



Minutes
LPC & Annual Parish Meeting
14th May 2019.

Agenda used Issued by the Clerk Stephen Holden on 09/05/2019 (Rev. 2)

Attendees: Cllrs G Biddiscombe (Chair), S Banks van Zyl (Vice Chair), N Taylor, G Watt, S Bennett, D Barr

Present: RFO T Hampshire, Clerk S Holden, Web Editor L Frances

52/19 Apologies Cllr M Smith

53/19 Election of Chair & Vice Chair Members asked if Cllr G Biddiscombe would continue as Chairman for LPC. The proposal being made by Cllr G Watt and seconded by Cllr D Barr. Show of hands, unanimously agreed. Cllr G Biddiscombe thanked members for their continued support.

Request for volunteers for position of Vice Chair. No responses from members. Cllr G Biddiscombe advised he would like to propose Cllr D Barr. This was seconded by Cllr N Taylor. Show of hands, one abstention. Carried.

54/19 Signing of 'Acceptance of Office Forms' witnessed by Clerk Signed and witnessed forms for Cllrs G Watt, G Biddiscombe, D Barr, S Banks van Zyl & N Taylor.

55/19 Agree and sign minutes from LPC Meeting 2/4/10 Cllr D Barr asked for recognition of the input from the Parish Office with regards 045/19 and achievements in the financial strength of the accounts. Agreed by members. Notwithstanding minutes proposed by Cllr S Bennett and seconded by Cllr S Banks van Zyl. Unanimously accepted signed and dated.

56/19 Review and agree 'soft pour' quotes for The Triangle Playground LPC have received three quotes from Imadene Gardening who acting on our behalf have been out for quotes. However, the three quotes are from one contractor who has provided quotes for three different fix options. Imadene Gardening have advised they were experiencing difficulties getting others to quote. It had been asked if LPC would like to try and gain further quotes and take charge of this project. Cllrs were in agreement to the Parish Office taking over the wet pour project.

57/19 Financial and other updates carried forward to June meeting

AOB Cllrs have previously been circulated with Iss. 6 of the Risk Assessment for approval. No adverse comments. Acceptance proposed by Cllr S Banks van Zyl and seconded by Cllr G Watt. Agreed signed and dated. Cllr S Banks van Zyl

enquired from the Clerk for an update on progress with individuals LPC unique email addresses. Clerk apologised that this has not progressed since the quote as follows lindordpc.org.uk email address is hosted with Microsoft and it was deemed too expensive to have 10 additional email addresses created as this would have cost you over £30 per month in addition to what you're already paying. However the Clerk agreed to re-visit this with the RFO.

Following the successful training of Cllrs Barr and Banks van Zyl on playground inspections the Clerk had sent a draft 'playground inspection' policy document to be evolved into a working document. The Clerk had signposted members to other Parish Councils who publish comprehensive policies. It was agreed that Cllrs Barr & Banks van Zyl would meet prior to the next meeting and come forward with a draft document.

Cllr S Bennett noted the meeting agenda did not include an update from the Parish Office.

Cllrs had been advised that an appeal had been raised by 23 Heather Drive following the recent rejection of a planning application. Members discussed and agreed to reinforce the comments previously submitted as still applicable.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed at 7-30 pm

58/19 Welcome from the Chairman and apologies, introduction to the Council Members and newly elected District Councillor.

Apologies from Cllr M Smith

Welcome from the Chairman and introduction of members of LPC and congratulations to our new District Councillor Neville Taylor.

59/19 Overview of achievements since May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting presented as per attached.

60/19 Plans for the next twelve months as per attached

61/19 Overview of Parish Council Finance provided showing the council to have been prudent and maintaining a well founded budget. There was no increase in precept and the Council Tax bills show a slight reduction. Copies of the financial reports can be viewed at the Parish Office.

Guest speaker: Yvonne Parker Smith standing down after twenty years public service gave an entertaining summary of her time as a councillor. Lindford PC thanked Yvonne for all her hard work and presented a trophy, card and flowers. A letter from MP Damian Hinds was presented.

The meeting was well attended by the public and there was an opportunity for attendees to meet with the members and ask questions.

LINDFORD PARISH ACHIEVEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES 2019/20

Achievements last 12 months:

- Held 11 monthly Parish Council meetings
- Reviewed 22 Planning applications, objecting to 2 and submitting comments on others.
- Invested in the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall resulting in a well-used facility with diverse hirers. Including the levelling of the garden and replacement of the damaged turf with an artificial surface allowing year-round use of the outdoor space.
- Using Community Grant from Cllr Adam Carew have purchased and started using a Speed Limit Reminder sign. Information gathered details numbers of vehicles using our roads, peak times and speed details.
- Using grant money from S.106 developers' contributions from Whitehill & Bordon purchased and installed 2 steel commemorative benches, one on the Triangle and the other on Mimosa Green.
- Purchased two replacement benches for the dilapidated ones on Mimosa Green. These being of a sturdy recycled material and low maintenance.
- June 2018 held an Open Afternoon at the Village Hall, well attended and supported by a grant from Yvonne Parker Smith.
- Installed 12 solar powered Christmas trees with lights. Paid for by grant money from Yvonne and kind sponsorship by local businesses and individuals. Our thanks go to them.
- Kept the Parish precept the same as last year.
- Used the services of the Lengthsman to help keep the village looking attractive.
- Trained 2 councilors and others on Playground Inspection requirements.
- Installed CCTV at the village hall. Footage has already been used by the Police during their enquiries.
- Adopted CAA Drone Code

Ongoing issues:

- Monitoring the number of Thames Water tankers accessing the treatment works and adherence to agreement on movements and routing of tankers.
- Working with parking enforcement to resolve issues with parking on yellow lines and inappropriate areas.
- Abandoned vehicles are taking excessive amount of time to have removed.

Opportunities for next 12 months:

- Open Afternoon 29th June including farm animals, children's entertainer and activities for families.
- Maintain financial prudence
- Repairs to wet pour and worn equipment at playgrounds on the Triangle and Mimosa Green.
- Produce newsletters containing informative content relative to the Parish.
- Maintain allotment fees and hall hire fees at competitive levels allowing re-investment in facilities.
- Staging a production of a play by ChewBoy Productions called 'EUAN' in July. The play has won 5-star reviews and will be showing at the Edinburgh and Brighton fringe.
- Seek funding to build an extension to the storeroom at the hall.
- Maintain a stable parish council working with the newly elected District Cllr. Recruit 2 additional Parish Council members to bring number back up to 9.
- Install new dual waste bins and dog waste dispensers with bags
- Improve the village hall sensory garden with additional planting
- Install stage and or disco lighting to the main hall.