

The Minutes of Lindridge Parish Council
Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel, Menith Wood

Present: Cllr Mrs T Lowe, Cllr Mrs A Winwood, Cllr N J Benbow, Cllr Mrs K Pardoe,
Cllr D Evans, Cllr S Workman.

Members of the Public Present: Mrs J Marks and Mrs R Bush

In Attendance: ~Cllr C Dell, Cllr K Pollock

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public present. Mrs Marks and Mrs Bush wanted to thank the Parish Council for the recent enhancement works carried out to the Parish Hall. However, the downside was the path to the side of the hall was very overgrown, and they asked if this could be dealt with. It was suggested that a Working Party came together to help clear the vegetation. They also commented that the garage store shed was getting damp inside. It was thought the Emergency Shed may be located too near to the garage and that this was causing the damp.

PC25. Receive Apologies for Absence

Absent: Cllr Mrs D Hawkeswood due to Sickness
Cllr H Williams – Another Commitment

The Chairman announced that Cllr S Woodall had given notification of his resignation with immediate effect. The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Woodall for the years he had spent as a Parish Councillor and for the various amounts of work he had put in over the years, particularly with the development of the Emergency Plan.

The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy for co-option.

PC26. Declarations Personal and Prejudicial Interest

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

PC27. Minutes of 9 July 2014 Meeting

The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC28. Progress Reports for Information

District Councillor - The Chairman welcomed Cllr Chris Dell to his first meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Dell made reference to the recent S106 Grant Application and to how long the procedure had taken. He had spoken with Duncan Rudge about this and procedures had now been changed to make this an easier process. Cllr Benbow asked that during the Grant process that a promise had been made by MHDC to forward any interest gained on the monies held due to the delay in dealing with the application. This had not materialised. Cllr Dell would follow this up. He said there would be a Lindridge Ward Surgery at Bayton Village Hall on 22nd August 2014, whereby Cllr K Pollock and Harriet Baldwin MP would be present. He noted it was

by appointment only to see Harriet Baldwin and she could be contacted on 01684 585165.

He mentioned that an application had been received for an overhead power line from Eastham via Marlbrook to Bayton.

He commented that the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) were being given extra time to locate extra housing places.

County Councillor – Cllr Pollock reported on the following:

1 WLEP: outcome of SEP. At the end of March the Worcestershire LEP submitted a Strategic Economic Plan (a SEP) to government as a competitive bid for part of a massive £2billion allocation to promote growth around the country. The WLEP projects amounted to some £280 million of projects from the Cyber Security centre in Malvern, to the Worcester Business Park and Agri-Tech support to all sorts of infrastructure developments including road improvements and the Worcester Parkway station at Norton. The government announced the results and Worcestershire has gained £53 million, £13 million of that will be for the coming financial year. This will allow WCC to go ahead with its top priority items, including the Worcester Tech Park, Malvern Hills Science Park, The Southern Link Road, the Hoobrook Link road in Kidderminster and the Broadband extension to cover 95% of the county's residences by 2017.

2 Tenbury High School – Recent official opening of the new classroom block at Tenbury High School. Adrian Price, the new Head Teacher, introduced the speakers, starting with the WCC Cabinet Member Responsible for Children and Families, Liz Eyre. Liz pointed out that the bulk of the £1.8 million cost of the scheme was covered by the County Council, but she was particularly impressed by the £47,000 raised by the local community, and singled out this effort as worthy of high praise. Harriett Baldwin, MP, was pleased to see that English and Maths were to be taught on the block, given their pivotal importance in everyone's education for later life. Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Worcester University performed the official opening after he has drawn attention to the vital importance of education for all walks of life, to suit all sorts of jobs.

Cllr Mrs Winwood asked of the pressure to increase houses, would the flooding issues on the A443 be considered. Cllr Pollock commented that there were no plans to do major work on the road to eliminate flooding and that the housing developments in Tenbury would probably not result in much more traffic.

Parish Hall Representative – Due to Cllr Williams absence, the Clerk read out a report provided by Cllr Williams – please see attached copy.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that she had recently attended the County Council Induction Course. Still unable to report problems online as per the instructions issued at the course, this was proving frustrating. Cllr Evans had kindly agreed to take on the responsibility for the public paths at the eastern end of the Parish from Dumbleton Brook eastwards to the Parish Boundary.

Cllr Winwood said she had been familiarising herself with the historic files and definitive statements regarding each footpath. Some footpaths no longer as classified by earlier surveys. Whilst the definitive statement was effectively unchangeable the classification of a path as A B C D was more subjective depending on usage and changing terrain, among other things. Cllr Winwood was still waiting for a visit from the part-time Area Footpaths Officer, John White to discuss immediate problems that had arisen regarding footpaths from Lambswick to St Lawrence Church.

She also mentioned that two instances in Frith Common where widely used footpaths had stiles rather than gates: a footpath from the main highway northwards at a point opposite the Byway open to all traffic – it had been suggested that the stile be replaced by a gate. The Definitive Statement shows that there has always been a stile at this point. Should the Parish foot the cost of a gate? The second instance was a path that goes through the wood that now had a stile at both ends. These were illegal according to the Definitive Statement but from previous records these had been passed by previous Public Path Wardens.

