

Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th July 2017 at Menith Wood Old Chapel Hall

Present: Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe,
Cllr H Williams.

In Attendance: None.

PC23. Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from County Councillor K Pollock, District Councillor C Dell and Cllr D Evans due to a family commitment and the Parish Clerk due to illness.

PC24. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllrs Mrs Winwood and Mrs Lowe declared the existence of public rights of way on their property.

PC25. Minutes of the 10th May 2017 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Workman.

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PC26. Agree, check and minute accounts

Cllrs Mrs Lowe and Mrs Pardoe agreed, checked and signed accounts. The cost of the white gates for Eardiston was queried as it was higher than expected. The difference was due to the delivery charge of £72 and the account was approved.

The Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2017 was approved and signed by Cllr Winwood.

The meeting approved the transfer of £2500 from the Business Account to the Current Account to ensure sufficient funds were available to meet the cheques which had been issued.

Accounts paid since last meeting

- Parish Clerk, Salary – May & June 2017 £
600.20

• **Accounts Unpaid**

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- Parish Clerk, Expenses for May & June 2017 £
59.65
- Parish Lengthsman – May and June 2017 £ 426.00
- Mr C Bunn – Grass Cutting of Parish Hall for May & June 2017 £ 56.00
- The Post Office – Tax Payments Apr/May/June 2017 £
18.20
- Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire – 10/05/2017 & 21/06/2017 £ 66.00
- Vinyl Fencing Ltd – White Gates £

683.28

- H & W Computers – Laptop

£ 624.00

PC27. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Not present.

County Councillor – See attached report

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that the Parish Hall Committee was happy to participate with the Parish Council in obtaining flood defences for the Hall.

A quote of £9500 had been received for moving the gas tank and joining the Hall onto the public sewer. Mrs Marks had made a n application for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund which was expected to be successful so that the work could proceed. Cllr Pardoe was concerned that the work could damage the culvert under the car park, but Cllr Williams explained that the sewer was not near to the culvert so the work should not impact it.

It was agreed that as the Parish Hall car park is in the ownership of the Parish Council, the Council should give the Parish Hall Management Committee permission to carry out the works, on condition that any damage to the car park was repaired. Cllr Williams reported that bookings for the Hall were still good. Cllr Mrs Winwood asked whether the Nag's Head sign had been made available to the Parish Hall. Cllr Williams confirmed that it had. Cllr Mrs Pardoe was concerned that light levels in Eardiston would be increased by an illuminated sign. Cllr Williams said that this could be mitigated by the use of soft lighting and by a timing arrangement. The existing rectangular sign would be removed. It had previously been agreed that Lindridge School should be asked to run a competition for ideas for a new sign. Cllr Williams proposed that Mrs Cooper contact the school next term.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Winwood proposed that the emails regarding the Council's Custodian Trusteeship should be retained on file by the Clerk for future reference.

Cllr Mrs Winwood expressed her frustration that there existed four derelict sites in Eardiston which were unlikely to be redeveloped for business, but which could not be developed for housing because of the policies embedded in the SWDP. Cllr Benbow suggested that this might be possible if a Neighbourhood Plan was prepared and approved by local electors. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with MHDC to discuss the current impasse.

Clerk – Martin Bennett of Axiom Training had agreed to deliver a Heartstart course to promote first aid. It was further agreed that a charge of £5 should be made to participants. The course should be advertised in Temespan and by flyers in Eardiston, Menith Wood and Frith Common. Cllr Mrs Lowe offered to prepare the flyer and Cllr Mrs Pardoe to collect the fees and distribute the flyers.

Ownership of the telephone boxes in Frith Common and Eardiston had now been

transferred to the Council. A meeting had been held in Frith Common to discuss practical measures to be taken to restore the telephone box. A fund of £600 had been raised to pay for the necessary work. The meeting was unaware of any progress with the Eardiston box. The Clerk was requested to write to the responsible person and ask for an update. If it appeared that there was unlikely to be any progress, the Council would have to dispose of it.

