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LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm 2019

Agenda dated 25/11/2019 (Rev 1)

Attendees: Cllrs D Barr (Vice Chairman), S Banks van Zyl, G Watt, D Garnade, S Bennett

Present: Clerk S Holden

140/19 Apologies Cllrs G Biddiscombe (Chair), M Smith, N Taylor, RFO T Hampshire.

141/19 Declaration of interests: Cllr D Garnade advised as she works for the CAB who have a grant request under section 146/19 d she would abstain from this decision making process. No other declarations made.

142/19 Planning No applications submitted to this meeting.

143/19 Agree and sign minutes from LPC Meeting 05/11/2019
Proposed by Cllr S Banks Van Zyl, seconded by Cllr S Bennett.
Show of hands. Agreed and signed.

144/19 Public Discussions: No members of the public in attendance.

145/19 Updates from District & County Councillors: Apologies received from District and County Councillors.

146/19 Finance and Accounts

- a. To receive and approve Receipts & Payments report to 30th November 2019, **previously circulated.**
- b. To receive and sign as approved, a list of payments made during November 2019, **previously circulated.**
- c. To receive and approve the bank statements and corresponding bank reconciliations at 31st October 2019, **previously circulated.**
- d. Grant application from CAB.

Members reviewed items a.b & c together. Agreed and proposed by Cllr D Garnade, seconded by Cllr G Watt. Signed as approved by Cllr D Barr

Grant application as received and previously circulated discussed. Members agreed to award a sum of £250-00 under S.214

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147/19 Christmas Tree

Alan Lang Forestry have supplied a Christmas tree for use at the Village Hall and one for outside the row of shops. Lindford Beehive have supplied and fitted decorations to the hall tree which is very festive. The Clerk spoke to Julian Taylor-Green who has agreed to supply and fit lights to the tree outside the shops.

Cllr's commented on the attractive decoration of the Methodist Church in Chase Road.

148/19 Parish Clerk Update

The native species hedge grant request has been submitted to Cllr Adam Carew and we await the outcome. Cllr had previously agreed to fund this project shortfall albeit at a slightly lower amount.

The kitchen mixer tap has been replaced due to water leaking. This has been ongoing and several attempts to repair have failed. As a sealed unit it was necessary to replace in its entirety. In addition, the outside tap has been made more secure.

The ladies toilet (disabled cubical) door has come away from the partition studwork. This has happened several times previously and the partition is now degraded. Clerk has requested FM Wessex attend to repair as necessary.

Quotes for the repair to the water damaged floor inside the emergency door in the hall has been received. Cllr D Barr having reviewed the method of repair had concerns the work maybe more involved than the contractor has envisaged. However, it was agreed to award the contractor this work.

There are two other quotes. One for the possible stores extension is currently on hold pending further research into grant funding availability. A quote to replace water damaged work surfaces in the kitchen was rejected as original contractors' error was the cause. This contractor is looking to make good at cost price.

The newsletter has been printed and passed out for distribution. Cllr D Garnade noted that the text on page 1 has dropped off the bottom. Clerk apologies for this and had not checked after printing.

Clerk advised an ever-increasing number of parents parking outside the Village Hall and then walking their children across the bridge to school in Bordon. Whilst not an issue as such, the car park has been full on a number of occasions preventing the Clerk from parking. The original parking bay road markings have worn away, so parking has been poor. Cllrs agreed a request for the parking

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bays to be re-instated and a disabled bay assigned. Approval to appoint a contractor given and Clerk asked to proceed.

Previously, a resident had reported that without a Notice Board on Mimosa Green the LPC's Open Spaces Policy was no longer displayed. The Clerk has acquired three aluminium composite signs with anti-graffiti coating showing the policy and asked Imadene Gardening Services to erect a sign on Mimosa, The Triable and Pear Tree.

Pocket Parks are appearing around Whitehill & Bordon as an initiative by Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust. Cllrs have been sent an EHDC press release on this. Twenty trees have been planned in Savile Crescent, Bordon and local charities and schools have been invited to adopt a tree. The parks include a sculpture. The Clerk has been in contact with Sian Manning who is co-ordinating the project and there is a possibility of Lindford being awarded a number of trees. Cllrs were asked for their views on extra trees. Some concerns were raised about long-term costs associated with the trees. However, in line with EHDC environmental policy and with last week being plant a tree week, members agreed in principle to a Pocket Park. Various suggestions put forward for a location. Cllr S Bennett proposed around the village hall. To be reviewed when status of tree awards known.

Whilst on subject of trees, Cllr D Barr queried the time since the last tree survey. Clerk verified this was done in 2016 and whilst the urgent works had been carried out some recommendations remain. Cllr D Garnade shall be attending a 'basic tree survey & inspection course on 24th January 2020 at Sir Harold Hillier gardens in Romsey. It was proposed and agreed that Alan Lang be asked to repeat the tree survey with Cllr D Garnade in attendance once training completed.

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Responses from Newsletter Survey

The small number of survey forms returned was very disappointing. The data provided has been captured and included in the latest newsletter. Very little of the responses were achievable within the remit of a Parish Council. However, members agreed to use that data in future decision making as appropriate.

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Christmas thank you gathering 4th December

RFO has sent out invites. Approx. 25 confirmed but a number of responses still pending. Headley Fine Foods have been asked to deliver a platter for 25 guests. Sundry items including drinks are due delivery from Sainsbury's.

A Eyre from the Lindford Beehive pre-school have decorated the hall and agreed to set up the hall when they finish tomorrow.

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151/19 **Open space behind Five Acres, Lindford.**
Carried forward

152/19 **Correspondence** (10 mins)
LPC members were saddened to have a letter from Mrs C Ling reporting the sad loss of Robin Ling. Robin was well known to the Cllrs and had worked for the Parish for many years. A hard-working well-respected gentleman.

Further to the LPC Meeting 5th November 2019, Cllr D Barr was in receipt of a letter expressing dissatisfaction with the public discussion. Members of LPC mentioned within have been in contact with the sender and the matter is now resolved.

Meeting closed 8pm

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7pm