

# Minutes

## LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held at Lindford Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm

Agenda dated 21/06/2019 (Rev 1)

**Attendees:** Cllrs G Biddiscombe (Chairman), D Barr (Vice), N Taylor, G Watt, S Bennett

**Present:** RFO T Hampshire, Clerk S Holden, D Garnade

**78/19 Apologies** Cllrs M Smith & S Banks Van Zyl

**79/19 Declaration of interests** None declared. Clerk however advised with Cllr N Taylor now the District Councillor and on a number of sub committees we shall require a declaration in place for the next meeting.

**80/19 Planning** No new applications for discussion. It was noted that upon appeal No. 23 Heather Drive have received approval for a side extension.

**81/19 Agree and sign minutes** from LPC Meeting 04/06/2019. Proposed by Cllr S Neville and seconded by Cllr S Bennett. Approved unanimously.

**82/19 Public Discussions:** Cllr's were delighted that Diana Garnade who has attended previous meetings has expressed her interest in joining Lindford PC in the capacity of Parish Councillor after the June meeting. Diana has spent time with the Clerk and received various documents detailing the role and expectations of a councillor. A resume of relevant career history and key core skills was made available and members commented on the experience and being well suited to that of a councillor. Members were asked to vote on the election of Diana. Proposed by Cllr N Taylor and seconded by Cllr G Watt. Show of hands, unanimously agreed to co-opt to the LPC. Cllrs thanked her and welcomed to the council. Clerk to send relevant forms for completion and return.

**83/19 Updates from District & County Councillors:** Cllr N Taylor reported as follows: Next full council meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July so no significant updates since last meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to attend Longmoor Town Community Partnership meeting at the Forest Centre. Cllr N Taylor to report back to the attending Police issues with damage to vehicles in Lindford Wey.

It was reported that a planning committee meeting for Alton approved 240 homes on the former Treloar site opposite the sports centre.

Thanks to RFO & Clerk for arranging and managing the Open Afternoon. It was acknowledged that footfall was down, this due to the very hot weather and fete at St Matthews School and BBQ at Café 1759. The Chairman and Vice chair also gave their thanks.

Thanks, sent to Yvonne Parker-Smith for her email advising out of hours GP service has been retained by Badgerswood Surgery following recent decision to remove from the area. All agreed this was good news and hoped it remained in force for some time to come.

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A brief update on the Chase Hospital was given with emphasis on correcting some wildly inaccurate negative reporting on social media. Cllrs continue to work with NHS Property Services, CCG & Southern Hampshire Primary Care Alliance. These are the groups who have the final say in what happens. As in previous meetings the location of Whitehill/Bordon and Lindford falls outside any one controlling authority which is not helping the situation.

**84/19 Playground repairs** The Clerk has now received three quotes for repairs/replacement of the wet pour on Mimosa & The Triangle playgrounds. Quotes from Playsafe Playgrounds, Wicksteed and Sawscapes. The quote from Playsafe was agreed as the best value for money and the detailed summary of works proposed and H & S aspects of the work resulted in Playsafe being awarded the contract. Proposer being Cllr D Barr, seconded by Cllr G Watt and show of hands unanimously agreed. Clerk to instruct the contractor to proceed.

### **85/19 Finance and Accounts (RFO) (10 mins)**

- a. To receive and approve Receipts & Payments report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, **previously circulated.**
- b. To receive and sign as approved, a list of payments made during June 2019. **previously circulated.**
- c. To receive and approve the bank statements and corresponding bank reconciliations at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, **previously circulated.**

Member had previously seen the financial reports. Cllr G Biddiscombe noted office equipment and subscriptions were ahead of budget for this time in the financial calendar. RFO acknowledged and most subscriptions are taken at the start of the financial year and Admin Expenses encompassed many varied items, a breakdown shall be available on request.

RFO offered Cllr D Garnade the opportunity to come into the Parish Office one Tuesday or Thursday morning if she wanted to have the accounting reports explained in more detail.

Chair asked that items a – c above be voted on together, this was done and proposer was Cllr D Barr, with seconder Cllr N Taylor. Show of hands, accepted with one abstention being Cllr D Garnade who has only joined LPC today. Signed and dated.

**86/19 S.106 grant and Whitehill & Bordon Grant updates:** Clerk confirmed the request for grant funding for the hedge from the S.106 monies remaining has been completed and with no adverse comments from members shall be submitted to the grants team this week. This work will be in accordance with the quote received from Imadene Gardens Ltd.

**87/19 Dog waste bag dispensers:** Clerk confirmed that 2 units have been installed, with one on Mimosa and the other outside the Village Hall. A third unit has been ordered and to be located on the Triangle. Cllr N Taylor advised members that The Dogs Trust in recent correspondence with his had included information on free dog waste bags, details to be sent to the Clerk for investigation. Members were keen that the next newsletter carried detail on how

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LPC were helping to tackle the ongoing problem with dog fouling the pavements and verges.

