

LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Lyddington on Tuesday 12 April 2016 from 7.00pm to 7.50pm

Present:

Cllr James Tyers (Chairman)
Cllr Harriet Tassell (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr David Couldwell
Cllr Tony Fowell
Cllr Barney Sturgess

Mrs Tina Kaczmar, Parish Clerk

7 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Libby Hobleby and Cllr Holly East.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April 2015

The Chairman highlighted that the minutes had been published on the website and displayed on the noticeboards. No points were raised and the minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April 2015 were approved as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

The Chairman highlighted that the matters arising were dealt with as part of the summary report for 2015/2016 and he would address these as part of that report.

4. Summary and Financial Report 2015/2016

The Chairman went through the Summary and Financial Report 2015/2016. Parishioners were provided with copies at the meeting and copies of the report had been displayed on the noticeboards and posted on the website. www.lyddingtonpc.org.uk

In addition to the points made in the Summary Report the following points were discussed in detail:

Website

Mrs Tina Kaczmar talked through the requirement for the Parish Council to have a website to comply with the Transparency Code. The Parish Council is currently looking at new website providers as the current website will shut down in September 2016. Leicestershire County Council has selected 2commune as the preferred supplier but Parishes can select their own provider. The contract with 2commune would be 3 years. The Parish Council are

currently investigating whether we require all the functionality of the new website or whether we could find a more cost effective provider. The cost of the website will increase from £150pa to £250pa if 2commune are the provider.

Play Park

A resident raised the issue that the ends of the zip wire fill up with water when it rains and the first user after it rains gets wet. Cllr J Tyers agreed to look at this.

Lyddington Tennis

Cllr Barney Sturgess updated the meeting. Lyddington Tennis has resurfaced the court on the playing field. Subscriptions collected for the year so far are currently at £360. The committee have decided no additional fund raising is required at the moment as the maintenance required for the new court is minimal. The committee are aware that they need to advertise the availability of the tennis court more widely and will be addressing this at the next meeting.

Village Environment:

Cllr J Tyers highlighted the work that had been done to improve the village environment such as ivy removal in the church area and 2 new bins to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs. The meeting then went on to discuss several issues in more detail:

Speeding

The issue of speeding vehicles in the village was discussed in detail. Several points were raised to try and reduce speeds including: moving the speed signs at the Gretton end of the village, 30 mile sign painted on the road, changing the speed sign at the Gretton end of the village to display the speed, chicanes at the village entrances and speed humps.

It was accepted that some of these ideas were not appropriate for the village and Cllr J Tyers agreed to look at the points raised.

Village Signs

Cllr J Tyers outlined his thoughts on improving signs in the village and reducing unnecessary signage. He highlighted that the village could replace the existing signs with custom made signs rather than using County Council signs. He asked for views on this. There were no negative comments to this suggestion and Cllr J Tyers agreed to research this further.

Entrances to the Village

Cllr J Tyers outlined the need to improve the entrances to the village. He outlined some ideas to do this such as cutting the hedges and grass at the entrances and improving the signs. One resident highlighted the amount of litter in the hedge and verge at the Gretton end of the village.

Cemetery

Cllr J Tyers outlined that the new cemetery is filling up (37 grave spaces left) and that the Parish Council had started to consider whether we wished to maintain a cemetery in the village in the future when the current one is full. A plot of land would need to be purchased for this. Cllr J Tyers asked the meeting for views on this. One resident highlighted that it would be nice to continue to have the option to be buried in the village but that the views of more residents should be sought as only a very small number were present at the meeting. The suggestion was made that a newsletter is published asking for views.

Street Lighting

The undergrounding project and street lighting improvements were discussed in detail. Cllr J Tyers explained that the undergrounding project was being held up by the purchase of land by WPD from Spire Homes for access to a substation. Cllr Libby Hobley is currently investigating the hold up.

Cllr J Tyers highlighted that Rutland County Council was proposing to take over the management of street lighting across the county. This should result in more investment in LED lighting and lower energy costs. There was some concern that decisions would be made to switch lights off for part of the night. Cllr J Tyers explained that the Parish were waiting for further details on this proposal.

5. Police Report

The following section summarises the key information provided by PC Paul Le Pla – Rutland South. This was not discussed in detail at the meeting.

- Burglary other - Lyddington (April 2015)
- Damage to car – Main street, Lyddington (Feb 2016)
- Assault (road rage) – Main street, Lyddington (March 2016)

The level of crime within Lyddington is very low. The focus for the Police team through the year has been:

Theft from Rutland Water car parks, hare coursing along the A47 corridor villages between Uppingham and Barrowden and tackling the increased threat of lead thefts from church roofs. There have been 7 thefts in the Melton Mowbray area this year. The Police have visited all Rutland Churches and carried out risk assessments on their security to reduce the threat.

Elsewhere in the area burglary has been an issue with areas being targeted for burglary related crime including sheds, garages & stables, whereby power tools and gardening equipment are stolen. The Police are trying to target offenders, carrying out police patrols in the areas affected and liaising with neighbouring police forces. The Police are urging residents to review their home security, especially their sheds and outbuildings.

At the start of 2016 there was the launch of the Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Watch, which tackles rural crime. The website below contains rural crime updates and a whole host of crime prevention advice. www.leics.police.uk/ruralwatch

6. Lyddington Cemetery and Road Signs within Lyddington

These issues were discussed during the review of the Summary and Financial Report 2015/2016. See the points made in the section above.

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman asked if anyone had any other points they would like to raise. No points were raised. After thanking everyone for attending, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Cllr J Tyers
Chairman

13 April 2016