

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in Lyddington Village Hall
on Monday 12 September 2011 from 19:30 to 20:20

Present: Cllr A Marshall (in the Chair)
Cllr D L Couldwell
Cllr H Johnson
Cllr W J A Westwood

Ms E A Hobley (Clerk)

Members of the village/others in attendance: None

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Questions and comments from the floor:** None
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs R Archer, I C Canadine, H Tassell. It was noted that a quorum was present.
3. **Co-option to the Parish Council:** It was noted that Ruth Archer had been co-opted to the Parish Council with effect from 25 July 2011 and the Clerk had lodged her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms with the County Council. **It was resolved that Mrs Archer's co-option be ratified.**

Heather Johnson had offered to fill the remaining vacancy on the Parish Council and was welcomed to the meeting. After due consideration, **it was resolved that Ms Johnson be co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.**

Actions:

- Lodge Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms for Heather Johnson with the County Council **(Clerk)**
- Update Parish Councillor contact list and circulate to all **(Clerk)**

4. **Declaration of Interests:** None
5. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 July 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

REGULAR REPORTS

6. **Playing Field**
 - 6.1 **Lyddington Tennis:** Cllr Westwood gave a report and it was noted that:
 - (i) Lyddington Tennis' 2010 Accounts had been presented at the Parish Council meeting in July;
 - (ii) its last meeting was held on 12 May 2011 and the minutes of that meeting were tabled; and
 - (iii) its next meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2011, which Cllr Westwood is due to attend.
7. **Planning Applications**
 - 7.1 **Schedule of planning applications:** The schedule of pending planning applications was noted. It was further noted that the pergola structure at the Old White Hart, for which retrospective planning permission had been refused, was due to be removed by 20 September 2011.
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1 **Current financial position and ratification of cheques issued:** The current financial position of the Parish Council for the year to September 2011 and a schedule detailing cheques issued since the last meeting were tabled and noted. **It was resolved that the signing of the cheques issued since the last meeting be and is hereby ratified.**

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REGULAR REPORTS (cont'd):

- 8.2 **Clerk's Expenses:** The Clerk's salary for July and August 2011 was received and approved (a total of £205.20, being 23.75 hours at £8.64 per hour). As reported at the Parish Council meeting in July, new guidance issued by HM Revenue & Customs' (HMRC) requires the Parish Council to operate PAYE on the Clerk's salary payments and therefore, until a PAYE system is in place, salary payments to the Clerk have been suspended – two payments (covering May to September 2011) are outstanding at present.

Action: Present a proposal for implementing a PAYE system to pay the Clerk (Clerk)

BUSINESS

9. Street Lighting

It was noted that in response to the draft proposal submitted to the County Council on 25 July 2011 confirmation of a grant of up to £602 towards the additional street light in Church Lane has been received. After further discussion, implementation of the draft proposal was agreed, subject to final approval by the Chairman.

Subsequent to the meeting, Cllr Westwood spoke to neighbours in Church Lane and reported concerns about some of the details of the draft proposal. It was therefore agreed that the proposal should not be implemented and a sub-Committee of the Chairman, together with Cllrs Couldwell and Westwood was formed to revisit the draft proposal.

Action: Sub-Committee to review draft street lighting proposal and report at the November meeting (ICC, WJAW, DC)

10. Speeding

Cllr Marshall presented a report, previously circulated to members by email, on the Community Speedwatch session carried out in Lyddington between 15 and 26 August 2011. Unfortunately, due to holidays and illness only four of the 10 trained volunteers were available during that time. The flow of traffic was also reduced due to school holidays, however, checks were carried out over around 30 hours and the results were as follows:

Total registering 35 mph or more: **98**

Average speed: **37.8 mph**

Highest speed: **47 mph**

The police have written to 45 motorists who were registered as travelling at 35 mph or more. PC Le Pla also attended the session and a copy of the results was sent to him at his request.

It was also noted, for possible consideration by the Parish Council in the future, that a scheme is in operation in Leicestershire (but not in Rutland) for the provision of relocateable speed indicator devices. The cost of such a device is in the region of £3,000 to £4,000 with three poles. There may also be some grants available.

Cllr Marshall recorded his thanks to everyone who assisted with this year's Speedwatch.

11. Meeting with County Councillor James Lammie

The Parish Council met with Lyddington's new County Councillor James Lammie on Thursday 18 August in the Village Hall. Cllr Lammie gave details of his background and current position. Various matters were discussed including: Rutland Core Strategy; the reasons for proposing an additional street light in Church Lane; maintenance of the footpath to Uppingham; and speeding in the village.

Actions:

- Send ongoing correspondence with the County Council over the fallen Church Wall to Cllr Lammie (DC)
- Tour footpath to Uppingham, identify where repairs are needed and engage with Dave Brown (County Council Highways) regarding the care and maintenance of the pathway, promised previously (TBC, Clerk)

12. Matters Arising

The Clerk apologised for the lack of the usual Matters Arising schedule and the Parish Council considered the items from the minutes of the previous meeting and schedule, including:

- (i) **E.ON Underground Project:** Mr Nobby Clarke (the Wayleave Officer) had confirmed that he has not yet contacted the new owners of 62 Main Street about siting the sub-station on their land (as agreed with the former owner).

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REGULAR REPORTS (cont'd):

- (ii) **Climate Change Levy:** The Clerk had confirmed with E.ON that the CCL does not apply to Lyddington's street lighting costs, as they are below the relevant threshold.

Action: Revisit previous correspondence from E.ON about other possible sites for the sub-station and its size (Clerk)

OTHER MATTERS

13. Clerk's items

13.1 **Rutland Fun Pod:** It was noted that the sessions on the Playing Field were now finished and that it had been well supported, with 18 to 20 children attending each week. A formal report from the organisers has been promised.

13.2 **Police Report:** A report was received from PC Le Pla noting that crime remains low in Lyddington. There has, however, been an increase in thefts from unattended motor vehicles around Rutland Water and thefts of diesel from parked cars on the A47 and farms in the area.

14. Village Newsletter

It was agreed that no newsletter will be published following this meeting.

A discussion also took place about who would take on collation of the items for the newsletter going forward (the last one was published in February 2011).

Action: Agree at November meeting who will take on collation of the newsletter (all)

15. Dates of next meetings

- Monday 14 November at 19:30 in the Village Hall
- Monday 9 January 2012 at 19:30 – venue to be confirmed as Village Hall will be closed for refurbishment

The Parish Council discussed the frequency of meetings and there was little appetite to reduce the number of meetings at present.

16. **Other matters:** The recent deaths of John Langdon and Pat Bealby were noted with great sadness. Details of the funerals will be circulated once they are known.

Action: Add item to the November meeting agenda on use of retained funds and possible village projects (Clerk)

Signed by Cllr H Tassell, Deputy Chairman, on 14 November 2011

Chairman

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