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The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 15^h July 2015 at 7.00pm at Menith Wood Old Chapel Hall

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

In Attendance: Cllr C Dell, Cllr K Pollock

PC23. Receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Beauchamp

PC24. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Cllr Mrs Winwood declared interest regarding footpath on her property.

PC25. Minutes of the May 2015 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC26. Agree, check and minute accounts

Cllr Williams and Cllr Benbow agreed, checked and signed accounts. The new version of reporting the statement of accounts was being used and the Chairman thanked Cllr Benbow for his work in putting the format together. The Chairman signed and agreed the bank reconciliation. It was agreed to transfer £3389.43 from the current account to the business access account. This was the balance brought forward from last accounting period. The Clerk reported that the Audit had now finally been completed by Grant Thornton.

Accounts paid since last meeting

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary for May & June 2015
£543.88
- Post Office Ltd – Tax payments – April-June 2015 £ 29.40

Accounts Unpaid

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for May & June 2015 £
57.42
- Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Parish Meeting – 13/05/15 £
36.00
- Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman – April/May/June 2015 £468.00

PC27. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor – Cllr Dell provided a general overview on expenditure of services for last year. He commented that the Council Tax increase for this year and for future years, are not known until the Council Tax Statements are received. Even if Parish Councils do not increase their Precept.

Cllr Benbow wished to compliment MHDC on negotiating a fixed price with the LPG Scheme on offer, which significantly reduces the cost of purchasing gas. Only

negative issue was the lack of publicity about it from MHDC. The Parish Council will help to advertise this service via the Temespan.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock provided a detailed report – please see attached copy.

Questions raised:-

Cllr Benbow commented that the verges within the Parish had been cut twice – once in May and again in July, thus not allowing sufficient time for pollination to have taken place of the wild flowers.

Cllr Workman commented on the A456 speed issue. Rumble strips would be an option to gather new speed recordings. Cllr Pollock to endorse this request of WCC.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that the outside of the Parish Hall was looking very bright with the addition of the hanging baskets. The website was working well. The recent tapestry event had been well received and wished to thank the Parish Hall Committee for the event.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that a section of footpath located in Eardiston to Dumbleton Farm was currently not being used, due to users diverting around a non-footpath section. This would be followed up. Also, a bridle path south of the old canal that runs parallel to the A456 has been lost; due to a landmark case in the High Court, it may be possible to re-open.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Winwood –Cllr Mrs Winwood also asked if the Clerk to follow up with building control regarding the works at No 5 Lower Frith Common.

Cllr Williams asked if the hedge and pot holes towards Lambswick could be reported to the Hub.

Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood commented on a recent missing dog. The dog was found and the owner donated £10 to the Parish Hall.

Cllr Benbow commented on the LPG scheme run by Lister Gases. Information to be advertised via Temespan.

The Chairman reported that a new coffee morning was meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at Old Chapel Hall, Menith Wood.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe reported that the WI would be holding some forthcoming events and the money raised would go towards “Life after Stroke”.

Clerk – Nothing to report.

PC28 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Benbow reported on behalf of David Evans, the representative of the Millennium Green; that due to recent additional

works carried out at the sight by contractors, there would not be enough of the original Grant money to complete the works. Prices had increased since the original quotes provided nearly 4 years ago. The Parish Council asked for Mr Evans to provide the Parish Council with more detailed information and options for completing the work. This would be discussed at the next meeting of how to take this forward to MHDC.

PC29 – Emergency Plan – Cllr Williams reported that the document had been redrafted. More work was being developed on this and an update reported at next meeting.

PC30 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk would follow up on the results of the soil investigation works carried out.
- Mill Lane – Cllr Benbow and Paul Danby met on 19/06/2015 with Paul Green from MHDC. Clerk asked to follow up on this. It was also noted that the tarmac jetty had completely filled in a ditch with tarmac. This would require digging out. The Clerk to check this with Paul Green.
- A456 – Broombank – Ongoing issue. Cllr Workman had contacted Mr Brienza regarding the current state of the tarmac on sections of this road. Also, CSO Snape had provided the Parish Council with the contact at WCC (Mr Bob Haines) for organising rumble strips to be located for a while at this location, in order to obtain average speed readings. Cllr Pollock endorsed this.
- Lower Frith Common – Pot holes to be reported to the hub.
- Due to recent correspondence from the police, some local residents of Frith Common had complained that certain vehicles that regularly use the whole of the Frith Common road were driving too fast for the lanes. This was endorsed from some of the Parish Councillors who had also been approached from residents complaining of the situation. The Clerk to follow up with local police on this issue.

PC31 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston – Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood reported on behalf of Cllr Beauchamp that the relocation of the VAS post had taken place, near to Eardiston House. The VAS unit would be in operation later in the year for two months. The Clerk would contact Safer Road Partnership and ask for them to come into Eardiston more and monitor the speed. Again Cllr Pollock supported this request.

PC32 – Co-Option – One application received from Mr D Evans. Cllr Williams Proposed and Cllr Mrs Winwood Seconded. The Clerk to inform Democratic Services.

PC33 – Lindridge Autumn Show and Children Competition – The Chairman reported the children’s competition at Lindridge School was once again well received. This year’s theme was that of creating a “Spiritual Garden”. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headmistress and thank the children for their efforts and creativity in this

competition.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Beauchamp regarding the Autumn Show and clarify when monies would be required.

PC34 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

Planning Reference: 15/00368/HOU
Ground Floor Rear Extension
4 Coppice Close, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UH
Mr and Mrs J Elliott – APPROVAL

Planning Reference: 15/00584/HOU
Single Storey extension to form new kitchen on back of property.
Hillside House, Lower Frith Common, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JU
Mr R Humphreys – NO COMMENT

Planning Reference: 15/00743/FUL
Extension and conversion of existing garage to form ancillary self contained accommodation.
Deep Dene, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JP
Mr & Mrs Vanes – COMMENTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

PC35 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

A follow up reply had been received from MHDC regarding the KTM Training Days for 2015.

The Clerk to follow up with the hub regarding the relocation of bin to opposite Woodston Drive.

PC36 – Correspondence for information –

- Email received from PC V Snapes regarding Rumble Strips and Speed Issue in Frith Common.
- Co-Option received from Mr D Evans
- Updated VAS Programme Sheet.
- Letter to HMRC – re: VAT refund.
- Letter to Lindridge Parish Hall re: change of name details from Lindridge Village Hall to Lindridge Parish Hall.
- Email from John Sharp, Leigh & Bransford Parish Council.
- **PC37 – Items for Future Agenda**
- S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
- Emergency Plan
- Lindridge Autumn Show
- Road and Drainage Issues

- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston

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PC38 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.