It was agreed that the Council was aware of sensitivities and it would be tabled for future agenda that the Council would consider classifications.

Councillors

Cllr Mrs Winwood – attended a recent CALC training event that she had found informative. She asked fellow Councillors to remind themselves of the current Standing Orders. She also commented that the application at Cranhills House had been withdrawn, but to be mindful that this application could be resubmitted in the future.

Clerk – Nothing to report.

PC29 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Evans reported that the MWMG part of the grant were to go ahead with two of the benches. However, a major issue had occurred. The fencing that was to be carried out at the upper part of the green would have to be delayed. This was due to a recent audit of the overhead lines carried out by Western Power. There were a row of trees that were fouling the line and would need work carrying out on them. Advice provided was that no activity should be conducted under those lines until the trees had been reduced. Therefore the fence could not be done yet and this may mean the MWMG would not meet their deadline.

Cllr Williams had prepared a detailed report on behalf of the Lindridge Village Hall Environmental Improvements – please see attached.

Cllr Benbow reported that he had attended a Community Engagement Meeting at Malvern. It was agreed at that meeting that Cllr Benbow would write to Cllr P Swinburn the Deputy Leader of Council; of the experience that Lindridge Parish Council had with the application process for the S106 Grant, and that it was hoped from the problems experienced, improvements would be made to future processing of these Grants.

PC30 – Baby and Toddler Group – The main topic of discussion was for the storage of the play equipment for the Baby and Toddler Group. It was agreed that the Parish Hall should be asked to remove the chairs and tables from the shed on a temporary measure, as originally this space had been promised for the storage of the play equipment. It was agreed that Cllr Williams should discuss the storage issue with the Parish Hall Committee and that a long term solution for storage found.

PC31 – Emergency Plan – This item was to be carried forward to the next meeting. The Clerk was to contact Cllr Woodall on current progress. It was agreed after the amendments had been made; the Clerk would hold the master document.

PC32 – Lindridge Autumn Show/Garden Competition – Cllrs Pardoe/Hawkeswood/Winwood attended and judged the recent garden competition in a shoe box at Lindridge Primary School. In total there were 22 entries. The entries received were very impressive. The names of all participants were to be placed in Temespan.

The Autumn Show is booked for 6th September. Cllr Mrs Pardoe confirmed that the WI would be doing the refreshments for the day. Advertisements were to be placed locally to advertise the event. The Clerk was to check with Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood on the current status of the event.

PC33 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk read out an email received from Mr G Brienza of WCC. Assessments were being carried out of the dropped bank on a regular basis and a decision was to be made of the best course of action of securing this area.
- Water issue causing held to drop at The Hollow, Frith Common – Proposed works for 2014 by WCC.
- Mill Lane – The Clerk reported that this work was currently outstanding.
- Sink Hole – Outside Stone Cottage – The Lengthsman had reported this to the Hub.
- A456 – Broombank – Ongoing issue of reducing speed in this area. Cllr Workman confirmed that Cllr K Pollock was preparing a letter to Highways with all the concerns relating to the current speed issues in that area.
- **PC34 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston - VAS Unit** – The Clerk read out an email for Mr G Brienza stating that the VAS unit located in Eardiston is currently shared with several other Parish Councils on a rota basis. The batteries that operate the unit were beginning to malfunction; and the Parish Councils had been asked to contribute to the purchase of replacement batteries. Bayton Parish Council confirmed that they would not be helping to purchase new batteries. The Clerk was asked to find out when Lindridge Parish first had the VAS unit

Land at Cranhills House, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8JP
Mr P Williams

Planning Reference: 14/00791/HOU
Single storey side extension. Garage conversion. Detached garage.
Willow Cottage, 7 Pensmill Close, Eardiston, Worcestershire, WR15 8GA
Ms A De Laurier – NO COMMENT

PC37 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

Clerk was to arrange another Heart Start Event in September 2014.

The Clerk confirmed that the Legal Department of MHDC were currently preparing to go to court concerning the business owned by Mr T Williams at Eardiston.

Cllr Mrs Lowe confirmed that all the caravans located at the MOTO X had now been removed. Schedule of activities were to be limited to 14 per year.

The Clerk was to follow up with Mr Brienza on the weight restriction at Frith Common.

The Clerk was asked to calculate the VAT to be reclaimed for 2013/2014.

PC38 – Correspondence for information –

- Letter to Mr G Brienza – Road Chippings at Broombank Layby.
- Email received from Mr G Brienza – re: above.
- Letter to Mrs C Albert (Graham the Gardener) – Quotation for works 28/04/14
- Letter to Mr G Brienza – Road Repairs & Traffic Management, Frith Common.
- Email from Mr G Brienza – re: above.
- Letter to Mr P Bridger – acknowledging receipt of letter – weight restriction in Frith Common roads
- Letter to Mr G Brienza – Residents access onto the A456 at Broombank.
- Letter from WCC – acknowledging receipt of above.

• PC39 – Items for Future Agenda

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- S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
- Baby and Toddler Group
- Emergency Plan
- Lindridge Autumn Show
- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston

PC40 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

Co-Option advertisement for vacancy of Parish Councillor

List of school winners for the Garden Competition

The meeting ended at 9.30pm