

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 10th September 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.

Members of the Public Present: Mrs B Andersson.

In Attendance: ~Cllr C Dell.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Andersson.

Mrs Andersson spoke about the forthcoming Festival of Churches event to be held in St Lawrences Church, Lindridge on 20th and 21st September. Local organisations within the Parish were to provide an exhibit. Mrs Andersson asked the Parish Council if they too would contribute. Parish Council said would be happy to take part.

PC41. Receive Apologies for Absence

Absent: Cllr S Workman - Holiday

PC42. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust and also with reference to the proposed Planning Application that Cllr Evans had submitted to MHDC that would be discussed during the meeting. Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in S106 for the ~Environmental Works at Lindridge Parish Hall.

PC43. Minutes of 9th July 2014 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC44 – Agree. Check and Minute Accounts – Cllrs Benbow and Williams signed, checked and agreed accounts. The Clerk produced the bank reconciliation as of 30th July 2014.

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary for July & August 2014 £ 530.80
- Graham the Gardener, S106 Parish Hall
£7891.40

Accounts Unpaid

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for July & August 2014 £
81.26
- Mr P J Danby, Parish Lengthsman – July & August 2014 £ 312.00
- Menith Wood Community Association –
Parish Meeting – 09/07/2014 £
18.00
- V Melling – Baby & Toddler Group Exps £ 105.25

- Grant Thornton UK LLP – Audit Fees 2013/2014 £ 120.00
- Mrs T Lowe, Exps for Children Garden Competition £
53.39
- Mr K Baker, Audit of Accounts 2013-2014 £ 45.00

New signatories for the National Savings Account were completed.

Cllrs Evans and Benbow were to meet to discuss forecast figures for the remainder of the financial year and report at next meeting.

PC45. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Dell enquired if the Parish Council had received confirmation as to whether they would be receiving the interest earned on the S106 money. The answer was no - Cllr Dell to follow this up with MHDC. He reported that the recent Lindridge Ward Surgery held at Bayton had gone well and it was planned to do a similar event next year. Cllr Dell made comment on Neighbourhood Plans. If a Council had this in place it can influence on what restrictions to put in place for its area. It can be a lot of work to carry out however, he said that a Parish Council can decide how comprehensive the plan is. Cllr Benbow provided an overview to Cllr Dell as to why the Parish Council had not decided to carry this forward. After some discussion, it was agreed to put on agenda for next meeting.

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

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams asked if the Parish Council would act as a referee for a proposed grant for the Art Group. Cllr Mrs Lowe was happy to complete. He also reported that 1000 tiles needed to be replaced and that this work had to be done before the winter. However, the costs involved were high and the Parish Hall funds were unable to pay for all costs. Cllr Williams confirmed that bookings were increasing. He suggested some ideas for fund raising ideas for the future. The question was also asked if the Parish Council would act as a loan guarantor whilst the Parish Hall raised the funds for the works. It was discussed that if this approach was agreed then certain constraints would need to be adhered to. It was agreed to discuss further at November meeting. Cllr Benbow asked if the Parish Hall could supply the last three years of financial accounts to the Parish Council.

Cllr Williams reported that he had met with Paul Danby, Parish Lengthsman, regarding the grass cutting. Two cuts in the summer season would not be enough. He suggested that during the summer it should be carried out every fortnight. He asked for it to be considered if a partnership between the hall and council be met towards these costs.

Open Day – The Open Day was planned for Saturday 27th September. The Parish Council would put a display up of the current Parish Councillors. The Clerk was asked to find out how much space was being allocated. The Clerk suggested that an article be placed in Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood and Cllr Evans were currently re-surveying all footpaths in the Parish, as it was 10 years since it had been comprehensively carried out. Cllr Evans had produced a useful spreadsheet for this purpose.

The County Council resources are no longer as generous as previous and most of the footpaths work may not be assigned priority rating. At some point, it may be that the Parish Council would consider funding work, this to be discussed at a later date. It was intended to review classification A to D of the existing footpaths. Where alternatives exist and one footpath is poorly maintained and difficult it is intended to re-classify as D in most cases. In the light of funding priorities this would have implications.

Cllr Mrs Winwood asked if anyone would be walking the far north-west footpaths, she would be grateful for feedback. Finally she wished to thank the Parish Councillors who had cleared the footpath next to the Village Hall.

