

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Held at Eardiston Country Club on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr N Benbow (Vice-Chairman), Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs G Sandon, Cllr Mrs A Meager, Cllr Mr T Jenkins, Cllr Mr S Woodall, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs C Dey

In Attendance: The Clerk was unable to attend because of illness.
District Councillor R Farmer
SCO Snape

PC78 Receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

All Members were present.

PC79 Declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item.

No declarations were made.

PC80 Consider the adoption of the minutes of the November 10th 2010 Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 10th 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC81 Receive progress reports for information from:

Apologies were received from Ken Pollock, County Councillor

District Councillor – Councillor Reg Farmer, MHDC, reported generally on the extent of the proposed budget cuts; improved recycling and refuse collections. The Council sent its thanks to the refuse collectors for their efforts in the adverse weather via Cllr Farmer.

County Councillor – County Councillor Ken Pollock had prepared a brief document for the Parish Council. It included reports of : revival of LEP; proposed County budget cutbacks and relevant priorities; better performance re: road gritting when compared with last year; improvement of rural roads and footways; awareness of request for double white lines near Cutmill Bridge in Eardiston; central government guidance on planning and bin collection. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to David Hunter re improvement of gritting service in the recent poor weather in Lindridge Parish.

Representative for Lindridge Parish Hall- Cllr Mrs Sandon reported positively that a grant had been obtained (to be confirmed) to improve toilet facilities for people with disabilities. An audit had been carried out to cut running costs – mainly heating in the case of Lindridge Parish Hall. Problems with the windows and chimney ventilators were identified as particular issues. A new Committee Member had been recruited. New hire rates had been agreed.

Footpath Officer – Cllr Mrs Meager reported that the new Footpath Warden – Cllr Mrs G Sandon had successfully completed her training on December 8th and now had all the necessary equipment. There had been no reports of problems with footpaths since the last Parish Council Meeting. Mrs Sandon had been made aware that Worcestershire County Council requested the Parish Council to carry out a categorisation exercise for all the footpaths in the Parish. Category A would be an essential walkway used daily whereas Category D would be a little used footpath. Members discussed an appropriate survey method to meet this request. Cllr Mrs Sandon suggested a walking event (advertised in the Teme Span) to cover

local paths with a meeting afterwards for a social event. Cllr Mrs Sandon offered to look at the overall situation and to consider potential problem places as far as landowners are concerned. The Chairman and Chris Hunt offered to help with the organisation. Sunday May 8th was suggested and agreed; in late summer, Sunday 18th September was agreed. Cllr Benbow, reported that a large lorry recently (following a Satnav) got stuck in Lower Frith Common and a request had been received for signs to prevent a repeat of this situation. There was considerable damage to the BOAT. The Council agreed to contact Phil Coulson via the Clerk re the conditions of the BOAT.

Councillors -

- Cllr Mrs Meager reported that the Environment Agency were dealing with a fuel spillage entering a ditch in Mill Lane, Eardiston and subsequently flowing into the River Teme. The spillage was first noticed on 31st December 2010.
- Cllr Mrs Sandon reported an abandoned and vandalised trailer and other rubbish in the lay-by at Devils Pitch. It was agreed that the Chairman would investigate and contact the Hub as soon as possible.
- Cllr Jenkins reported a blocked drain between A456 and Frith Common (between M&M Timber and Hunt House Farm) and water flowing across the road. Technically it is in Mamble Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this to Highways.
- Cllr Mrs Dey reported a blocked drain on the corner of Featherbed Lane and A443. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Lengthsman to visit the site and then report on, if necessary.
- Cllr Benbow reported a large array of solar panels in the front garden of Chestnut View Cottage in Frith Common. Parish Council agreed to take up this issue with MHDC Planning Department.
- Cllr Hunt reported on the CALC meeting he attended.

Clerk – A letter had been sent directly from Worcestershire County Council re: overgrown hedges in Lower Frith to the owners of the relevant properties. Quotes for noticeboard and laptop will be presented at the next meeting.

PC82 Consider and Comment on the Precept for 2011-2012

The Chairman (in the absence of the Clerk) presented the draft Precept for 2011-12. It was agreed that the item on hire of hall should be increased to £275 as there had been a recent increase in hire charges for Lindridge Parish Hall. The total figure was agreed to be £6675.00.

PC83 Consider the final version of the Revised Standing Orders

Messrs Benbow and Williams had arranged for this version to be circulated in advance of the meeting. Members thanked Cllrs Benbow and Williams for their work. Cllr Benbow proposed that these Revised Standing Orders be adopted with immediate effect. Members agreed.

PC84 Consider and Comment on the Emergency Plan

Cllr Woodall drew attention to the note for residents circulated in anticipation of entry to February Teme span. Numbered copies of the Emergency Plan were given to Members and a list of allocated numbered copies was compiled by Cllr Woodall. Other numbered copies are to be distributed by the Clerk and Cllr Woodall. Storage for equipment had been received. A Working Party would need to be organised to prepare the site and erect the storage facility. A smaller storage container would be needed for sand. Cllr Woodall to advise on date. Cllr Mrs Meager reported that she and Mrs Janet Farmer had attended a useful half day course at Pershore on running a Rest Centre. Both she and Mrs Farmer are now registered as trained with MHDC.

