

**The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm in Lindridge Parish Rooms**

**Present:** Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Sandon (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr H Williams, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr S Woodall,  
Cllr D Evans, Cllr Mrs Pardoe, Cllr S Workman

**In Attendance:** Cllr W Redman and Cllr K Pollock.

**PC59: Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**

No apologies were received.

**PC60: Declare personal or prejudicial interest**

All Councillors signed the dispensation form before discussing 2013/2014 Precept. Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust. Cllr Mrs Lowe declared a personal interest in planning application for Hayfield, Lowe Green, Stockton.

**PC61: Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**PC62: Receive progress reports for information from:**

**District Councillor** - Cllr Redman reported that a glass collection may be included in the refuse collection and that a proposal had been put forward for fortnightly collections. However, until 2015 refuse collections would remain weekly. The new Leader, Cllr D Hughes would attend a future Parish Council Meeting.

**Question:** Cllr Williams asked if wheelie bins would be introduced

**Answer:** Not currently on agenda to have these.

**Question:** Cllr Mrs Winwood raised concerns over houses being left empty for years, and asked for views from the Council.

**Answer:** Cllr Redman to seek advice and report at next meeting.

**County Councillor** - Cllr Pollock reported that the County is going through some changes. A Corporate Plan – Open for Business is being set up to work with local Enterprise Partnerships. This would help to market Worcestershire, make it better known. It would remove barriers and encourage business. Infrastructures would be improved. Also, a pilot had taken place in Worcester to save money on street lighting. Lights had been replaced with LED lights and were either dimmed in early evening or turned off after midnight. Money is still available in Divisional Fund.

**Question:** Cllr Mrs Winwood – Raised concerns of flood water in North Worcestershire, particularly on roads to Worcester.

**Answer:** All gulleys were mapped and cleaned. At this point, Cllr Woodall informed Cllr Pollock about the gulleys in Eardiston. These had recently been cleaned and 2 days later after significant rainfall, flooding had occurred. Problem was that gully not large enough.

**Parish Hall Representative** - Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that she would be stepping down from the role of Parish Hall Representative and Cllr Mrs Sandon also reiterated that she also would not be able to continue to attend Parish Hall meetings. Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that the current secretary for the Parish Hall was to leave in near

future. Fundraising events had had to be cancelled; however, the current zumba and dance classes have received a good response. A fundraising idea was to set up a 100 club. Cllr Mrs Sandon asked of examples of Parish Councils helping financially their Parish Halls. The Chairman was opposed to increasing the Precept for this idea.

**Public Path Warden** – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that there were no new problems to record and the existing issue regarding the stile at Frith Common was ongoing

**Councillors** Cllr Williams reported on the road outside Stone Cottage at Frith Common, where recent works had taken place by Enterprise on behalf of Severn Trent Water. The spring water that had caused problems some years previously had recurred due to excavations from Enterprise and the side of the road had become seriously damaged by heavy vehicles. An urgent meeting had been arranged with Gerry Brienza (WCC), a representative of Enterprise and Cllr Williams. A verbal agreement had been made whereby Enterprise would ensure all problems were rectified. Cllr Williams noted how pleased he was that Gerry Brienza responded to the Parish Council's request for a site meeting at short notice. At the meeting, another problem identified by the outlet of the spring water was that it was running onto ground above The Hollow. This was causing dampness and softening the verge. Bob Hughes from WCC is to look into this problem.

Cllr Woodall reported that the Highways Department have put on their agenda to rectify the flooding caused in Mill Lane, Eardiston.

Cllrs Mrs Pardoe reported that she had received a letter from MHDC replying to her concerns of the campervan and tents located at Eardiston Club. She also reported that pallets were in the car park for the club. This raised an issue concerning the problem of car parking at the Parish Hall.

Cllrs Mrs Lowe reported that Will Redman was co-operating with local residents with the usage of the Moto X.

Cllr Mrs Winwood commented that The Nags Head was now for sale, and asked the question whether it would be possible to retain part of the original car park, if the property was sold for development of housing and retain it as a parish asset.

**Clerk** – Reported on Cherry Tree Cottage at Frith Common. Concerns had been received from local residents as to the removal of asbestos from the property. The Clerk had written to MHDC and the HSE for advice. Awaiting feedback.

**PC63. Public Open Space Grant Money** – The Chairman provided an overview to new members of the Parish Council of why the Parish have monies available to spend within the Parish under the above scheme. Cllr Williams discussed the Lindridge Village Hall Environmental Improvement Project. Three quotes had been received. The proposal was to put forward the best value quote. The Chairman agreed to meet with Cllr Williams to review quotes received. The work carried out at the hall would be phased at different times. Cllr Williams wished to record his thanks to Catherine Watton for all her time and help with the planned drawings.

Cllr Evans confirmed that the Millennium Green Trust would not adjust the figures for its bid from those originally provided.

The decision to adopt the two schemes put forward was unanimous with £5,000 for the Millennium Green Trust and £9,251 towards the Lindridge Village Hall Environmental Improvement Project. The Clerk was to contact Caroline Palethorpe who was the Co-ordinator of the S106 Grant Money to inform of the update received.

