

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr S Workman, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs M Morris, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr D Evans

**In Attendance:** Cllr C Dell.

**PUBLIC MEMBERS SESSION** – Mrs J Cooper (Chairman of Lindridge Parish Hall) and Mrs J Marks (Committee Member of Lindridge Parish Hall)

Mrs Cooper explained to the Parish Council of the problems the Hall was experiencing with blocked drains. Caldicotts of Tenbury had carried out a site visit and discovered the problem drain. The pipe was of the old pitch fibre type and it had begun collapsing in places. Also, there was not much fall. Without further excavations the work cannot continue, however, the pipe has been cleared for the time being. Currently costs have been £640.00. Mrs Cooper explained it would be beneficial for the Hall to be connected to the mains drainage. Location of plans of the site and the current drainage system were being looked into. Cllr Dell, who was present at this time of the meeting, explained that he had funds available, if this would assist with current expenditure issues. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Hall for their input and of the possible financial implications posed.

**PC76. Receive Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor K Pollock

**PC77 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; and Planning Application 16/01752/FUL, the applicants were personal friends. The Clerk ruled that this precluded her from comment but did not require abstention from the room.

**PC78. Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Meeting**

Amendment to Page 2 Paragraph 5 – ‘where I was indicated, changed to we’.  
The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**PC79. Agree, check and minute accounts**

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

**Accounts paid since last meeting**

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| • Parish Clerk, Salary – November & December 2016     | £559.18 |
| • The Post Office – Tax Payments for Oct/Nov/Dec 2016 | £       |
| 51.60   |         |

**Accounts Unpaid**

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| • Parish Clerk, Expenses for November & December 2016 | £ 53.95 |
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• Parish Lengthsman – November & December 2016	£316.25
• Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire – 19/10/16 & 9/11/16	£ 72.00
• In 2 Out – Replace noticeboard at Menith Wood 40.00	£
• Whitehill Direct Limited – Noticeboard for Menith Wood	£876.00
• C Baker – Internal Audit Year End Accounts 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 45.00	£
• SLCC – Annual Renewal Subscription 78.00	£
• H and W Computers, Laptop Health Check	£ 75.60

### **PC80. Progress Reports for Information**

**District Councillor** – Cllr Dell reported that the application for the Solar Farm at Stockton is currently at appeal stage. There is currently a survey being carried out “Public Space Protection Order” pursuant to Dog Control Consultation”. Tesco store in Tenbury is planning to open on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. Roadworks by The Swan Garage were currently due to start. Public Realm works to be carried out a later date.

Cllr Dell had funds available, and it was suggested that the Parish Hall Committee apply towards costs incurred of the current drainage problem.

Cllr Dell suggested that the Parish Council arrange a meeting with the Leader of MHDC to attend a site visit of the derelict sites in Eardiston to discuss potential future use.

**County Councillor** – Report attached from Cllr Pollock.

**Parish Hall Representative** – Cllr Williams reconfirmed the situation of the drainage issue previously raised under the Public Members Session. The Treasurer’s Report had been made available and Cllr Benbow requested a copy for our records. The Parish Council wished to express appreciation of their continued efforts.

**Public Path Warden** – The Public Path Warden reported that it was recommended that all footpaths in the Parish are surveyed according to the category assigned to them by W.C.C as follows:-A B annually, C D five yearly. Confident that target has been met. However there was disappointment in the outcomes once problems are identified and to the allocation of resources by the Countryside Service. Footpath 579 - the problem of non-allowable stiles blocking this path has been the subject of various attempts at agreed removal since they were first installed and was brought to the current landowner’s attention in early 2015. From earlier reports and correspondence the footpath is one of the few high category B paths and an important non-vehicular thoroughfare between Lower and upper Frith Common which is no longer usable by the elderly, disabled or very young. The landowner is concerned to avoid damage to rare plants and from comments received no one seems happy to see the installation of any more unsightly metal gates. All that is required to restore the legal access is the removal of some rails and pulling out some posts which would cause little habitat disruption. However the Countryside Service seems determined on gate installation. It was recommended that the Parish Council write to WCC stating that it was

unnecessary for the expense of gates to be installed and that there was a clear breach on the current restrictions on this path.

FP570 Holly Cottage to Lane End – Despite a request, still no action.

FP559 Boxbush - Despite a request to reinstate roadside posts, still no action.

FP565 Footpath cleared.

## **Councillors**

- Cllr Benbow – reported he would be attending an up and coming Broadband meeting; and establish when the new cabinet would be installed in Frith Common.
  - He had received a complaint from a resident of Eardiston, of the light pollution from M&M Timber. This raised discussion and Cllr Evans (Menith Wood representative), confirmed that the light could be seen from there also. The Clerk would alert Mamble Parish Council of this concern and ask for this to be followed up.
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  - Cllr Evans – attended recent Parish Council meeting of Pensax, and discussions led to the lack of Broadband facility in Menith Wood; residents would be lobbying further for this.
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  - Cllr Mrs Winwood – had been asked if the Parish Council would take responsibility of keeping the grass cut by the car park of the Parish Hall. Discussions led to confirm that the Parish Council are the custodian trustees of the land and hall, however, the Parish Hall Committee have responsibility to manage the hall and the grounds. Cllr Benbow suggested contact to be made with the Parish Lengthsman to ask of his availability to maintain the grass cutting aside of his Lengthsman duties.
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  - Also, a resident of Eardiston had made representations on behalf of the villagers that the telephone box to be adopted. The Clerk would contact BT. Cllr Mrs Winwood had received confirmation from the Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee that last year's Autumn Show had been a success and that it would be going ahead this year.
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  - Cllr Mrs Winwood also reported that when Mr Winwood had attended the May 2016 meeting and commented on the highways drainage issue in Lower Frith Common, and that remedial works were required again; it was confirmed that these had been rectified at their own expense and not that of Highways.
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- Clerk** – Asked members as to where this year's donations monies should be given to. It was decided that £100 to the Temespan, £50 Lindridge Pre-School and £50 Lindridge Baby and Toddler Group. 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.

**PC81 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston** – Cllr Workman had presented prior to the meeting a detailed list of speed reduction and street scene ideas to assist with the reduction of speed through Eardiston. The ideas presented were of the advice

provided from the Highways officials:-

Installation of White Gates – Vote presented – 4 – Favour 4 – Against – The Chairman had the overall vote to go ahead.

Purchase Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – Vote presented – 4 – Favour 3- Against 1 – Abstention. Overall vote to go ahead.

Post and Rails – These to be painted by the Parish Lengthsman before the year end.

A proposal is to write to residents of Eardiston where overgrown hedges and verges make walking on paths safely, difficult.

The Parish Council will continue to lobby for the extension of double white lines and footways within the village. Proposed to write to CC Ken Pollock/local MP and Police and Crime Commissioner.

**PC82 – Emergency Plan** – Cllr Evans reported that before issuing the plan, a training session would take place before the next meeting, in order to test the plan. At the next meeting, the Emergency Plan could then be adopted. It was confirmed that £500 was earmarked from reserves for the replacement of the aqua sacs. However, Cllr Evans suggested that the aqua sacs be deployed to protect the Parish Hall, and assess better measures for flood protection, for example installation of door barriers and other flood defence items.

**PC83 - 2017-2018 Precept** – A prior meeting with Cllr Benbow and the Clerk had taken place to review 2016 – 2017 expenditure and the financial implications for the financial year ahead. Discussion confirmed where additional funds would be required towards the speed reduction measures in Eardiston, and also where costs could be minimised. It was agreed that the Clerk would distribute all correspondence via email rather than printing and posting.

- It was unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2017-2018 would be set at £6700.00. The Clerk to inform MHDC before the end of January. Cllr Benbow proposed and Cllr Mrs Winwood seconded. The Council wished to thank Cllr Benbow for the time spent in preparing the Precept.

**PC84 – Risk Assessments** – Cllr Williams presented copies of examples for members to read. This would be carried forward to next meeting.

**PC85 – 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, but not the works to the road slip. Contact with Highways regarding this was ongoing with urgency.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk to meet with the Lengthsman and Paul Danby to readdress issues.

- Follow up with MHDC, recycling bins left on roadside/verge causing visibility issue in Frith Common. Letters should have been sent to residents. Clerk to follow up again.

**PC86 - Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

PLANNING REFERENCE – 15/01527/FUL

Proposed Extensions, alterations and change of use of existing public house to form residential dwelling.

Nags Head, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ

APPROVAL

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/01554/HOU

Proposed Single Storey Outbuilding to be used Ancillary to Main Dwelling (Brockwood House).

Brockwood House, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UB

Mr L Chumbley

APPROVAL

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/01587/HOU

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The Lodge, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JH

Mrs G Hazeldine

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

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/01752/FUL

Change of use of agricultural land to outdoor accommodation with the siting of four Safari Tents and ancillary building.

Lindridge Priory, Lindridge, Worcestershire, WR15 8JQ

Mrs Dickinson

**PC86 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting** – Letter to MP – Local Transport Plan.

**PC87 – Correspondence for information –**

- Email sent to Planning Services – Asking for the owners to remove the decking from Red Lodge, Frith Common.
- Email received from G Brienza, confirming works to begin on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for the road slip at Frith Common.

- Letter received from MHDC, Lindridge Parish Council Tax 2017-2018.
  - Letter sent to Mrs S Mocroft, reply to letter received 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with reference to footpath 579, location Frith Common.
  - Email to and from Came & Company – asking for quotation of 2017 insurance.
  - Email to and from Planning Services – query raised regarding height of trees at Pensmill Close.
  - Various email correspondence relating to the speed awareness situation in Eardiston, including data speed results.
  - Email received from Helen Roberts, Road Safety Team – spreadsheet of results of Data taken in Broombank in July 2016.
  - Copy letter received from MHDC of standard letter to be sent to residents of WR15 8JX advising of the reasons not to leave recycling bins on the verge.
  - Report to WCC of blocked drain at Menith Wood.
- **PC88 – Items for Future Agenda**
  - - Emergency Plan
    - Road and Drainage Issues
    - Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
    - Risk Assessment

**PC89 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date**

Items to be submitted:-

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Update on road safety in Eardiston

The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.