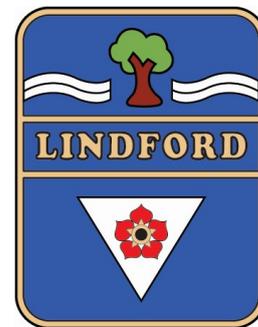


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**Of a meeting of LINDFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday
3rd March 2020 at 7pm at Lindford Village Hall**



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

Present: Clerk S Holden

024/20 Apologies Cllr N Taylor, S Banks van Zyl, RFO T Hampshire, Cllr A Carew

025/20 Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded of their responsibilities to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda and would be required to leave the room if they did.

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.

026/20 Planning

Cllrs had previously been sent details of applications at Bluebell Road, Aberfeldy & Mill Lane. None of these were a cause of concern or objection. Consideration to changes in the licensing hours for the Royal Exchange PH were discussed and viewed not to be a problem.

027/20 Agree and Sign Minutes

LPC Meeting 04/02/2020 proposed by Cllr S Bennett and seconded by Cllr D Garnade. Signed and dated.

028/20 Public Discussions

No members of the public attended this meeting.

029/20 Updates from District & County Councillors

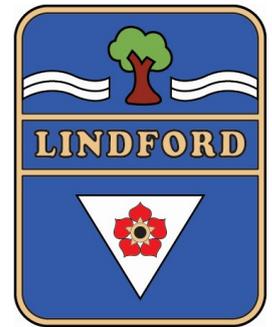
Cllr N Taylor submitted his report in advance that was read out by the Chairman. Copy at end of the minutes.

030/20 Finance and Accounts

- a) To receive and approve Receipts & Payments report to 29th February 2020, **previously circulated.**
- b) To receive and sign as approved, a list of payments made during February 2020, **previously circulated.**
- c) To receive and approve the bank statements and corresponding bank reconciliations at 31st January 2020, **previously circulated.**
- d) A grant application from Home Start dated 6th February 2020 was considered. However, the grant budget for the current year has been used and the Clerk would advise the applicants to re-apply after April.

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- e) 'Risk Assessment Iss. 6' as previously circulated was approved for another 12 months.
- f) Members noted that the internal audit of LPC financial matters shall be taking place on 20th April.

Items a,b & c taken together. It was resolved to accept with Cllr D Barr proposing and Cllr G Watt seconding, show of hands, unanimously accepted signed and dated.

031/20 Parish Clerk Update

Clerk has reported to EHDC ongoing problems with glass recycling bins located in the carpark at start of Chase Road. Originally 3 bins provided, this was reduced to 1 which is evidently does not have suitable capacity.

Village Hall kitchen refurbishment has been completed. Much improved. Clerk negotiating charges with contractor as it was felt the sum did not reflect reductions as part caused by the contractor in the first place.

Cllr A Carew has approved the grant for a native species garden adjacent to the VH enclosed garden. Work to strip grass has commenced. Future Skills Centre have been approached to see if they could produce a 'bug hotel' as a focal point for the garden.

S.106 grants open again. Clerk was asked to proceed with a survey pack to enable like for like quotes to be obtained on the stores extension as proposed. Agreement to proceed at £2500-00 as quoted by 3 builders.

The Disability Action Group have asked to use the VH on 24th May for a Pamper Day for its members. Cllrs agreed to make the hall available at no cost for this worthy group to help them become more established and help the disabled in our community.

Clerk confirmed a 3-year Service Level Agreement for Open Space grass cutting has been signed and now in force.

Members asked for contributions to the spring/summer Parish Newsletter.

The fitness class has returned to the Village Hall Wednesday evenings. The week evenings are now fully booked and weekend booking remain robust.

Keep Britain Tidy campaign posters received. Cllrs D Barr, N Taylor & D Garnade have agreed to participate. Cllr Barr asked if after the event the volunteers could meet for refreshments at the Village Hall.

It was noted that mole hills have collapsed under the artificial grass following recent heavy rain fall. Clerk investigating what action if any is going to be required.

