

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 13^h March 2013 at 7.00pm in Lindridge Parish Rooms

Present: Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Sandon (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Woodall, Cllr Mrs Winwood, Cllr D Evans and Cllr Mrs Lowe, Cllr H Williams, Cllr S Workman.

In Attendance: Cllr K Pollock, Mr P Danby – Parish Lengthsman

PC92: Receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from: Cllr Mrs Pardoe due to Healthy Heart Event

PC93: Declare a personal or prejudicial interest

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust and Cllr Williams declared same interest on behalf of representation of the Parish Hall Committee.

PC94: Minutes of 9th January 2013

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Williams – Proposed and Cllr Mrs Winwood – Seconded.

PC95: Receive progress reports for information from:

District Councillor – None Available.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock reported that the North West Broadband Consortium had received relatively good sign up. He confirmed that Council Tax payments would not increase for another year. He reported that extra funding would be going into social care in the County. Regarding education in the County, Cllr Pollock explained that GCSE results for KS4 in 2007, Worcestershire was lower than the national average, compared to KS4 in 2012 where the County was higher than the national average. Cllr Pollock also confirmed that Tenbury Police Station would be closing and that he had proposed that Tenbury Library should be the new base for the officers.

Questions:

Cllr Williams provided an overview of the various poor road conditions concerned with the Frith Common road, mainly in connection to the works carried out last year by Severn Trent.

Parish Lengthsman – Mr P Danby confirmed that since Severn Trent had carried out works in Eardiston, Frith Common and Menith Wood, there had been an increase in his workload; due to soil dug out from works being washed into the drains and blocking them up. Mr Danby and Cllr Woodall would review the drain problem in Mill Lane. Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that hedge cuttings were filling the ditches in Mill Lane and that this was a cause for poor drainage.

PC96: Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that there were problems with the boiler. A service engineer had looked at the boiler and confirmed that the boiler was inadequate for the size of the building. A lottery grant application was being submitted for the cost of a replacement boiler and to renew the radiators.

The Committee were renegotiating the price currently being paid for the gas consumption of the hall. The fire extinguishers had also been serviced and a fire inspection carried out. Cllr Williams confirmed that bookings had taken up.

PC97: Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Sandon reported that the footpath that was located to the rear of the recent site meeting of the proposed Farm workers building and shed at Little Lambswick is a ‘C’ Category footpath. This means it is not extensively used but is an open path. If planning permission was granted then the landowner would be required to erect a gate on the footpath rather than a stile.

Bridleway 951 from Menith Wood to Dumbleton Lane was closed due to Severn Trent carrying out works; and a Bridleway sign in Frith Common that had been taken down would be reinstated in the near future.

Councillors – Cllr Woodall reported that the aqua sacs had been purchased and that there was a new editor for the Temespan. He also reported that large stones had been placed to the entrance to High Acre, Dumbleton Lane, and that some residents had concerns regarding the safe usage of the highway. Advice was to be sought from Worcestershire County Council.

Cllr Mrs Winwood asked again for Cllr Redman to provide advice on vacated homes within the Parish. Clerk to follow up. Cllrs Mrs Winwood reported that the Parish Council should be aware of possible potential works being carried out to the now demolished property at Cherry View, Frith Common.

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that grit had been taken on two occasions from a grit bin located in Menith Wood to residents in Farm Lane. A letter would be written to the resident of Farm Lane explaining that the grit cannot be removed from a located grit bin to another part of the Parish.

Cllr Mrs Sandon reported on behalf of local residents that they wished to express their thanks to the Parish Clerk for the efficiency of dealing with a problem relating to the emptying of bins and works to bus shelter.

Cllr Evans gave an overview of the discussions he had held with Parish Hall representatives, Yarranton’s Coaches and the Social Club regarding both the impact of the proposed works associated with the open space grant application and the future use of the Parish Hall car park. All those involved welcomed the efforts by the Parish Council to give early notice of the possible disruption and had shown a willingness to try to support the Parish Hall maximise the capacity and availability of its car park. The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Evans for his involvement in this matter.

