**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS SCHEDULE

Matters arising from the meeting held on 13th January 2020

**Playing Field**

**New fences**

Lyddington Parish Council (LPC) is considering installing additional fencing on part of the playing field boundary. Members also agreed to replace the wood and chain link fence around the small children’s play area. Parish clerk appealed for several quotes for the project from local contractors. A bid was selected and work is due to start soon.

**Update by parish clerk**

**March update**

**Play equipment safety**

Following the annual safety inspection by Wicksteed Leisure, the medium hazards have been dealt with except the sand pit trip risk which was highlighted as a medium risk. Both parish councillor Dinah Hurwood and the parish clerk have inspected the sandpit area and could see no trip hazard that was of concern.

**Update by parish clerk and Cllr Dinah Hurwood**

**March update**

**Future safety checks**

The play inspectors’ website (www.playinspectors.com) explains that an operational inspection is a more detailed process and checks the operation and stability of the equipment for any wear. This inspection should be every 1 to 3 months, or as indicated by manufacturer’s instructions. Local company Playscapes Playgrounds Ltd advised carrying out the operational inspection every three months but will undertake the work every six months if stipulated by LPC.

**Update by parish clerk**

**March update**

**Play safe**

After consulting with the council’s insurers, the swings on The Green have been removed as there were safety concerns highlighted and remedial action could not be undertaken. The Land Registry records reveal the land that is used as a driveway is unregistered and the actual boundary between The Green and the driveway would be hard to establish. To site a new set of swings away from the driveway to another part of The Green would cost around £2,500. However, a different position for the play equipment would cause problems for other village events that are staged on The Green.

**Update by parish clerk and Cllr Libby Hobley**

**March update**

**Bird deterrents**

The new spikes that deter birds when sited on the top of the swings’ frame have been delivered and Cllr Libby Hobley will arrange for their installation.

**Finance**

**Expenditure and Income**

The latest Barclays bank statement dated 8th November 2019 – 8th January 2020 revealed a closing balance of £18,649.10. The total expenditure for this period was £4,798.17.73. The amount of income received was £5.00.

**Payments for village events**

Advice received from the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) was to regard the advance payment to the Three Inch Fools as a straightforward grant under S137 that enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no specific statutory expenditure. An appropriate invoice is expected from Three Inch Fools.

**Update by parish clerk and Cllr Barney Sturgess**

**March update**

**Business**

**New Cemetery update**

LPC is seeking to repair the boundary wall in the New Cemetery that is now free of the ivy growth. The appropriate department at Rutland County Council (RCC) is to be approached in regard to sharing the cost of repairs.

**Further cemetery space**

Research to find an additional burial space for the village is ongoing.

**Update by Cllr Libby Hobley and Cllr Tony Fowell**

**March update**

**Lyddington Undergrounding Project**

Western Power Distribution is in the process of negotiating final agreements with a number of village residents. Cllr Barney Sturgess to enquire about the provision of driveway gates for a property on Main Street.

**Update by Cllr Libby Hobley**

**March update**

**Remembrance trees**

Midland Hawthorn trees have been planted at the north and south entrances to the village. The inscribed plaques have now been positioned by the trees.

**Lyddington Traffic Survey**

The report with its recommendations has been circulated. RCC is expecting feedback from LPC.

**Update by parish clerk and Cllr Geoff Macfarlane**

**Action ongoing**

**Other Matters**

**Additional lighting to illuminate Village Hall steps**

Cllr Martin Fennemore suggested paverlight Solar Brick Lights as a possible solution. Parish clerk has completed the appropriate RCC form to initiate the enquiry requesting additional lights for this area in the village.

**Update by parish clerk**

**March update**

**Stiles around Lyddington**

Parish clerk raised the issue concerning maintenance of local stiles around the village with RCC’s Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer.

There is an ongoing programme to improve access that involves swapping stiles for gates. There are two stiles on footpath E306 at the end of Lyddington’s Main Street, heading towards Uppingham, that will be swapped for gates as soon as the weather improves to allow a vehicle onto the land.

To clarify the legal position: any structure on a PROW is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain, however, RCC is currently offering to replace stiles with ‘kissing gates’ at no cost to the landowner. The stiles cannot be replaced without their agreement. The PROW officer is currently negotiating with a landowner concerning a couple of stiles on footpath E313 from Lyddington to the Stoke Dry cross-roads which are very high and difficult to use. The landowner does not wish to replace them with gates.

**Update by parish clerk**

**March update**

Fiona Buchanan 29/02/2020