

Minutes

Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm

Agenda used dated 21/08/2019 (Rev 0)

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

Present: T Hampshire (RFO), S Holden (Clerk)

93/19 Apologies Cllr D Garnade

94/19 Declaration of interests Declaration of interest from Cllr N Taylor – as a District Councillor, I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on information before me at this meeting and might change in the light of further information and/or discussions that take place at District and sub-committee meetings.

95/19 Planning

The following have been reviewed by members since the last LPC Meeting with no objections or adverse comments being logged. Members confirmed no new issues on items 1 to 3 below.

1. Land adjacent to Periwinkle Close. Oak tree reduction and crown lift – Case No. 52106/004 – Due 31/07/
2. Housing, St Lucia Park (nearby Parish). External Infill Insulation and render to all dwellings – Case No. 56425/001 – Due 07/08/2019
3. Lindhurst, Windsor Road. Use of dwelling house C3(a) as a house under class C3 (b) for up to 6 people living together as a single household and receiving care for learning disabilities or mental health problems – Case No. 36558/003 – Due 21/08/2019 Cllr N Taylor commented that vehicle parking issues could arise in the future and needs to be monitored.
4. **Proposal:** Single storey extension to side and rear. Wellfield House, Mill Lane, Headley, Bordon, GU35 0PD. Case No. 52609/001 Land parcel reference 47246 by 18th September 2019 – Cllr M Smith reviewed. Noted out of Parish and reviewed by Headley. Proposals appear satisfactory to LPC.

96/19 Agree and sign minutes from LPC Meeting 02/07/2019 Proposed by Cllr N Taylor and seconded by Cllr S Bennett, show of hands, 1 abstention as not at meeting from Cllr S Banks Van Zyl. Remainder of Cllrs agreed. Signed, dated and returned to Clerk.

97/19 Public Discussions: LPC welcomed a Windsor Road resident who wanted to enquire from members why their road had not received

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the latest Parish Newsletter when they had been told it contained a proposal to close Chase Road which would impact upon the traffic using Taylors Lane. The Clerk advised that newsletters were in the process of being delivered and Taylors Lane shall be receiving copies in the next few days. With regards Chase Road, the newsletter includes a set of questions asking for feedback on a number of issues that had been raised. The problems with parking and road rage issues combined with road safety concerns resulted in a question asking if residents would like to see a section of Chase Road become one way? Responses would be collated and comments from all returned forms carefully reviewed. There are no firm plans in place to make any changes at this time and should the majority of residents want such changes it would be down to HCC Highways to consider and go to public consultation. With no reported serious accidents any such activity would be very low priority.

Additional complaint regarding the number of Thames Water Tankers still routing incorrectly and other vehicles driving at excessive speed.

Cllr N Taylor asked if it was possible to send data collected from Taylors Lane to the Police.

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Updates from District & County Councillors:

Cllr N Taylor had attended last nights meeting at Whitehill/Bordon for the discussion on Chase Hospital. Reported approx. 200 attendees and some heated emotional discussion. The representative from the CCG fielded questions as best as she could bearing in mind decision makers elsewhere. Misinformation had been circulated that Chase Hospital was up for sale. This is not the case and it is the commercial arm of NHS offering rooms for rent. The Rightmove website if viewed clearly shows offices to rent and nothing under 'for sale'. Limited to A1 class user only.

Noted that rental rates for NHS services are expensive at Chase Hospital and due to ownership differences the Alton Community Hospital is cheaper for NHS services to rent.

Planning application for the new Whitehill & Bordon Health Hub have been submitted and although services offered have reduced the Chase shall remain open until such time as the new Hub is commissioned. Flats shall be located above the new Health Hub to help retain costs.

Clerk queried social media reports saying the minor injuries unit at Haslemere Hospital was to close. Cllr N Taylor was aware of there being a significant investment going into Haslemere and had no knowledge of the reports on social media.

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Cllr N Taylor gave a brief overview of the EHDC 'large development sites in EHDC consultation' stating that Medstead and Four Marks had been given high concentrations of proposed development. Bringing development under one plan rather than piece meal should permit more infrastructure.

Cllr D Barr commented that being outside the Southdown's National Park results in higher concentrations of development.

99/19 **Playground repairs**

Wet pour repairs/replacement have been completed and reports that the result is satisfactory. Cllr S Bennett has visited the site and reports works as 'very good'.

