



## Minutes

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

Agenda Issued by the Clerk Stephen Holden on 20/04/2018 (Rev.1)

Attendees: Cllrs' G Biddiscombe (Chair), S Banks van Zyl (Vice-Chair), G Watt, L Ferguson, S Bennet, N Taylor, D Barr

Present: S Holden (Clerk), T Hampshire (RFO), Cllr Y Parker-Smith, L Frances & members of the public

Absent from both meetings: Cllr M Smith. Absent from APM only Cllr S Bennett.

### **Planning & LPC Business (prior to APM)**

**1/ LPC to review Planning Application for 104 Chase Road. –**

Cllr Bennett initially had concerns that the drafting of the aerial 'plan' was not clear enough. The applicants were in attendance and explained the views and details requested by council. Councillors agreed that there were no further objections and agreed the application. Cllrs' thanked the applicant for attending and explaining details considered necessary for the decision to be made.

**2/ Artificial grass tenders. Approve contractor.**

The three bidding contractors were asked prior to the meeting to provide addition specification on their specific bid. Cllrs had concerns about liability if the implementation of the works went ahead and was sub-standard. Cllr Watt reinstated his previous comments that we should employ an independent contractor to draw up a technical specification for the works and not rely on the specialist contractor's submissions. Clerk advised a spec had been available for view. Cllr Barr expressed concerns about the costs and beneficiaries of the works. Clerk advise a 'trip/falls' risk had been identified and some action was required. The artificial turf had previously been considered by members and viewed as enhancing the appearance of the Village Hall. Members voted to defer any decisions until June meeting.

**3/ Minutes of LPC Meeting April 2018 to be carried over until June meeting.**

**4/ Financial update to be carried over until June meeting.**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**5/ First Business – Lindford Parish Council to elect Chair & Vice-Chair.**

Cllr G Biddiscombe (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a/ Cllrs asked to vote for Chair. Cllr G Biddiscombe unanimously approved and appointed.

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- b/ Cllrs asked to vote for Vice-Chair. Cllr S Banks van Zyl unanimously approved and appointed. Acceptance of post documents provided for return to the Clerk.
- c/ There are currently no sub-committees operating within LPC.
- d/ Chair welcomed the new members to the council. New and returning.

**6/ Apologies**

Cllrs M Smith and S Bennett.

**7/ Welcome and overview on the achievements in last year.**

Chair thanked the Clerk and RFO for their support and hard working. Also thanked ex-Cllrs S Weller & A Perrett for their time as Chair & Vice-Chair for LPC.

Details of achievements included the addition of the outdoor gym equipment on The Triangle. It was noted this is being very well used. Other achievements include the improved road safety measures at the junction of Mill Lane and Headley Road, the acquisition of an LED speed indication sign (awaiting Highways to approve locations), re-planting of trees on Mimosas Green, fete 2017 (unable to hold in 2018 as no volunteers came forward). It was also noted that the Beehive Pre-school and The Dogs Trust regular bookings for the Village Hall had helped the venue break even.

**8/ Plans for next twelve months.**

Continue to produce the Parish Newsletter. Main aim remains to continue to engage with and involve residents of the Parish and provide value for money.

**9/ Overview on Finance.**

RFO advised the annual audit had concluded and been signed by the auditor. Funds remain healthy.

The Village Hall had broken even although there had been considerable ongoing repair and maintenance costs.

**10/ Questions from guests.**

Cllr Y Parker-Smith asked if the Open Afternoon (funded from her grant) was on schedule. Clerk responded that the Beehive Pre-school, Mr Giant Children's entertainer and the Mil Farm animals were all supporting the event. It was hoped if volunteers could be found that a fete could take place in 2019.

Members of council were disappointed with the very poor turnout from the public. Cllr N Taylor and Cllr G Watt asked that Social Media and the press be used for 2019 meeting to advertise the event. Clerk summarised reasons for not advertising more for this event. Cllr G Watt agreed to manage publicity for the next APM.

Meeting finished at 7-30pm followed by networking opportunities and refreshments.

*Next LPC Meeting (to include Planning is at 7pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June)*

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