The Clerk had had correspondence with WCC regarding the future of the MyParish Website. The Council requested the Clerk to obtain clarification. If no improvement of the website was planned, a new website would have to be commissioned. The Clerk had already received quotes for building a new website. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting and a final decision made.

The Clerk had had correspondence with MHDC regarding the lighting at M & M Timber. This matter was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

PC28 – Emergency Plan – A meeting of Councillors had been held on 21 June at which Cllr Evans had led a discussion of the Emergency Plan. A written report had been circulated by Cllr Evans prior to this meeting. It was agreed that members had sufficient understanding for the present and that a specific rehearsal was not required. It was agreed that the Council should adopt a policy of reviewing the Emergency Plan once each year.

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of 9 hi-vis jackets for Councillors with the wording “Parish Councillor” affixed to them.

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of flood defences for the Parish Hall.

PC29 – Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston – Cllr Winwood reported that inadequate support had been received from Highways and the Safer Roads Partnership on the speeding problem in Eardiston. She considered that an approach to the problem should be made in conjunction with other parish councils on the A443. This was agreed.

PC30 – Road and Drainage Issues within the Parish

Mill Lane – The Clerk and Cllr Workman met with Hannah Davies, Senior Highways Engineer of WCC to discuss outstanding issues regarding the ditch on the right hand side, after requests at the Hub for having this dug out several months ago, no action still taken. Also discussed the on-going drain problem on the corner that overflows during heavy periods of storms. Hannah is to request that this area is reassessed again. Feedback to follow in due course. The Clerk also mentioned the correspondence with Athena and resident of Mill Lane. Issue of grey residue from the factory showing signs in the ditch. From information received, Athena were to install a flocculant mixing tank that feeds the flocculant at a predetermined dose into their water system. This would guarantee the correct mix with the water. The Clerk to follow up to find out if new system has worked.

Frith Common – No further progress.

PC31 – Risk Assessment – Cllr Williams briefly discussed the Risk Assessment which he had prepared covering the various activities of the Council. He undertook to send a further copy to Councillors who should send their back comments to him. He will then prepare an updated version for review at the next meeting.

PC32 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

Appeal by Mr and Mrs M & D Yarranton

The Garage House, A443 Eardiston, EARDISTON, WR15 8JL

APPEAL IS DISMISSED

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/01587/HOU

Erection of a detached garage

The Lodge, Eardiston, Worcs, WR15 8JH

APPROVAL

PLANNING REFERENCE – 17/00419/LB

Conversion of barn to dwelling with games room above (Variation to previously approved scheme under 15/00759/FUL)

Lambswick, C2089 Lindridge, Worcs, WR15 8JQ

WITHDRAWN

PC33 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

A further letter had been written to Stonewater Housing but no reply had been received. It was agreed that the failure of the company to deal with our letters should be brought to the attention of the Managing Director and a letter sent by recorded delivery.

PC34 – Correspondence for information –

Resignation of Cllr Mrs Marion Morris. Councillors received the resignation of Cllr Mrs Morris with regret and were grateful for the contribution that she had made during her term as a Councillor.

- Letter to Stocksigns Ltd together with final instalment payment
- Email from Cllr Mrs Lowe – Custodian Deed information for Parish Hall
- Letter received from Mrs M Morris – tending resignation
- Letter to Grant Thornton, Auditors – enclosing end of year documentation
- Letter and signed agreement from BT for telephone boxes
- Emails to and from Daniel Wilson, Planning Dept – M&M Timber Lights
- Letter to Stonewater Housing – parking difficulties at Cutmill Bridge
- Letter to Stonewater Housing – follow up letter to that of 20/03/17 – emergency plan information
- Reported issues to WCC and MHDC
- Emails to and from Axiom Training – training in Sept/Oct 2017
- Correspondence regarding grey water in Mill Lane

- **PC35 – Items for Future Agenda**

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- Risk Assessment
- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
- Website
- Parish Hall sign
- Derelict sites in the parish
- Phone boxes

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PC36 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

- Full page advert for HeartStart Course
- Parish Path Warden Vacancy
- 2 Parish Councillor Vacancies

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.