032/20 Play Inspections annual playground inspection report

Cllrs were previously circulated the Play Inspection Company's annual playground inspection report. No high-risk items were identified. Clerk and members to monitor J Dorans' reports throughout the year to identify any repair works that become necessary.

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033/20 Grants received from Cllrs A Carew & N Taylor

Noted with thanks the approval and receipt of community grant funding from Cllrs A Carew and Cllr N Taylor.

034/20 Hawthorn Way

A resident has reported an inspection cover missing from a lamp post in Hawthorn Way. Live electrical wires are exposed. Clerk has contacted Meadfleet (Estate management company), HCC Highways, SSE and EHDC. None of these organisations have accepted responsibility for the lamp posts in the side road. Discussion remains ongoing. However due to the nature and risk remedial action shall be mandated.

035/20 VE Day 75th Celebrations

Cllr D Barr gave an overview of the event taking place at the VH on 8th May. The Lindford Working Men's club have organised the event together with Cllr D Barr. A request was made for LPC to provide some contingency funding should it be required. It was agreed the balance of the Chairman's allowance could be assigned to the event. It was asked if LPC would fund the printing of 1300 event flyers for inclusion in the LPC newsletter. Cllr G Watt kindly offered £100-00 to help cover printing costs as a donation to the event. Cllrs thanked him for his generosity.

036/20 Lengthsman Scheme

The contract renewal process has been undertaken by the lead Parish (Grayshott) and a new contractor, RP Gardening, has been awarded the contract.

037/20 Correspondence

None

Report from Cllr N Taylor sent in advance of the meeting.

I apologise that I cannot be there this evening so please do accept my apologies. Unfortunately work commitments get in the way.

There are two planning applications that have come in with regards to trees. Both requiring to trim their trees. Having visited both locations I do not see any reason at this stage that we should object.

At the last minute I have authorised two grants following an appeal by neighbouring wards due to Councillors spending all of their grants. One is for the Hollywater School to which some residents in Lindford attend. The project funded will develop inclusion for the young people and help educate the general population as to the skills and abilities young people with special needs can offer. This was for £400.

The other is to go towards VE Day celebrations for Whitehill Bordon which was submitted via Councillor Carew. As I had money available in my grant funding I have contributed £264.64 to ensure the project can go ahead.

I want to thank on record the hard work and determination that our Parish Clerk has done trying to sort out the lamp post located on Hawthorn Way. It remains a mystery why every lamp post on the estate would be adopted by Hampshire County Council except the three in this small part of Rowan Road. I am very disappointed that it was raised with HCC, EHDC and

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Meadfleet who chose to argue between themselves as to who had to sort it and whose responsibility it actually was. Money comes before safety it would have appeared. However constant challenge means the lamp post will be sorted and made safe and arguments over ownership made later.

I raised two questions at full council last Thursday evening. One was directed at Councillor Cowper the Cabinet Portfolio holder for Whitehill Bordon. Unfortunately, he left part way through the meeting, so I await a formal response. My question was " is it true that developers for the new town centre have run out of funds which is why the town centre originally planned to open in late 2019 has not even started. Residents are raising concerns but unfortunately your portfolio holder report is almost word for word from the previous month (copy and pasted) so doesn't actually update us on anything new" The Leader answered quoting delays due to uncertainty around Brexit. This didn't wash with me so I await as mentioned a full reply.

My other point raised was during the Council Tax debate. I went with every intention of voting against the 2% rise, however upon listening to the debate, I chose to go ahead and vote for it. My speech was "two years ago in every national newspaper and on the Conservative Home website, a Senior Councillor (Cllr Cowper) stood on a platform and said we would have zero council tax by 21/22 by using his acronym E.A.S.I or easy to you and I. Perhaps the Leader Councillor Millard would take some advice on that strategy as this is a very hard process to set out and achieve the budget, or is it true and should I have listed to my parents and teachers when they always said you shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers"

I have approached the club for involvement and sponsorship of the litter pick and as soon as I have more details, I shall update you.

Meeting finished 19-00hrs

Next meeting Tuesday 7th April at 7pm