100/19 **Finance and Accounts (RFO) (10 mins)**

- a. To receive and approve Receipts & Payments report to 31st August 2019, **previously circulated.**
- b. To receive and sign as approved, a list of payments made during July & August 2019, **previously circulated.**
- c. To receive and approve the bank statements and corresponding
- d. bank reconciliations at 31st July 2019, **previously circulated.**
Items a, b, c & d considered together with proposer Cllr D Barr and seconded by Cllr S Banks Van Zyl, show of hands unanimously approved.
- e. Grant application for £300-00 Victim Support under S.137. Chairman asked RFO for grant funding remaining for the year, advised £800-00. Cllr S Banks Van Zyl commented this was a worthy cause and available to anyone needing help. It was asked if we knew or could find out how many people in Lindford had benefited from this service. Cllr S Banks Van Zyl thought GDPR could prevent too much detail, but it was asked that LPC ask the question if a grant were to be approved. Show of hands for an award of £300-00 failed with proposal for £200-00 carried by the casting vote of the Chairman. RFO to issue a grant award for £200-00. Members are aware of further requests pending from other charities.
- f. Approve updated Lloyds Bank mandate.
It was resolved to remove ex Cllrs H Whiley and S Weller from the bank mandate. RFO in process of arranging replacement signatures which shall be submitted next meeting.

101/19 S.106 grant for hedge. Clerk advised the grant forms having been submitted were queried with additional information regarding LPC accounts, land ownership and detailed plan being requested. This information has been sent to EHDC and awards decision awaited.

102/19 Dog waste bag dispenser. Feedback has been mainly positive, but replenishment of bags has been a problem.

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Cllr N Taylor raised a complaint he had received whereby a resident had used Mimosa Green for a BBQ and mowed a patch of grass to use as a cricket pitch. Clerk also in receipt of this complaint.

Cllr S Bennett reminded members that the Open Spaces Policy prevents the use of hard balls. (see appendix 1)

- 103/19 Store Room extension** Draft request to tender has been drafted and ready to submit for estimates. Three contractors shall be required to move this forward, however the Clerk proposed initially to seek one quote to give LPC a feel for the sums of money involved before committing to full tendering process as funding likely on a 50/50 funding basis.

Cllr S Bennett could not see from the plans where the door would be fitted. Clerk was looking at a walk-through subject to meeting fire regulations. Guidance needed to be sought on this.

- 104/19 Christmas lights** Update on tree acquisition for a substantial rooted tree (supply & plant). First quote is £1k. This would be a living asset for the village and eco-friendly. Previous solar trees were only leased and cost more. Tree to have battery powered Christmas lights. PC already own two sets and obtaining a quote for a further two.

Cllr's debated the pros and cons of various potential locations where the tree could be planted. Without a central village square/green a location proved problematical with some members preferring using an existing open space whilst others thought a central location more appropriate. Cllr S Banks Van Zyl was keen for the tree to become a focal point for gatherings. Cllr S Bennett preferred a location outside the village shops subject to permission.

Members agreed for Clerk to proceed with further estimates and Cllrs asked to think about locations in readiness for next meeting. Consideration about land ownership, proximity to dwellings (light disturbance) etc.

- 105/19 Parish Plan update.** Responses to newsletter survey have started to arrive. Newsletter deliveries are continuing. 17 survey results returned to date. Clerk shall collate the information and present feedback later in the year.

- 106/19 Parish Clerk Update.**

New format LPC members individual email accounts are now ready for activation by each councillor. Clerk requested all members to activate and start using within 2 weeks. Any problems opening and using to be advised to the Parish Office who have access to our IT specialist for assistance if required.

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Hot water urn in kitchen had to be replaced on health and safety and serviceability grounds.

All 'portable appliance testing' has been completed.

Aspire Cleaning have cleaned the chair upholstery with good results. Some scuff marks and scratches on the halls wooden flooring were noted after their visit. It is hoped these will blend out when next buffed up.

It has been necessary to write to three residents asking for overgrown hedges to be cut back as overhanging pavements. There have been positive outcomes on all three.

Direct contact with EHDC and HCC regarding issues such as abandoned vehicles, rubbish collection, fly tipping, noise etc. are being directed to the relevant websites for reporting. It is noted the telephone numbers are very busy and not easy to get through. Clerk to publish contact details in a future newsletter.

