

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council

Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.00 pm at Lindridge Parish Hall

Present: Cllr N Benbow (Chairman), Cllr Mrs T Lowe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr Mrs D Hawkeswood, Cllr S Workman, Cllr S Woodall, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr H Williams, Cllr D Evans

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman asked that a minutes silence be held before the meeting started in recognition of the late Derek Marks.

PC86: Receive apologies and approved reasons for absence

Apologies were received from: County Councillor K Pollock

PC87: 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.

PC88: Minutes of 13th November 2013

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC89: Receive progress reports for information from:-

District Councillor – Not present at meeting.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock had sent his apologies and had forwarded his report to the Clerk, which was read out at the meeting. Please see the attached document at the end of the minutes.

Parish Hall Representative: Cllr Williams reported of the sad news of the loss of Derek Marks. No meetings had been held in December. Bookings had improved.

Public Path Warden: No report received from Mrs Sandon.

Councillors: Cllr Workman reported on the meeting he had with Mr G Brienza from Worcestershire County Council, Highways Department at the Broombank. The issue arose from a resident of the Broombank who had concerns of access onto the A456 Broombank road due to poor visibility and speed of traffic. At that meeting it was agreed to put up signs to warn other road users of the road junction and that there would be a campaign started to reduce the current speed limit on that particular stretch of road.

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported that the closure of the Cross Keys public house at Menith Wood was imminent. She confirmed that a public meeting was being held on 30th January to ask local residents to come and express their views on its future. Cllr Mrs Lowe raised concerns on behalf of the Menith Wood Community Association regarding the recent increased level of noise and disturbance from the MOTO X at

Stockton.

Cllr Evans also reported on the recent MOTO X activities and the issue of the noise level and frequency being created. It was agreed that Cllr Evans would collate information regarding the usage and to liaise with Cllr Mrs Lowe, who held records of the MOTO X from previous noise disturbances.

Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that another smaller grit bin had been located in Lower Frith Common. Confirmation was to be sought if this was for a private householder.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe reported that pallets were being broken up and burnt late at night at the Eardiston Country Club. She had sought the advice of Malvern Hills District Council on this issue.

Cllr Williams reported that a Parishioner had spoken with him and praised the work carried out by the Parish Lengthsman. The Clerk was to pass these comments on to the Lengthsman. He also raised the issue of the severe black ice on the roads on Tuesday 14th January, whereby many accidents had occurred locally. The Clerk was to write to Highways and ask for an explanation as to why the roads had not been gritted. Cllr Williams had looked at a projector for the use between the Parish Council and the Parish Hall. He would take his findings to the next meeting of the Parish Hall and confirm as to whether there was a need for the use of a projector. He would report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Benbow commented on the Emergency Plan document. Recent members of the Parish Council were not aware of the Plan and why we have it. It was agreed that all Members should receive a copy. Changes to personnel and mobile telephone numbers were to be corrected in the Plan. Cllr Woodall to make changes.

Clerk: The Clerk reported that The Nags Head Public House was now in administration. She had contacted Worcestershire Building Regulatory Services who were to conduct a land registry search of the property and to find out if possible the property ownership.

PC90: Public Open Space Grant Money – The Clerk read out a recent email received from Sue Marsh of MHDC. Her email agreed to amend the draft grant agreement to include the Trustees of the Millennium Green Trust.

PC91: Baby and Toddler Group: - The Chairman confirmed that to date £1189 had been spent of the £2113 grant money received. The remainder of the money was to be used before the end of March.

PC92: Road and Drainage Issues with Parish – Current issues were:-

- Potholes within Lower Frith Common – Some of these had now been filled.
- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – Meeting held and to be monitored.
- Water issue causing hedge to drop at The Hollow, Frith Common – Proposed works for 2014 by WCC.

- Drainage at bottom of Featherbed Lane – Cllr Woodall was to speak with a contact at Ringway to confirm if a gulley is mapped in this location.
- Drain in Mill Lane – Cllr Woodall confirmed that a Ringway Inspector was to look at this.
- **PC93: Reserves Policy** – Members of the Parish Council were issued with a revised version of the Reserves Policy. The Chairman provided an overview of the history. All Members were in agreement with the Policy, the Chairman Proposed and Cllr Williams Seconded.
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- **PC94: Precept 2014-2015** – The Chairman reported that he had received confirmation from MHDC that in 2014/15 parishes would receive only 87% of the maximum Parish Grant, a reduction on what had been received in 2013/14. As a consequence, the Precept for 2014/15 would appear on Council Tax Bills as showing an increase, even though no increase was being sought by the Parish Council. It was agreed to write an explanation for the Teme Span. It was unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2014/2015 would remain the same as 2013/2014 at £6660.00. Cllr Woodall proposed and Cllr Williams seconded.
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- **PC95: Health Campaign** – Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Mrs Pardoe reported that the Heart Start course hosted by Martin Bennett was a well run, concise and very informative evening. It was agreed for the Clerk to make contact with Martin to organise two further training evenings in the future. Cllr Williams was to confirm if the Health Authority he works with would agree to pay for future events.
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- **PC96: Agree, Check and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs Winwood signed, checked and agreed accounts.
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- **Accounts paid since last meeting**
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- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk Salary – Nov & Dec 2013
£417.68
- Vickie Melling, Purchases for Baby & Toddler Group
£323.63

- PLANNING REFERENCE - 13/01352/HOU
- Single storey extension to dwelling. Honeysuckle Cottage, Fox Lane, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UG. NO COMMENT
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- **PC98: Report on Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting –**
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- Cllr Mrs Lowe had carried out land registry searches on the strip of ground between Yarranton's and the Eardiston Country Club. These maps outlined who owned which part of the ground. These were to be passed onto the Public Path Warden for information and then retained as information on the Parish Council's files.
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- PC77 – Cllr Woodall suggested than rather purchasing a hard drive to back up council documents, that a Cloud system could be used instead that was free. He was to pass on information to the Clerk. The Clerk was to seek advice from CALC as to whether confidentiality of documents could be achieved in this manner.
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- PC83 – After some thoughtful discussion, it was concluded that the most appropriate recognition for the considerable services rendered to the parish over many years by the late John Walker and Derek Marks had been their Parish Awards.
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- **PC99: Correspondence for Information:**
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- Email received from Bradley Gammond, MHDC Planning Dept regarding the Container at Lambswick.
- Email correspondence from Cllr Evans regarding the S106 Funding Bid.
- Email sent to Alastair Wilson of Sport England confirming to withdraw the bid for grant funding.
- Letter to Mrs D Hawkeswood confirming co-option to the Parish Council.
- Letter to Electoral Services confirming co-option of Mrs D Hawkeswood.
- Email correspondence from Mr and Mrs Charge, Broombank, raising concerns of speed limits and warning signs at Broombank.
- Consultation Pro-forma received regarding the subsidised bus services review.

- Email received from Paula Kingston of South Worcestershire CAB. Clerk to invite Ms Kingston to a future meeting to provide further information.

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- **PC100: Items for Future Agenda**

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- Public Open Space Grant Money
- Baby and Toddler Group
- Road and Drainage Issues within Parish
- Emergency Plan
- Health Campaigns
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- **PC101: Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date –**
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- Explanation of Council Tax increase
- Heart Start Course Advertisement
- Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th March 2014 at Lindridge Parish Rooms.
The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.