Clerk – The Clerk reported that she had attended two Clerks Gatherings at County Hall. These topics were the introduction of the new Real Time Information for HMRC and to be introduced to the new Auditors for Worcestershire – Grant Thornton. The Clerk had received a request for a donation from Temespan. It was agreed to donate £100. The Clerk gave an overview of meetings held with officials from Worcestershire County Council Highways Department regarding the various problem areas concerned with the Frith Common road. The Clerk reported the

damage of the bus shelter, the Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to look at costs involved to repair the window sill and replace the window.

PC98: Public Open Space Grant Money – The Chairman thanked Cllrs Williams and Evans on their help with collating information for the S106 Grant bid. This had now been submitted to Malvern Hills District Council, and awaiting a decision.

PC99: Superfast Broadband – The Chairman reported that the main connection to the internet had been done. Work on installing the infrastructure within this area could now begin. The first transmitter had been installed at Hanley Broadheath, with Clee Hill one to follow soon; whilst other Parishes to be linked up within next few weeks. The Chairman also wished to record that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed. This was a declaration only and not a formally legally binding contract.

PC100: Parish Hall Website – Cllr Williams asked for this item to be carried forward to the next meeting, when more information would be available.

PC101: Garden and Vegetable Show – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that representatives from the Church, Parish Hall and Parish Council had formed a Committee to bring together ideas for the forthcoming show planned for September 7th in the Village Hall. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council had supported the idea. The Council approved the Chairman's proposal that funds would be reallocated from the annual garden competition to this year's show. The Clerk was to discuss with the Headteacher of Lindridge Primary School, ideas for the children on what to enter for the show.

PC102: Broombank Layby/Relocation of Milestone – Cllr Workman reported that no progress was being made at the moment to the restriction of certain vehicles to the layby. He confirmed that a height barrier would not work. Discussions had taken place with the Highways Department for a reversing bay to be made so that the school buses could turn more easily. Cllr Workman confirmed that fly tipping in the layby was still occurring.

Cllr Workman confirmed that he had sought the advice from Worcestershire County Council with regard to moving the milestone, so that it could be relocated to the roadside edge. Parish Council was happy for Cllr Workman to continue with this.

PC103: Agree, Check and Minute Accounts – Cllr Mrs Winwood and Cllr Woodall signed, checked and agreed accounts.

Accounts paid since last meeting

a) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – Jan & Feb 2013 £399.14

Accounts Unpaid

b) Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Jan & Feb 2013 £102.40

c) Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Jan & Feb 2013 £408.00

d) Lindridge Parish Hall – P. Council Mtg on 9/01/13 & 23/01/13 £ 48.00

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| e) | Multi-Flood Solutions – Aqua-Sacs | £576.00 |
| f) | C Baker – Mr K Baker – Internal Review of Annual Accounts | £ 45.00 |
| g) | Worcestershire CALC – Training & Clerks Gatherings | £ 40.00 |

The Clerk reported that National Savings had written to the Parish Council, asking for up to date information to be given. New signatories for the account were to be Cllr Benbow, Cllr Woodall, Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Mrs Sandon.

It was also agreed to send a donation to Temespan before the end of March. The Clerk to follow up with this.

PC104: Review Planning Matters –

PLANNING REFERENCE: 13/00014/FUL

Erection of agricultural building, and farmworker’s dwelling and access track.

Little Lambswick Farm House, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JT

Mr and Mrs G J & D I R Thompson

Parish Council had sent comments concerning the above application.

PC105: Report on Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting – Cllr Evans to carry out photographs at the next meeting.

PC106: Correspondence for Information –

- a) Email received from G Brienza – VAS unit
- b) Letter to MHDC – Confirm Council Tax Precept for 2013/2014
- c) Letter to HMRC – Refund of VAT
- d) Letter and application to Amanda Smith at MHDC re: S106

PC107: Items for Future Agenda –

- a) Public Open Space Grant Money
- b) Superfast Broadband
- c) Parish Hall Website
- d) Garden and Vegetable Show
- e) Road and Drainage Issues within Parish
- f) Audit 2012/2013

PC108: Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date –

Date of next meeting – 8th May 2013 at Lindridge Parish Rooms.

7.00 p.m. – The Annual Parish Meeting

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The meeting closed at 9.30pm.