

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Held at Lindridge Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th November 2010

Present: Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr N Benbow (Vice-Chairman), Cllr H Williams, Cllrs Mrs G Sandon, Cllrs Mrs A Meager, Cllr Mr T Jenkins, Cllr Mr S Woodall
In Attendance: Clerk

PC60 Receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Lowe and Mrs Dey.

PC61 Declare a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item.

No declarations

PC62 Consider the adoption of the minutes of the September Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC63 Receive progress reports for information from:

District Councillor – Nothing to report.

County Councillor - Ken Pollock – Nothing to report.

Representative for the Parish Hall- Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the recent fundraising event had been very successful where a net profit of £420 had been achieved. Future fundraising events have been planned for next year. A grant had been applied for new disabled toilets. Quotations had been received for this work. The Parish Council were asked if they could help towards a donation for the grant. The Parish Council responded by offering £300, contingent on success in obtaining the grant application.

Footpath Warden – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that a replacement footbridge in Menith Wood had been completed. She had carried out extensive coverage of the footpaths in the Parish. She had collated a list of jobs that required attention and would be notifying Phil Coulson of this.

Councillors— The Chairman reported on two issues arising from the Clerk's first Annual Appraisal:-

a) Incremental Progression. It was agreed that the Clerk should move up from Point 18 to Point 19 on the NJC Scale with effect from 1st April 2011 and that provision should be made in the budget.

b) Laptop Computer. The question of a dedicated Laptop for Council business had been raised. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to acquire such a machine, subject to the Council's financial procedures and that this be charged to the IT Equipment Budget.

Clerk – The Parish Clerk raised the question whether a general notice board at the Broom Bank could be purchased. Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and report further at the next meeting.

PC64 Consider and Comment upon Revised Standing Orders

Messrs Benbow and Williams presented the results of their study of relevant documents. After some discussion it was agreed that the following would remain within the Standing Orders; Disorderly Conduct, Accounts, Unauthorised Activities, Liaison with County Council/District Council Officials, Code of Conduct and Matters Affecting Council Employees. The Chairman thanked them for the time and effort put in.

PC65 Consider and Report on the Emergency Plan

Cllr Woodall reported on the meeting of the full Emergency Support Team held on Wednesday 22nd September 2010. Everyone at that meeting appeared very pleased with document. It had been identified that Lindridge Church and Lindridge Primary School could be used as additional rest areas. Discussions had taken place with Mr R Wilkes regarding the supply and location of sand. Cllr Woodall proposed a purchase of a lockable shed to site all relevant equipment. This was agreed. Cllr Woodall to liaise with the Clerk to identify flooding hot spots within the Parish in order to update maps. Emergency Plan agreed to be finalised at the January meeting.

PC66 Consider and Comment upon Precept for 2011-2012

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2011-12. It was agreed that the additions made were to be presented and reviewed at the January meeting. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to revise the Current Account spreadsheet to incorporate Precept items.

PC67 Consider and Comment upon Public Open Space Grant Money

The Clerk reported that the Chapel at Frith Common would close on 9th January 2011. Cllr Benbow had tried to speak with the Treasurer of the Kidderminster and Stourport Methodist Circuit who currently owned the Chapel of their intentions, but had no response. The Clerk would write to Manda Graham informing the Section 106 Group Committee to withdraw bid for the Chapel; and that an alternative bid would follow in the next few months.

PC68 Consider and Comment upon Moto X at Menith Wood

No comment received.

PC69 Road Markings on the A443 in Eardiston

Cllr Mrs Meager reported that a continuous double white line to be extended throughout Eardiston. A potential hazard area had been identified where vehicles were being overtaken when waiting to turn right into Cutmill Bridge when travelling towards Great Witley. Clerk to write to Mr D Hunter of Highways Department and Cllr K Pollock.

PC70 Consider and Comment on Community Project/Business Located in Eardiston

Cllr Mrs Meager reported that she had been investigating the possibility of using glasshouses in Eardiston to set up a Community Interest Company growing and selling salad crops and cut flowers. She reported contact with Cllr Ken Pollock, WCC; Elspeth Fry, LEADER funding programme; and Margaret Grey, Midwest Rural Enterprise. A preliminary meeting was arranged for November 18th at Lindridge Parish Hall and this was advertised in the November Temespan. Cllr Mrs Meager promised to report further at the next Parish Council meeting.

