

Minutes of LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held
5th November 2019.

Present: Cllrs D Barr (Vice Chair), S Banks Van Zyl, S Bennett,
D Garnade, M Smith, N Taylor, G Watt

In attendance: RFO T Hampshire, Yvonne Parker-Smith

126/19 Apologies Cllrs G Biddiscombe, Clerk S Holden

127/19 Declaration of interests Cllr N Taylor declared that as a District Councillor, he wished to make it clear that any views he expressed were based on information before him at this meeting and that they may change in light of further information and/or discussions that take place at District Council and/or Sub-Committee meetings.

128/19 Planning

Proposal 1: Re: Proposal: Oak T1 - Finished length of branches after reduction will be between 4/5 metres with all cuts back to suitable secondary growth points. Giving clearance from nearest property no.14 of 2/3 metres. Also reducing lateral branch work will reduce weight on limbs above conservatory reducing the likely hood of limb failure.

Site Address: 12 Azalea Avenue, Lindford, Bordon, GU35 0YD Case No: 38183/004 – **NO OBJECTION**

129/19 Agree and sign minutes from LPC Meeting 01/10/2019
Proposed by Cllr S Bennett, seconded by Cllr D Garnade, two abstentions, show of hands agreed as accurate record.

130/19 Public Discussions: Mrs Parker-Smith expressed her disappointment in the Parish Council's previous decision not to erect goal posts on Mimosa Green. As a District Councillor she supported the Parish Council with numerous grants and would have liked support on this matter. Currently, children wrap the swing seats around their posts which can be difficult to re-instate. The original decision was arrived at by a vote with opinions varying. It was agreed to bring the matter back to the table in 6 months at which point nearby residents would be consulted. Mrs Parker-Smith also brought attention to the state of the pavements outside Mimosa Green and the Martin Grant estate generally. She also thanked Cllr Neville Taylor who would be laying a wreath at the Methodist Church.

131/19 Updates from District & County Councillors:

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Cllr N Taylor:

- The drop-in centre that operates out of the hall behind the working men’s club would like a grant for their Christmas meal as in previous years. EHDC will now only give grants to a constituted organisation which they are not. The Parish Council could apply for the grant on their behalf and it was agreed to do so.
- Cllr Taylor confirmed he would be laying a wreath at the Methodist Church on Sunday 10th November.
- He had originally been supportive of the goal posts on Mimosa Green and could have funded them but agreed that the way forward was consultation first.
- He was still fighting for a school bus but there had been no communication from Hampshire County Council and the school opens next Monday 11th November. A map giving a radius of 3 miles from the school had been circulated to parents and it was expected that children from 8 years old living within this distance could walk. He added that it would be chaos on Monday when the children return and that there is a small car park at the end of Budds Lane that will be the drop off point as the school is not allowing children to be dropped off in the school grounds.

132/19 Finance and Accounts (RFO)

- a. The Receipts & Payments report to 31st October 2019 was approved and signed
- b. The list of payments made during October 2019 was approved and signed
- c. The bank statements and corresponding bank reconciliations at 30th September 2019 were noted.
A, b & c considered together. Proposed by Cllr S Bennett and seconded by Cllr D Garnade. Show of hands unanimous.
- d. The proposal to update the Lloyds Bank mandate was agreed.
- e. The draft budget and capital expenditure requirements for the Council and the Village Hall for 2020/2021 was considered. A budget requirement of £69,585 was approved. With a budgeted income of £20,680 from the hall, a precept of £48,300 was agreed which is no increase from last year. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Taylor and a show of hands.
- f. The external audit report for the year ending 31st March 2019 was received with no recommendations to Council.
- g. Grant application from Phoenix Theatre reviewed. Cllrs agreed to award £250-00 under the powers S.137. Proposed by Cllr S Bennett and seconded by Cllr G Watt.

133/19 S.106 grant for hedge. A sum of £522.00 had been received from S.106 environmental improvements and Cllr Adam Carew had agreed to make up the shortfall for a native species hedge to be planted outside the railings of the enclosed garden area of the village hall. Imadene Gardens had been assigned to do the planting.

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134/19 Christmas lights. It was reported that the Taylor-Green Spar had agreed to locate a Christmas tree in the area outside the shop and would source some lights. A gathering of people may also be organised.

135/19 Parish Clerk Update

1. It was noted that the Clerk is currently on leave with the RFO covering with extra hours as required.
2. A building contractor was coming to look at the requirements for the storage extension and give a quote, and advise of any issues there may be with an outside drain cover. When a clearer idea of the costs involved was known, the matter would be discussed further.
3. Cllr Barr reported that there had been ingress of water from the fire doors leading to the garden which has caused the rotting of the floor each side. He said consideration would have to be given to cutting out the rotten areas and improvements made with drainage at the point of the entrance to avoid this happening in the future. He would investigate this and report further.
4. There had been a water leak from the hot water urn that had gone unnoticed for several weeks. This had caused the kitchen worktop to lift at a join and peel back at the edges. Some of the cupboards had swelled and it was unlikely they would return to normal. It was agreed to approach the maintenance contractor who installed the new urn, explain the situation with the intention to come to an agreement on a favourable cost to replace the worktops.
5. The high-level lighting in the hall needs to be accessed to replace tubes and emergency light batteries and it was agreed to get an external body to do this.
6. The tree in the garden area was beginning to outgrow its position. It was agreed to approach Glen Dorans with a view to pruning it back.
7. The subject of some form of sun protection in the garden area was discussed. The possibility of an awning was considered, and that of a gazebo and it was agreed that these options would be costed and brought back to a future meeting.
8. It was acknowledged that the current payment of £120 to deliver newsletters across the parish was too low. It was agreed to pay up to £200 depending of the number of houses required once some had been covered by councillors. It was also agreed to reduce the number of newsletters produced to two a year.

136/19 Responses from Newsletter Survey. There was a lengthy discussion of how to respond to the information gathered in the newsletter questionnaire. It was acknowledged that some of the suggestions received would be outside the jurisdiction of the parish council, and that resources are spread thinly for other matters. Cllr Bennet proposed this be deferred to another meeting once all replies had been collated and the information reviewed.

137/19 Christmas Thank You Gathering. Cllr Barr asked members to consider having a festive "thank you" for those in the parish who help and

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contribute in various ways. This was agreed and the date was set for Wednesday 4th December.

138/19 Open Space behind Five Acres, Lindford. There was no update on this subject.

139/19 Correspondence. There was no correspondence to report on.

Meeting closed 8-44pm

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

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