**88/19 Store Room extension:** Whilst the Clerk continues in discussion with the legal department at EHDC, a plan for an 'L' shaped extension to the store room has been drafted. Members have identified 4 potential contractors.

Clerk express difficulties in the storage and easy retrieval of archived records which are currently stored in various locations.

**89/19 Christmas lights:** Plantscape have been in contact trying to firm up requirements for solar trees this year. Cllrs agreed the light last year were much improved and reliable. Unfortunately, two of the sponsors have yet to pay LPC. The cost of the solar lights is high and reliant on grant money and sponsorship to be viable. Also, limitations from HCC Highways and lamp post owner SSE make the location of the trees somewhat challenging and results in clusters. There has also been feed back from a resident about the poor environmental friendliness of such plastic trees and batteries etc.

LPC agreed in full that the village should have some sort of Christmas decorations and the idea of a planted tree with battery powered lights [two sets already owned] that would grow and establish would be worth investigating. Cllr G Biddiscombe noted that with no real centre to the village the location could be an issue. Clerk to investigate options.

**90/19 Parish Plan update:** With the recent road shows on the draft EHDC Local Plan and information supplied by Cllr N Taylor, the importance of the Lindford Parish Plan was reinforced. The Chairman had requested that Cllrs come to the meeting with two suggestions for questions that could be considered for public consultation. Cllrs M Smith & S Banks van Zyl had submitted these in advance. Cllr S Bennett had indicated that he was unable to come up with anything meaningful and the remaining Cllrs had not come up with suggestions at this time. Cllr N Taylor did explain that where the draft Local Plan has called up a minimum number of properties that need to be built within the Parish, we have very little space and some recent applications could be considered part of this number. The Parish Plan would be more targeted if we were to concentrate on the appearance of the village and making sure any development was in keeping.

It was proposed that the Clerk seek a number of possible questions that could be included in the next newsletter. These to be submitted to members for review and approval prior to issue. The replies to be either a tear off strip, A4 insert that could be returned and signposting to either the Website or maybe Lindford Village Hall Facebook page. Cllr N Taylor suggested 'survey monkey' which the Clerk liked but from a GDPR point of view and limited number of resident's email addresses would be difficult to manage.

Clerk advised residents of Chase Road have been in discussion regarding further request to improve road safety between the Methodist Church and Taylors Lane with a one-way system to prevent road rage incidents and speeding traffic. Two recent near misses with children have further highlighted this concern. This could be one of the questions put forward.

**91/19 Parish Clerk Update**

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The Parish Office has remained very busy with a summary of tasks detailed as follows:

- Contacts with EHDC Solicitor on land ownership issues
- Identification, photography, GPS locations and SSE numbers for lamp posts considered suitable for the SLR submitted to Highways. Additionally, a post in Mill Lane discussed with HCC Highways who have quoted for the installation. Cllr Adam Carew has expressed his willingness to look at covering this with a grant as a road safety improvement
- The Open Afternoon was poorly attended for reasons mentioned earlier. The Clerked wanted to thank the groups who attended e.g. Whitehill & Bordon Disability Action Group, The Dogs Trust, Brownies and Rainbows, The Beehive pre-school group. The volunteers and paid attractions. The event was great fun despite the low attendance.
- Portable appliance testing has been scheduled in, also a service and de-scale of the boiler.
- Reports of vandalism to cars parked in Lindford Wey reported to authorities.
- Damage to hedge adjacent bin store (seen on CCTV) reported to the Police as anti-social behaviour.
- Quotes to remove dead tree outside the Parish Office being obtained. (Cllrs approved removal of the hedge to prevent future children's dens from occurring)
- A new 660 litre waste bin has been ordered under a 12 month contract with Veolia to overcome issues with excess rubbish and build up of rubbish bags with associated risk of vermin. RFO & Clerk managed to negotiate a highly competitive rate.
- Posters for the ChewBoys play EUAN have been printed and going up on noticeboards etc. Clerk asked Cllrs for their ticket requirements with 4 tickets reserved.
- A new Church group meeting has been booked for Sunday mornings. The group are aware we do have occasional Sunday morning/lunchtime children's parties and say they can be flexible and work around these. However, they have requested we store drums, keyboard and a PA system which we are trying to find space for.

## **92/19 Correspondence**

Emailed communication regarding out of hours and wrongly routed Thames Water tanker lorries received. Submitted to Thames Water Treatment works who have responded. Cllr N Taylor has also been in contact with Thames Water.

Many occasions on Social Media where resident commenting on topics such as changes to bus schedules and the switching off of streetlights. Many of these subject matters are communicated from EHDC or County e.g. consultation paper on changes to bus timetables and streetlight energy saving but not being seen by what seems to be the majority of residents. DC have been asking how they can improve communications with residents and seeking ideas and suggestions.

**Meeting finished 8-10pm**

**Next meeting is on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**

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