PC85 Receive a report on a proposed community project/business based in Eardiston

Cllr Mrs Meager reported that it had not been possible to negotiate with the landowner for use of the glasshouses in Eardiston and that attendance at the meeting on November 18th was very low. Alternative ideas were discussed briefly with Margaret Grey of Midwest Rural Enterprise but no further action has been taken. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Meager for her efforts.

PC86 Consider and Comment on Public Open Space Grant Money

Cllr Benbow reported that Frith Common Chapel had closed and is for sale. Other proposals for this money were listed by the Chairman – the alternatives were : Frith Chapel proposal now defunct; facilities for children in Eardiston; and facilities for children in Menith Wood specifically on the Millennium Green. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

PC87 Consider and Comment on Moto X at Menith Wood

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that, after a break caused by the bad weather, activity had started up again recently. Cllr Mrs Lowe had looked at the site and had taken advice. She was monitoring dates and noise and she will obtain photographic evidence. Issues potentially relating to “change of use” were briefly discussed. It was agreed to carry this issue over to the next meeting and Cllr Mrs Lowe agreed to investigate any legal implications.

PC88 Consider and Comment on South Worcestershire Development Plan

Cllr Mrs Sandon attended a meeting at The Guildhall, Worcester. She circulated lots of information for the Council. The meeting requested information from Parish Councils and there is an ongoing requirement to find space for a large number of new homes. Groups at the meeting were asked to respond to specific questions. Parish Councils may be encouraged to set up focus groups.

PC89 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts

Cllrs Mr Williams and Mr T Jenkins signed, checked and agreed accounts.

a)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary Nov & Dec 2010	£463.78
b)	Membership Renewal 2011 Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 72.00
c)	Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Mtg on 10 th November 2010	£ 30.00
d)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Nov & Dec 2010	£252.00
e)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Nov & Dec 2010	£ 60.56

The Chairman reported that the Clerk needs to have a pay-slip for submission to HMRC. This issue will be resolved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Members agreed to this.

PC90 Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

10/01394/CCO

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 of planning permission

07/00556/LBC. Lambswick, Lindridge. Mr K Pugh

APPROVAL OF DETAILS SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH CONDITION(S)

10/01198/CLE

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land use as private garden.

Rose Cottage, Frith Common, Tenbury Wells. Mr W Austin

REFUSAL OF CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS OF EXISTING USE OR DEVELOPMENT

10/01064/CCO

Application for approval of details reserved by condition – conditions 2, 4 and 5 of Listed Building Consent 10/00552/LBC. The Claywood, Menith Wood. Prestbury Ltd
APPROVAL OF DETAILS SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS(S)

10/01046/HOU

Amendment to planning permission 07/00333/FUL – alterations to roof and enlargement of dormer. Elsewhere, Upper Claywood, Menith Wood.
Mr A Lowe.
PLANNING PERMISSION

10/01011/HOU

Installation of 2 air source heat pumps. (Retrospective). 2 & 3 Pensmill Close, Eardiston, Tenbury Wells. Festival Housing Group.
APPROVAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

10/01220/AGR

Steel Portal Frame Agricultural Building for Fodder Storage, White House Farm, Eardiston.
Mr R Williams.
AGRICULTURAL & FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL OF DETAILS

10/01517/FUL

Modifications to recently constructed garages at Lambswick Farm, Lindridge.
Members agreed to object to this.

PC91 Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting

PC74 ref. PC46 has been overtaken by events on this issue and has been taken up by the Safety Camera Partnership. Mr Reynolds to be invited to the next Parish Council Meeting.

PC92 Items for Future Agenda

- a) Walks Event
- b) Proposals for use of Public Open Space Grant Money
- c) Moto X at Menith Wood
- d) Parish Awards 2011
- e) Garden Competition 2011 (July)
- f) Emergency Plan
- g) Mr R Reynolds to attend the March meeting

PC93 Correspondence for Information

- a) Letter received from The South Worcestershire Development Plan – Feedback from Parish & Town Council Workshops.
- b) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Re: Consultation Exercise undertaken for Winter Service.
- c) Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Budget Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 19th January 2011.

- d) Letter sent to Mr R Reynolds, Safer Roads Partnership Manager and Copy to Mr D Hunter, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer – Road Safety Issues on A443 in Lindridge.
- e) Letter sent to Mr D Hunter – Re: Road Markings on A443 in Eardiston.

Messrs Hunt and Benbow agreed to consult on attendance at The Budget Consultation Meeting on 19th January 2011.

PC94 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Cllr Woodall – Household form for Emergency Plan

Cllr Mrs Sandon – to announce herself as Footpath Warden and event on May 8th – details to follow.

Clerk to put date of next meeting of Lindridge Parish Council

Next meeting Wednesday March 9th 2011 at 7.30 pm in Menith Wood Old Chapel Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.