Councillors

Cllr Williams – Had recent discussions with landowner in Lower Frith Common to keep hedges maintained for vehicular access.

Cllr Benbow – reported that the post box by the Nags Head had recently been stolen. He was asked to find out if this had been officially reported. Also, Cllr Benbow said that the broadband via Airband was encountering some problems in Frith Common. He asked if he could write on behalf of Lindridge Parish Council to complain to Airband.

Clerk – Provided an update regarding the use of land in Eardiston that was being used by Mr T Williams.

PC46 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Williams provided an overview of how the monies had been spent on the Environmental Works at the Hall. The Chairman asked to minute and compliment Cllr Williams for all the time and effort he had put into helping carrying this part of the project forward to completion.

Cllr Evans reported that the MWMG trust had ordered two benches. He confirmed that the fencing would be carried out once Western Power had completed work on the tree lopping. Cllr Evans asked whether the MWMG trust were required to spend all of its available funds. Could some of these funds be transferred or overspend on the Hall project? Cllrs Evans and Benbow were to look at original contract for confirmation.

PC47 – Baby and Toddler Group – The Chairman reported that Vickie Melling had provided a summary report of the Baby and Toddler Group, and this was to be completed for Awards for All. There is still an issue of lack of space for equipment. The Parish Council wished to thank Vickie and all her helpers for the successful first year of the Group.

PC48 – Emergency Plan – This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting. The Chairman was to contact Simon Woodall for the master document.

PC49 – Lindridge Autumn Show/Garden Competition – The Chairman reported that there were a superb number of entries for the various classes on offer. The Parish Council wished to thank Ros Bush, Janet Marks and Hilary Brown for their time in organising the event. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Ros re: prize money. It was decided that planning of this event required earlier preparation and it was agreed to discuss at November's meeting.

PC50 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk read out an email received from Mr G Brienza of WCC. A geological report had been received and was with a Structures Engineer. Ground investigation works were to be carried out in the field below the slip.
- Water issue causing hedge to drop at The Hollow, Frith Common – Possibility of laying kerbs along the carriageway edge to prevent further erosion by running water.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk to provide update at next meeting.
- Sink Hole – Outside Stone Cottage – This had been filled, however, water was still running up from out of this area.
- Weight Restriction – Frith Common – Mr Brienza confirmed no plans to introduce a weight restriction at present. If the road slippage continues then an emergency weight restriction would be enforced at short notice.
- A456 – Broombank – Ongoing issue of reducing speed in this area. The Chairman read out two issues of concern outlined from Cllr Workman in his absence. These related to the speed limit on the A456 at Broombank and request for “concealed entrance” signs to be erected near to the Track beside The Broome. A letter would be sent to Mr G Brienza and a copy to Cllr Pollock.
- The Chairman reported that a large amount of verge and part of the top surface from the road had been taken away at Elsewhere, Menith Wood by a very large vehicle.
- **PC51 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston - VAS Unit** – The Clerk reported that Tenbury Town Council, Shelsley and Mamble Parish Councils had agreed to contribute towards the cost of replacement batteries for the VAS unit. It was agreed for the Clerk to report to the Clerk of Tenbury Town Council that the Parish Council would contribute the £40 if the Parish were to have the VAS unit for a quarter of the year.
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PC52 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

Planning Reference: 14/00791/HOU

Single storey side extension. Garage conversion. Detached garage.
Willow Cottage, 7 Pensmill Close, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8GA
Ms A De Laurier APPROVAL

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. COMMENTS TO BE PROVIDED FROM LAST APPLICATION

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. – NO COMMENT

PC53 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

Clerk was to arrange another Heart Start Event.

PC54 – Correspondence for information –

- Letter to NS&I Inform of Resignation of Mr S Woodall
- Letter to HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Claim
- Letter to Electoral Services – Inform of Parish Council Vacancy
- Letter to Ms C Marchant, WCC – re CALC
- Email correspondence relating to VAS Units

- **PC55 – Items for Future Agenda**
- - S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
 - Emergency Plan
 - Lindridge Autumn and Garden Show
 - Road and Drainage Issues
 - Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
 - Neighbourhood Plan
 - Standing Orders
 - Precept 2015-2016

PC56 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

Co-Option advertisement for vacancy of Parish Councillor

The meeting ended at 10.00pm