Lower half of the hall, kitchen walls and corridor outside the toilets being repainted in readiness for pre-school return.

VH fire door inspection has been carried out free of charge. A couple of minor adjustments required and batteries in door release mechanisms replaced.

Newsletter distribution has been troublesome this time. Need to review and agree future of the newsletters and delivery service before next edition approx. November.

LPC now have access to Parish Online mapping service allowing detailed maps to be viewed when deciding on planning and other issues.

107/19 Updates from Cllrs

Cllr Diana Garnade reported prior to the meeting that she is looking at a Washford Lane road signing possibilities and has come across the following which she is following up - Yesterday I looked up 'roads maintained at public expense' on HCC website, and found all parts of Washford listed under that heading - rightly or wrongly; as 76 U231 FE05 (N part & part) and 76 U231 FY07 (S part). The section FE05 N part is the one I'm requesting a sign for.

Cllr M Smith reported a successful year to date with the allotments and all plots taken and well used.

Cllr N Taylor has been unable to contact Cllr A Carew regarding his request for update on possible school bus once the new school opens. Also, there has been a request to meet with the Head Teacher to discuss once term time starts.

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Cllr M Smith questioned the appearance of concrete bollards in the middle of the footpaths around the bungalows in Lindford Wey. With motorised scooters and wheelchairs, it was thought these to be inappropriate. Clerk also commented that Ambulances had been seen accessing the dwellings by parking nearby the front doors and thus driving up the paths which is no longer possible. Clerk thought it may have been Radian who erected these. It was requested the reason for the bollards be queried by the Clerk.

Cllr S Banks Van Zyl reported the wooden posts protecting the footpath from the road on the corner of Chase Road and Liphook Road have again been broken down. Broken glass from a vehicle's indicator/reflectors noted scattered on the road. Clerk has seen Highways mark up the post with note to replace 2 but leave one at footpath level.

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Proposal for goal posts on Mimosa Green. Round robin with LPC members in advance of this meeting predominantly in agreement for goal posts. However, members had correctly asked for the decision to be made at this meeting as some objections raised. Cllrs M Smith had been noted by Clerk as a yes which he queried and confirmed was not the case and that he had asked for discussion at this meeting as per the agenda item. Cllr N Taylor had provisionally agreed a grant to purchase goal posts.

Mixed opinions expressed with fears of damage to the grass, local residents' objections, potential for damage to nearby property, insufficient space, Examples of poorly maintained and worn grass at existing goal posts shown in photo form.

Cllr M Smith put forward the suggestion of mailing residents around Mimosa Green to seek their views.

Responses had indicated that the use of coats etc. have previously been enough for social games of football on the open spaces. Cllr S Bennett also reported that two traffic cones have been placed on Mimosa Green for use by footballers. One of these is marked 'LPC'

Cllrs S Bennett proposed to members that we do not endorse football posts. It was also reported that daily visits to Mimosa Green had not identified a single person playing football.

Members reviewed the issues the swings having the chains wrapped around the cross bar and using the posts as goals. The unwrapping of the chains is difficult and the use of the play area by youths could put off smaller children. Cllr D Barr added that fences behind the play area could be damaged from balls being kicked in that area of the green. Suggestions for locating goal posts put forward whereby a hedge would be behind the posts. An alternative would be to relocate the memorial bench and site the goal posts there.

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Cllr S Bennett put forward that the recommendations for the play area on Mimosa Green should be fenced off to prevent dogs etc. Cllrs D Barr & S Banks van Zyl who had recently attended training on playground inspections advised fencing off a dedicated play area was recommended but the limited scope of equipment on Mimosa Green did not warrant fencing and complied as they understood it.

District Councillors funding would be available from Cllr N Taylor if members agreed to proceed and he had viewed various options and costings. Members thought rather than fixed goal post moveable ones might be an option. Cllr N Taylor's asked that his agreement for goal posts be minuted. He was also concerned that should children be discouraged from using the Open Spaces for football they could then play in the streets or other unsuitable areas with risk to them and property.

Cllr G Watt shared concerns previously expressed about fixed goal posts. He did however agree that portable posts could be the answer.

Cllr S Banks Van Zyl thought LPC should be seen promoting play activities and good health. The council had responded to issues with dog waste which is positive yet not in agreement to do something for the youths who want to play football. Cllr M Smith challenged on the grounds that he is not a resident of Mimosa Green and might take a different view if he was.

