

## **The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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 Mrs K Pardoe, Cllr D Evans

**Members of the Public Present:** Paula Kingston – South Worcestershire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

### **PC102: Receive apologies and approved reasons for absence**

**Apologies were received from:** Councillor H Williams due to holiday absence  
Councillor S Woodall due to work commitments

Paula Kingston was invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to explain recent correspondence relating to a Community Champions Project.

Paula began by stating that South Worcestershire CAB were looking for local people within Parishes to become a Community Champion. Funding was secured for 2 years within Worcestershire. The role was for 4 hours a week on a voluntary basis. Full training would be provided for the Community Champion, and it would enable this person to confidently refer individuals to qualified advisers. For example the six main issues people ask the CAB for advice for are:-

- Money Management
- Welfare Benefits
- Consumer Issues
- Employment Problems
- Family & Relationships
- Housing

Paula confirmed that a resident from Martley was currently being trained and that it was going well.

It was agreed to ask Paula for an advert to be placed in the Temespan outlining the role of the Community Champion and the benefits it could provide to the area. It was also to be made clear that this person would not be providing advice but helping to refer clients to specialists at CAB. Overall the Parish Council were supportive of the project.

### **PC103: Declare a personal or prejudicial interest**

Cllr Evans declared a personal interest in Public Open Space Grant Money on behalf of Millennium Green Trust.

## **PC104: Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

### **PC105: Receive progress reports for information from:-**

**District Councillor** – Not present at meeting.

**County Councillor** – Cllr Pollock reported that as a result of the recent bus consultations, the budget had been reduced from £3M to £1.1M. The revised bus services would be implemented by September 2014. He also reported that Highways were to receive extra funding to help with the repairs to the roads that had incurred extra damage caused by the recent bad weather. He had attended an oversight and scrutiny meeting with the Environment Agency to review the county's response to the recent floods. The general response had been good and by having daily meetings this had helped to minimise the inconvenience of access within the County. However, one issue that had arisen was that communication between Sectors for reporting problems could have been better; an action plan was to be put in place for the future.

Councillor Workman asked if the recent resurfacing works at Broombank would incorporate the revised speed restrictions. Cllr Pollock replied that it was too early for implementation at this stage.

**Parish Hall Representative:** Nothing to report.

**Public Path Warden:** Mrs Sandon reported that there continued to be a mud landslide over the bridleway in Menithwood at the top of Dumbleton Lane. This was recorded on the parish public pathways website. Worcester Council had notified the land owner. Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs Lowe for the land registry information regarding the path between Yarrantons and Eardiston County Club. The path was just about passable now but this was probably due to winter vegetation rotting rather than any clearance. After much discussion, consideration was given for a Working Party getting together to help clear the footpath when it became difficult to access. Finally, Mrs Sandon announced that Cllr Mrs Winwood would take over the role of Public Path Warden.

The Parish Council wished to thank Mrs Sandon for her support and time during her role as the Parish Path Warden for the Parish.

**Councillors:** Cllr Workman reported on the A456 road safety campaign at Broombank hoping to set a speed limit of 50mph. The Highways Department had agreed to put signs up by The Broom to alert drivers to an access road coming onto the A456. This issue was ongoing.

Cllr Mrs Lowe reported on the sad loss of Tom Preece. She also reported that the Cross Keys had now closed. The Public Meeting had been well attended and that this

issue was also ongoing.

Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood reported that a HGV had recently been stuck down the Mill Lane for two days due to the fact that its SAT NAV had sent it down there incorrectly. This had caused difficulty for residents who lived there and also it created a huge amount of damage to the ditches and drains. Highways to be contacted to consider locating a NO HGV sign to the entrance of Mill Lane. It was suggested that the company should pay for the repairs to the damaged ditches and drains.

Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that the road repairs had been dealt with in Lower Frith Common.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe reported that the owner of the motorhome had passed away. She also said that there was still a lot of rubbish outside the Club. Also, the recent flooding outside the hall tended to go directly into her garden. The Chairman responded that a large soakaway was planned to be located in the car park at the hall when the S106 works began, this should help with that problem.

Cllr Evans reported on the Moto X at Stockton. This was continuing to be an issue with noise levels. To date the track had been used six times this year. At least one resident had approached Environmental Health for advice. It was agreed to write to Environmental Services. Cllrs Mrs Lowe to liaise with the Clerk.