PC71 Update Water Running Across Road, Stone Cottage, Frith Common

The Clerk reported that work had been completed successfully.

PC72 Agree, Check and Minute Accounts

Cllrs Mrs Meager and Mrs Sandon signed, checked and agreed accounts.

a)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Garden Competition	£62.58
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b)	Worcestershire CALC, One-to-One Training for Clerk	£29.02
c)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Expenses for Sept 2010	£96.00
d)	Lindridge Parish Hall Committee – Mtgs on 8 & 14 Sept 2010	£50.00
e)	Temespan – Annual Donation	£100.00
f)	Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary & Exps – October 2010	£262.39
g)	Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Expenses for Oct 2010	£204.00

The Chairman raised the question that the Clerk be paid her monthly salary directly by Standing Order. The Parish Council agreed this and Messrs Hunt and Benbow to sign and agree.

PC73 Review Planning Matters, Applications and Decisions

APP/J1860/A/10/2123185/WF

Appeal by Mr K Pugh, Site at Lambswick, Lindridge, Tenbury Wells

THE APPEAL IS DISMISSED

10/01198/CLE

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

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

NO COMMENT

10/01005/HOU

Proposed Double Garage with Office over. 5 Lower Frith Common, Eardiston. Mr R O'Hare

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

10/01042/FUL

Construction of Canopy to Create Covered Play Area. Lindridge C of E Primary School, Lindridge.

PLANNING PERMISSION RECEIVED

10/01065/CCO

Application for approval of details reserved by condition – conditions 2, 3 & 4 of planning permission 10/00549/FUL. The Claywood, Menith Wood.

APPROVAL OF DETAILS SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS

10/00994/CCO

Application for approval of details reserved by condition – Conditions 4, 5 & 6 of Listed Building Consent 10/00417/LBC. Eardiston Place, Dumbleton Lane, Eardiston.

APPROVAL OF DETAILS SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH CONDITION(S)

PC74 Report on Matters Arising from Last Meeting

PC46 – County Councillor – Clerk to ask Cllr Pollock for update of request for speed camera van in Eardiston.

PC50 – Hedges – The Chairman reported that if the Parish Council were informed of a hedge cutting issue that Mr Carl Edwards would be happy to go along and quote.

Cllr Williams reported that some hedges in Lower Frith Common required attention. Clerk was asked to advise Highways again of this particular issue.

PC75 Items for Future Agenda

- a) Moto X
- b) Community Project
- c) Emergency Plan
- d) Approve Precept
- e) Public Open Space Grant Money
- f) South Worcestershire Development Plan

PC76 Correspondence for Information

- The Parish Council sent a letter to Mr Derek Marks, Parish Hall Committee, supporting grant application.
- A letter had been received from The South Worcestershire Development Plan – To update on progress of the Development Plan for South Worcestershire. Cllr Mrs Sandon agreed to attend meeting.
- A letter had been received from Worcestershire County Council – Re: Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy. This included a First Draft Submission Consultation Questionnaire. The Chairman agreed to complete on behalf of the Parish Council.
- The Chairman reminded Councillors of the CALC Area Meeting on 9th December 2010 at Malvern Hills.
- The Chairman raised List of Services provided in the CALC Update 10-36. He would amend and reply to Hazel Robinson's letter accordingly.
- A letter was received from Mr David Hunter regarding Snow Clearance. It highlighted how simple guidelines would be issued on how to clear snow sensibly, without incurring the risk of being sued. The letter also confirmed that the Lengthsmans annual contract included snow clearance and gritting from highways bins.
- A letter was received from Mr Andy Maginnis, Countryside Manager of Worcestershire County Council regarding Parish Community Payback. This is where offenders carried out unpaid work in the local community as part of their sentence. A fact-finding meeting is being held on Thursday 18th November at the Worcester Countryside Centre.

PC77 Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

- Clerk to put date of next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 12th January at 7.30 pm in Lindridge Parish Hall, Eardiston.

The meeting ended at 10.34 p.m.