**PC64. Superfast Broadband** – The Chairman reported that Airband were the preferred supplier which would be a wireless system. No contract had yet been signed with WCC until the permission for State Aid Funding had been given by Brussels. Airband were to meet with landowners to identify sites in the area where the high transmitters could be positioned. Once contract gets signed then work would go ahead and public meetings would be set up for all those involved.

**PC65. “Collaboration with Local Parishes”** - The Chairman had received an email from the Chairman of Pensax Parish Council, which he then read out to Members. The contents related to the Localism Bill, specifically in relation to Neighbourhood Planning, and whether it would be beneficial for Pensax, Lindridge and Stockton to meet to discuss the issue. The Chairman reported that members of the council had already met with David Clarke of MHDC who had provided great detail as to the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan, and whether it would be worth adopting such a Plan. It was agreed that in the light of the preliminary discussions which had taken place, the costs involved in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan would not be beneficial. Developing a plan would be of no more benefit than the South Worcestershire Development Plan that MHDC had already prepared. However, it was agreed to readdress the idea of a Parish Plan next year. The Chairman was to arrange for a representative from another local council to visit and discuss with members what was involved in preparing a Parish Plan. The Chairman was to reply to the Chairman of Pensax Parish Council with the decision not to pursue his offer of collaboration in discussing Neighbourhood Plans.

**PC66. Parish Awards Evening** – The Chairman reported that the three recipients of the awards – Derek and Janet Marks and Betty Andersson were all very pleased to have been nominated. The Chairman read out a thank you letter from Mrs Andersson. Photographs of the evening had been sent to Temespan.

**PC67: Parish Hall Website** – This item was to be carried forward to next meeting.

**PC68: 2013/2014 Draft Precept** -The draft precept for 2013/14 (which showed no increase on that for 2012/13) was considered on a line by line basis. Cllr Evans raised his concern that whilst the Parish Council was aiming to have no increase in the precept, it did have reserves equal to one year’s revenue held back for future emergencies. After lengthy discussion, the Council voted to retain the current level of reserves and to set a precept showing no increase. Final consideration of the precept will be made at the January meeting.

**PC69: Lay-By at Broombank** - The Clerk read out an email received from Gerry Brienza the Senior Highways Liaison Engineer for WCC. A possible option was to install height restriction barriers, however, a matter to consider was the use of the

school buses that use the lay-by for collecting and dropping off. Mr Brienza was contacting the local bus companies to explain situation. Cllr Workman commented that the locked barriers would not be feasible to those who required access to their properties. Another suggestion put forward from Mr Brienza was to remove the scrub and trees in front of the lay-by.

**PC70: Check, Agree and Minute Accounts** - Cllr Mrs Winwood and Cllr Williams signed, checked and agreed accounts.

#### **Accounts paid since last meeting**

- a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – Sept & Oct 2012 £399.14

#### **Accounts Unpaid**

- b) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Sept & Oct 2012 £141.56  
c) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Sept & Oct 2012 £348.00  
d) Mr M Hunt – Materials for Parish Award Certificates £ 5.00  
e) Lindridge Parish Hall – Hire of Hall 12<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Sept & 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.£108.00

#### **PC71: Planning Matters**

Planning Reference 12/01303/FUL

Repositioning of gate and boundary fence for Unit 6 to facilitate increased garden curtilage.

Lambswick, Lindridge, Mr B Burgoyne

PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMEND REFUSAL

Planning Reference 12/01336/HOU

Demolition of existing utility and erection of new garage with utility and first floor extension.

Hayfield, Lowe Green, Stockton. Mrs A Hill

PARISH COUNCIL – NO COMMENT

#### **PC72: Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting**

Public Path Warden – Follow up the stile at Frith Common.

Cllr Mrs Sandon updated members regarding Mr T Williams' business that MHDC had served notice to remove the business and undo changes to the buildings.

Cllr Williams updated members that the large hole at the end of the Old Lane at Frith Common had been repaired.

#### **PC73: Correspondence for Information**

- a) Letter received from Audit Commission – confirming appointment of external auditor from 2012/2013.  
b) Letter sent to Electoral Services confirming co-option of new members.  
c) Letter sent to Mrs K Pardoe and Mr S Workman confirming co-option.  
d) Letter sent to Mr M Hunt – thank you letter.  
e) Letter received from Mr and Mrs Yarnold of Broombank – re: Layby

- f) Letter sent to Mr and Mrs Yarnold – acknowledging letter
- g) Letter sent to Mr K Pollock – re correspondence concerning layby at Broombank
- h) Letter received from WCC – Winter Maintenance Service and Parish Grit Bins
- i) Letter sent to MHDC re: Cherry Tree Cottage, Frith Common – residents concerns of removal of asbestos.

**PC74: Items for Future Agenda**

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Superfast Broadband
- c) Parish Hall Website
- d) 2013/2014 Precept
- e) Broombank Lay-by

**PC75: Items for Temespan and Next Meeting Date**

Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm.