

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in Lyddington Village Hall
on Monday 14 November 2011 from 19:30 to 20.45

Present: Cllr H.Tassell (in the Chair)
Cllr D L Couldwell
Cllr H Johnson
Cllr R.Archer
Cllr A Marshall (also Acting Clerk)

Members of the village/others in attendance: Mr Dave Johnson (Clerk to Ridlington Parish Council who attended as an observer).

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Questions and comments from the floor: None
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs I C Canadine and J Westwood, and Parish Clerk, Ms L Hobley. It was noted that a quorum was present.
3. **Declaration of Interests:** None
4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 September 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

REGULAR REPORTS

5. **Playing Field**
 - 5.1 **Lyddington Tennis:**

The meeting reviewed the report by Cllr Westwood and confirmed its agreement with the proposed reserves and insurance cover. It also confirmed agreement with the proposal to allow up to a maximum of ten families from outside the village to use the facilities.

The Agreement with Lyddington Tennis as per the letter of agreement signed in February 2011 was reconfirmed.
 - 5.2 **Playing Field:**

Mr John Oakley has commenced work on hedge trimming and ditch clearance. Cllr Marshall reported that he understood that Mr Oakley had temporarily suspended work due to weather conditions. A check will need to be carried out when the Chairman returns. .
 6. **Planning Applications**
 - 6.1 **Schedule of planning applications:** The schedule of pending planning applications was noted.
 7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 **Current financial position and ratification of cheques issued:** The current financial position of the Parish Council for the year to November 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.
 - 7.2 **Clerks Expenses:** The Clerk's salary and expenses for September and October 2011 was received and approved (a total of £112.32). **It was resolved that** the proposal by Rutland County Council for payment of the Clerk's salary should be accepted.
- Action:** Contact Rutland County Council to arrange payment of Clerks wages (Clerk)

BUSINESS

8. **Street Lighting**

Cllr Couldwell updated the meeting on the sub committee's conclusions. These are that a traditional style light should be installed on the south side of Church Lane directly opposite the church entrance. This will

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BUSINESS (cont'd)

necessitate the preparation of a revised quotation and Cllr Marshall was given copies of the proposal to discuss with the Clerk on her return.

Action: Contact Eon and obtain revised quotation for street light on Church Lane next meeting (AM, Clerk)

9. Village Projects

It was agreed to ask for any suggestions in the next issue of the newsletter. The Councillors were also asked to come up with their own ideas for the next meeting. The objective is to have sufficient ideas to put forward to the village for discussion and agreement probably at the Annual Meeting in May and /or the fete.

10. Village Fete

The Parish Council confirmed that they were happy with the proposed amendments to the operation of the Annual Fete

11. Matters Arising

- (i) ***E.ON Undergrounding Project:*** Due to restructuring currently taking place in Eon no progress has been made in this matter since the last meeting.
- (ii) ***Footpath to Uppingham:*** Cllr Marshall agreed to prepare a draft letter to Rutland County Council and also discuss and/or inspect with the Chairman on his return.
- (iii) ***Village Newsletter:*** Cllr Archer agreed to prepare the next newsletter for distribution before Christmas. The rest of the Councillors to send any suggestions for inclusion as soon as possible.
- (iv) ***Venue for next meetings:*** Cllr Archer reported that she considered it to be unlikely that work on the alterations would commence before the January meeting. It was agreed that unless there was any change the meeting on 9 January 2012 would be held in the Village Hall.
- (v) ***Water stop tap in Chapel Lane:*** Cllr Couldwell reported that he understood that the stop tap is near to Main Street and therefore it would prove to be expensive to run a water supply from there to the allotments.
- (vi) ***Matters Arising Schedule.*** The Matters Arising Schedule was considered and discussed. It was agreed that Councillors would endeavour to take responsibility for some of the actions on the list and the Clerk will be consulted regarding these.

Actions:

- Tour footpath to Uppingham, identify where repairs are needed and engage with Dave Brown regarding the care and maintenance of the pathway (AM, ICC)
- Prepare newsletter for issue before end December (RA) and pass information to RA on items for inclusion in newsletter (all)
- Arrange for March 2012 meeting to be held at another venue while Village Hall is being refurbished (Clerk)
- Consider use of retained funds and possible village projects (all)

OTHER MATTERS

12. Clerk's items

12.1 ***Rutland Fun Pod:*** A formal report from the organisers is still awaited.

12.2 ***Police Report:*** A report was received from PC Le Pla noting that there had been no recent crimes in the immediate area. Copper thefts continue throughout Rutland and there had been one incident in the village involving damage to a vehicle.

12.3 ***Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks:*** It was agreed to renew membership of the Society for another year.

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OTHER MATTERS (cont'd)

- 12.4 **Parish Council Forum:** Cllr Archer gave a brief report on the Parish Council Forum meeting on 17 October. A full set of notes of the meeting is held by the Clerk and copies of the notes and presentations can be viewed on the County Council web site. Subjects covered included tourism in Rutland, the extension of the Call Connect bus service and the Local Development Framework.

OTHER MATTERS

13. **Dates of next meetings**
- Monday 9 January 2012 at 19:30 in the Village Hall
 - Monday 12 March 2012 at 19:30 – venue to be confirmed as Village Hall will be closed for refurbishment

Signed by Cllr H Tassell, Deputy Chairman, on 9 January 2012

Chairman