clearing the footways and painting the railings in Eardiston within this year's budget.
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  - Cllr Mrs Winwood – Herself and Cllr Evans had attended a flood risk event. From what is understood, a flood map is being put together in the County, and Parish Councils were to draw attention of any areas prone to flooding within their Parish. The Clerk was asked to forward information of the flood risk between Woodston and Featherbed Lane on the A443.
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  - Cllr Benbow due to his absence at the meeting had forwarded a recent Broadband report.
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- Clerk** –The Clerk confirmed the CALC training events that were being held in the coming weeks. The Clerk was to attend one of the sessions for the Publication Scheme. The Clerk had also been looking into the idea of the Parish Council having its own website. A local web designer had put together three Parish Council websites and the Clerk had received costs. Another local source was mentioned at the meeting of a web designer who may also be able to help. The Clerk was to report at next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that initial set up costs and first year's annual costs could be claimed for under the Transparency Fund available.

She also reported that the laptop battery was running low and had been advised that a replacement is due. Costs to be advised at next meeting.

**PC95 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston** – Cllr Workman confirmed that the VAS signed has been ordered. He had met with Roy Fullee of WCC to confirm where the posts would be located. They also discussed the size and position of the white gates, and to obtain the definitive costs of the gates. He also followed up of the clearing of the kerbs in Mill Lane.

Cllr Workman and Cllr Mrs Winwood had also completed the questionnaire on the Local Transport Plan which had been given out by WCC as a consultation plan up to 2030. It was determined from this that no investment was planned for the A456/A443. These comments were forwarded to Cllr Pollock for information, and he too has further added to them. These will be circulated to all members. As part of the campaign, these comments have also been forwarded to Harriet Baldwin MP for Worcestershire.

Also, Cllr Workman had written to John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner of West Mercia, regarding traffic speed issues on the A443, Eardiston. Reply received was for the Parish Council to continue with its current existing traffic calming measures; and that the speeds being reached were too high for the Community Speed Watch programme to be employed.

**PC96 – Emergency Plan** – To be discussed at next meeting.

**PC97 – Risk Assessments** – To be discussed at next meeting.

**PC98 – Road and Drainage Issues** – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk reported that road closure notice had been received for the resurfacing works of the Frith Common road to take place in February. The road slip work is to commence beginning of April for up to 5 weeks.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk met with Chris Bunn, Lengthsman, Paul Danby, Cllr Workman and Paul Green MHDC Draining Engineer to address the ongoing issues. Mr Green confirmed that Mr Denniston the landowner of ground that runs alongside part of Mill Lane, had been issued with an enforcement notice to clear a length of ditch to where it meets the culvert, which is believed to be partly collapsed and helping to cause the road to run with water. Mr Green advised the Parish Council to apply to the Hub for the opposite ditch to be dug out. It was suggested that a NO HGV sign be applied for and asked to be erected at the end of where the business are located and before the start of the narrow road down to the river.

**PC99 - Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/01745/CLE  
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use for the use of

caravan on site for holiday purposes for more than 10 years.  
Red Lodge, Frith Common, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JX  
Mr and Mrs Love  
REFUSAL NOTICE

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/00661/PAP

Outline application for residential development on a bus and coach garage and workshops. Resubmission of 15/01220/OUT  
Mr & Mrs Yarranton

**PC100 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting** – The Clerk to follow up with Laptop costs.

**PC101 – Correspondence for information –**

- Email to and from CALC – re: advice regarding disclosable pecuniary interest
  - Email from Cllr Workman – notes of meeting on 25/01/17 with Roy Fullee, Eardiston Traffic Speed Reduction and Street Improvement
  - Email to MHDC to confirm 2017-2018 Precept
  - Email to and from R Fullee – road slip, Frith Common
  - Letter to John Champion, West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner – speed and road issues in Eardiston
  - Email received from John Champion
  - Letter to resident of Eardiston – overgrown hedge to be cut back
  - Email to and from CALC – advice required of January minutes
  - Emails from Cllr Evans/Benbow re: footpath item of January minutes
  - Email to and from Jon White, Worcestershire Countryside Centre – footpath 579
  - Email to and from Paul Green, MHDC, Land Drainage Inspector
  - Report received from Cllr Benbow – Broadband Report update
  - Email from BT – confirming adoption of Eardiston telephone box
  - WCC reports – Replacement of Lindridge Sign in Eardiston, due to losing lettering
  - WCC reports – Jetting contractor to clear drain reported in Menith Wood
  - WCC Public Notice received for road closure of C2089 at Frith Common
  - Email received from MHDC – revised version of viewing planning applications
  - Email to MHDC Waste Recycling Team – letter to be resent to residents of WR15 8JX to relocate wheelie bins when not in use
  - Report to WCC – ditch to be dug out in Mill Lane
  - Report to MHDC – litter pick up at Devil's Pitch Layby
  - Email from CC K Pollock – Funds towards the VAS unit
  - Email to and from Mamble Parish Council – lighting at M&M Timber
- **PC102 – Items for Future Agenda**

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- Emergency Plan
- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
- Risk Assessment
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**PC103 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date**

Items to be submitted:-

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The meeting ended at 08.50 p.m.