

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Monday 10 September 2012 at 7.30 pm to 9.15 pm

Present: Cllr I C Canadine (in the Chair)
Cllr R Archer
Cllr D L Couldwell
Cllr H Johnson
Cllr W J A Westwood

Members of the village/others in attendance: None

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Questions and comments from the floor:** None – see above.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr H Tassell and Ms E A Hobley (Clerk)
3. **Vacancy on Parish Council:** Cllr Couldwell reported that Mr James Tyers had confirmed that he was interested in being co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Members present unanimously **agreed** that he should fill the vacancy.

Action: Contact the Clerk and/or RCC regarding formalities (ICC)

4. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
5. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 July 2012 were approved as a correct record, subject to two minor corrections, and signed by the Chairman.

REGULAR REPORTS

6. **Playing Field**

6.1 The Chairman reported that:

- (i) He was waiting to hear from Mr Mick Wilkins about the replacement wood on the new tables.
- (ii) He would ask Mr Wilkins to look at the seats on the Green (near the swings) which are in need of some repair.
- (iii) The drains smell at the Chapel Lane end of the ditch in the Parish Field seems to have gone so no action needed to test the water unless it recurs.
- (iv) Mrs Harnett's hedge has been cut back.
- (v) *Allotment Extension:* Cllr Canadine has been able to obtain one tender for the allotment extension work. It was agreed that at least one more was needed. Two suggestions were made which he and Cllr Archer will follow up.

Actions:

- Ask Mick Wilkins to renovate seats on the Green (ICC)
- Obtain further tenders for allotment extension (ICC, RA)

6.2 **Lyddington Tennis (LT):** Cllr Westwood confirmed there was nothing to report regarding LT.

7. **Planning Applications**

7.1 **Schedule of planning applications:** The schedule of pending planning applications was noted.

8. **Finance**

8.1 **Current financial position and ratification of cheques issued:** The current financial position of the Parish Council to September 2012 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.

8.2 **Clerk's Expenses:** The Clerk's salary for July and August 2012 (a total of £170.57) was received and approved.

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BUSINESS

9. Refresh of Play Equipment

Cllrs Canadine and Tassell have made enquiries of three play equipment companies for schemes which would cost in the region of £20K and the Council agreed to involve Mr James Tyers, our proposed new councillor, who has young children and has shown an interest in the project. A scheme will be agreed and funders such as Cory and Wren will be approached for grants. The Council has a budget of £10K for the project.

Action: Contact James Tyers (ICC)

10. Matters Arising

The Parish Council considered the remaining items on the matters arising schedule, not already covered by the agenda and regular reports, including:

- (i) **Village email list:** It was decided that this idea was not practical and an occasional newsletter to all houses in the village should be continued.
- (ii) **Church Lane Grit Bin:** Cllr Archer will speak to Dave Brown at Rutland County Council Highways to try to resolve the issue of the grit bin site, which the Parish Council wish to place in Main Street, opposite number 33.

Actions:

- Investigate how to move the top soil to the cemetery (ICC, DC)
- Speak to RCC Highways about siting the grit bin for Church Lane on Main Street (RA)

OTHER MATTERS

12. Other items

12.1 **Police Report:** There was nothing to report.

12.2 **Superfast Broadband:** A letter has been received from Mr Paul Bimson, EM regional Partnership Director of BT who would like a meeting to update the Parish Council on Rutland's plans for superfast broadband. As Lyddington already has a superfast broadband provider, Cllr Canadine suggested that Peter Hems and Peter Lawson, who are two of the original investors in the Rutland Telecom service in Lyddington, should be asked to attend.

Action: Arrange a time and date to meet BT (ICC)

12.3 **ICare letter:** It was decided to take no action regarding the ICare letter about provision of Meals on Wheels.

12.4 **Churchyard ivy:** Cllr Couldwell reported that he had removed a large amount of ivy from the churchyard wall which is on the boundary of his garden, and that some of the wall was in a poor condition.

Action: Report this to Rutland County Council for remedial action in due course (ICC)

13. Village Newsletter

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

14. Dates of next meetings

Monday 12 November at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Signed by Cllr I C Canadine, Chairman, on 12 November 2012

Chairman

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