**Clerk:** The Clerk reported that The Nags Head Public House had now been boarded up by Worcester Regulatory Services. A land registry search had been carried out, without much success of establishing who owned the property. She also reported that another Heart Start Event had been booked for 15<sup>th</sup> April

**PC106: Public Open Space Grant Money** – The Chairman reported that the two draft agreements received had been read. The revised agreements had now resolved the legal issues that had been discussed with MHDC. The meeting unanimously authorised two signatories (the Chairman and Vice-Chairman) to sign the agreements on behalf of the Council; proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Mrs A Winwood.

**PC107: Baby and Toddler Group:** - The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any invoices from the Group for any shortfall. The remainder of the Grant was to be spent by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood raised the issue of the lack of storage facility for the equipment. The Chairman reported that it had been agreed that a Working Party would help clear out the garage to the rear of the hall so that storage could be made.

**PC108: Road and Drainage Issues with Parish** – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk had liaised with Mr G Brienza at WCC. Area had now been cordoned off for safety reasons. Clerk to establish when works will commence.
- Water issue causing hedge to drop at The Hollow, Frith Common – Proposed works for 2014 by WCC.
- Drain in Mill Lane – Damage caused by the HGV – liaise with Cllr Woodall and Mr G Brienza.

- **PC109: Emergency Plan** – Cllr Woodall had begun updating the Emergency Plan. It was suggested that the issue that Cllr Pollock discussed regarding improved communications between sectors should be included within the plan. Ask Cllr Woodall to liaise with Cllr Pollock.
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- **PC110: Health Campaign** – As previously mentioned the Clerk had booked a second event with Martin Bennett.
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- **PC111: Agree, Check and Minute Accounts** – Cllr Mrs Lowe and Cllr Mrs Winwood signed, checked and agreed accounts. Clerk to register new signatories with the bank.
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**Accounts paid since last meeting**

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Salary – Jan & Feb 2014 £417.68
- Vickie Melling, Purchases for Baby & Toddler Group £317.15

**Accounts Unpaid**

- Miss R S Lambert, Parish Clerk, Exps for Jan & Feb 2014 £ 85.05
- Mr P Danby, Parish Lengthsman, Exps for Jan & Feb 2014 £384.00
- Lindridge Parish Hall – Parish Council Mtg on 15.01.14 £  
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• **PC112: Review Planning Matters**

PLANNING REFERENCE – 14/00081/FUL  
Ground Mounted upsolar 250 silver framed.  
Lindridge Priory, Lindridge, Worcestershire, Mr Edward Andrewes

PLANNING REFERENCE – 14/00196/FUL  
Re-Instatement of Glenrosa as an independent dwelling  
Chapel House, Menith Wood, Worcestershire, Mr and Mrs P King-Britton

PLANNING REFERENCE – 14/00060/LBC  
Erection of a slate roofed open lean to on the south elevation of the barn.  
The Coach House, Lambswick Barns, Lindridge, Worcs. Mr A Harris

PLANNING REFERENCE – 14/00052/FUL

Change of use of land for siting of holiday home. 2 Brickyard Cottages, Featherbed Lane. Mr L Badham

- Works had begun on 5 Lower Frith Common. However, the Parish Council had notified MHDC that unauthorised development of the garage was taking place. An Enforcement Officer had visited the site and had temporarily halted all works until the owner had obtained a relevant new planning permission for the garage.
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- **PC113: Report on Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting –**
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- The Clerk was asked to follow up with Mr G Brienza of the non-gritting of the roads on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- The Chairman reported that MHDC had not provided an answer with regard to the Parish Grant and the Council Tax increase; therefore no explanation had been put into the Temespan.
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- **PC114: Correspondence for Information:**
  - Letter to Mr G Brienza – A456 Broombank road issues.
  - Letter to MHDC – confirming 2014/2015 Council Tax Precept
  - Letter received from MHDC – confirming Council Tax Precept 2014-2015 Taxbase
  - Email from P Ward, Lambswick concerning container issue.
  - Email correspondence from K Payne, Worcester Regulatory Services – Re Nags Head
  - Email from Sue Marsh – S106 Grant Application
- **PC115: Items for Future Agenda**
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- Annual and Annual Parish Meeting
- Public Open Space Grant Money
- Baby and Toddler Group
- Road and Drainage Issues within Parish
- Emergency Plan
- Health Campaigns
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- **PC116: Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date –**
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- Date of next meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Lindridge Parish Rooms.
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- The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.