Vote taken by Cllrs. Those in agreement to have goal post = Cllrs D Barr, N Taylor & S Banks Van Zyl. (3 votes for)

Those against Cllrs G Biddiscombe, S Bennett, M Smith and G Watt (3 votes against)

Chairman's casting vote is no – Members resolved not to have goal posts on Mimosa Green.

Note: Cllr N Taylor's requested Cllrs votes to be recorded in these minutes for transparency.

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Update on travellers' encampments in region

Clerk advised that wooden posts had been installed on Mimosa Green in accordance with residents' numerous requests to help prevent travellers occupying the green. This had been actioned promptly due to the proximity of encampments and risk. Whilst travellers tend not to go onto grounds surrounded by housing this was not the case in Guildford where an Open Space on an estate was occupied.

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Cllr S Banks Van Zyl commented that these posts had gone in without debate at LPC Meeting or polling residents. Chairman advised LPC had received considerable communications from residents fearing an encampment and were seen to be acting quickly in response to their fears.

Clerk and Cllr N Taylor were monitoring EHDC postings and whereabouts of the travellers.

Imadene have quoted circa £230-00 to replace the dog waste bin near the allotments. The existing bin being in a poor state of repair and not particularly hygienic design. Members agreed to replace the bin.

Qty 6 each bird nesting boxes and bat boxes made available to LPC. It was agreed the Clerk should offer these on the webpage, Facebook or next newsletter on a first come first served basis.

110/19 Update on Land behind Five Acres / Land Registry

1. Fencing reinstatement had been requested of one of the residents who have removed their rear fence opening their garden on to the Open Space. Legal advice and feedback from the Land Registry had stated that LPC should maintain a physical barrier / fence line if owners refused to reinstate their boundary. The costs of LPC reinstating the fence line could be recovered from the resident.
2. Currently LPC are paying £300-00 pa for grass cutting and maintenance of this area.
3. LPC looking to write to residents with an update on progress with Land Registry.

N.B. Cllr N Taylor has seen a letter from EHDC indicating they have been requested to investigate an 'alleged operational development – removal of fence to gain access to public land'

Considering the information from EHDC it was decided that LPC could not proceed further at this time pending outcome.

111/19 SLR updates

Whilst taking time to complete the new locations for the SLR on the Martin Grant estate and Liphook road are due to be confirmed anytime now. HCC Highways ok with locations but SSE taking a while to respond. Clerk had been asked to send latest insurance documents to HCC which has now been done. Clerk confirmed he had discussed the SLR with the brokers during insurance renewal process.

112/19 Correspondence

Details of the 'Local Plan drop in event' at Bordon on 19th September have been received and circulated with the flyers being posted on Parish Noticeboards. Members were encouraged to

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attend this meeting as details of the proposal for Whitehill/Bordon are included.

Clerk had previously circulated a 'Church Appeal' from Lindford Methodist Church. The Church is celebrating its 150th birthday next year and are seeking any photos or information on the church. The possibility of an event on The Triangle in partnership with the Church was discussed and agreed in principle. Grant funding for a community event could be available subject to compliance with funding religious groups not being compromised.

Letter has arrived regarding a planning appeal under Town & Country Planning Act. 1990 ref. APP/M1710/W/19/3234733 regarding development at Three Oaks, 104 Chase Road in Lindford. Members requested Clerk to re-state previous objections.

Meeting closed 8-30pm

Next meeting Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7pm.

Appendix 1 Open Spaces Policy

MIMOSA GREEN – PEAR TREE GREEN – THE TRIANGLE – LAND ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL

1/ THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE FORBIDDEN ON THE OPEN PLAY AREAS FOR WHICH LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE:

2/ UNLAWFUL ACCESS BY MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH INCLUDES ALL FORMS OF MOTORCYCLE.

3/ DOG FOULING – BINS ARE PROVIDED FOR THIS.

4/ LITTERING – BINS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR THIS.

5/ THE DRIVING OF GOLF BALLS, AND ANY HARD BALL GAMES.

6/ OVER AGED USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT. THE EQUIPMENT IS MEANT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE AND CRADLE SWINGS ARE FOR INFANTS.

7/ DESTROYING OF PLANTS AND TREES.

8/ UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.
WILFUL DAMAGE OF ANY SORT.

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