

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall On Monday 29 July 2013 at 7.30pm to 9.45pm

Present: Cllr I C Canadine (in the Chair)
Cllr H Tassell (acting Clerk for the meeting)
Cllr D L Couldwell
Cllr James Tyers
Cllr W J A Westwood
Cllr Karen Clarke

Member of the village/others
In attendance: Mrs Wendy Harnett

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Questions and comments from the floor:

Mrs Harnett asked if there had been any progress regarding the grounding of the electricity cables at the north end of the village. It was agreed that the Council should update the situation.

Mrs Harnett also enquired if there was any news on the Gigaclear Broadband for the village. Cllr Couldwell was able to confirm that he had spoken to the Rutland Telecom Directors who informed him it would be in place by the end of the year.

Action: Contact Mr Peter Hems and Mr Peter Lawson, for an update (ICC)

2. Apologies: Cllr R Archer and Ms E A Hopley, Clerk

3. Declaration of Interests: None

4. Minutes: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 May should be circulated and approved via email, when convenient to the Clerk.

REGULAR REPORTS

5. Playing Field and Lyddington Park Project

The Chairman reported that the fencing of the allotments had not been completed, and it was proving difficult to contact the contractor involved. It was agreed that if the work was not completed by the end of August, the Council will go elsewhere to get the work completed and renegotiate the payment with the Contractor.

Action: Contact Contractor when able (ICC)

Cllr Couldwell had been asked by several people if there was any chance of a water supply to the allotments. It was agreed that the Council should approach Severn Trent Water to make enquiries.

Action: Contact Severn Trent when able(ICC)

Cllr Westwood tabled the minutes of the Lyddington Tennis meeting held on 14 June 2013. He had confirmed by email to the members of that Committee, that they should keep a minimum of £5,000 in reserve, and that resurfacing after 15 years of use, would cost in excess of £15,000.

Cllr Tyers confirmed that funding from the Lyddington Fete Committee had now been paid. The working party had been organised to dismantle the play apparatus on Saturday 10 August. Wicksteed will commence the installation on 19 August,

duration two weeks. Opening ceremony will be planned for Saturday 21 September from 11.30am. Cllr Tyers will ask Lyddington Tennis if they wish to be involved. It was agreed to ask Bryan Baker of the Marquis of Exeter if he and the White Hart wish to take part in providing refreshments for the event.

Action: Prepare Opening Ceremony Parish Mailings (JT)

Action: Contact Rutland Times and Stamford and Rutland Mercury (KC)

Action: Inform Lyddington Tennis (JW and JT)

Action: Contact Brian Baker (JT)

Action: Inform Wren and Wicksteed of Event (JT)

Cllr Tyers confirmed that there are sufficient funds to refurbish the swings on The Green also.

The frequency of safety inspections for the new play equipment was discussed and considered to be extreme. It was agreed that the terms should be renegotiated if possible.

Action: Re-negotiate terms with Came and Company (KC)

6. Planning Applications

The Schedule of planning applications under current consideration and representation made was noted.

The receipt of the Decision Notice regarding the proposed works to the trees on the Green to make them safe was noted.

A programme for destroying old hardcopy planning applications was discussed. It was agreed that the more modern ones should be destroyed as agreed with Catmose. Some significant older planning applications, supplied by Peter Tomalin, should be forwarded to Dr Rosemary Canadine, who will assess the need for them to be sent to the County Records Office, or if not, destroyed.

7. Finance

The schedule confirming the current financial position of the Parish Council since the last meeting was noted.

It was agreed to approve the Clerk's expenses via email when convenient.

The written resolution of the Parish Council dated 12 June 2013 approving the 2013 Annual Return and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2013 on behalf of the Parish Council was noted and duly circulated for signature.

BUSINESS

8. Matters Arising from previous meetings

OTHER MATTERS

9. Clerk's items

Cllr Westwood will attend the meeting at 44 Main Street on Wednesday 31 July, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Annual Insurance Renewal is noted.

The letter from The Heart Rhythm Charity was discussed. Cllr Westwood reported that the Charity would provide an up-to-date defibrillator, but we would have to provide a high specification container at a cost of about £1500. It was agreed that the current defibrillator seemed adequate at the moment but the matter would be reconsidered when the Fete Committee called for bids for next year's fete proceeds. If there were no more urgent bids, we might ask for funds to install a new machine.

A formal letter will be sent to Mr and Mrs Sharpe thanking them for their kind gift of the bench situated beside the Village allotments.

Action: Letter of thanks to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council (ICC)

The volume of emails/paperwork received by Parish Councillors was discussed and it was decided to continue as at present, reassessing the situation if difficulties are experienced.

The Inclusion of the upgrade of the Lyddington to Uppingham Footpath in the County Council's budget for this year, was noted.

10. Village Newsletter

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

11. Date of next meetings

Monday 9 September 2013 at 19.30 in the Village Hall. Cllr Westwood and Cllr Tassell gave their apologies.

Monday 11 November 2013 at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

12. Other matters

Cllr Tyers reported that following the last MIL event, held in the Church, he was unable to leave his drive because of a car parked in the drive in Church Lane. Parking was unorganised, making access to several houses impossible.

Action: Conversation with Peter Lawson to resolve MIL event parking (ICC)

Cllr Canadine reminded the meeting of the importance of locating the whereabouts of power supplies beneath the front lawn of No. 4 The Green, and the Green in general. Cllr Clarke also reminded the meeting of the importance of registering both The Green and the Lyddington Playingfield with the Land Registry.

Action: Contact the Land Registry and locate the land deeds (ICC & KC when able)

Signed by Cllr I C Canadine, Chairman on 9 September 2013

Chairman