**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Matters arising from the virtual meeting held on 13th July 2020

and subsequent actions regarding LPC business.

**PLAYING FIELD**

**FUTURE SAFETY CHECKS**

Local company, Playscapes Playgrounds Ltd, was commissioned to carry out an operational inspection on the play equipment following the easing of lockdown restrictions. Two faults were discovered, including a spinning item that required a new top and a new braking system was installed on the zip wire. This year’s annual inspection is due in December.

**No further update**

**Status ongoing**

**FURTHER INSIGHT**

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. A village resident requested that the Deeds for The Green be reviewed to establish its boundaries, but the Deeds have not completely clarified the situation. Further investigations are ongoing.

**Update from Cllr Libby Hobley**

**Status ongoing**

**FINANCE**

**EXPENDITURE AND INCOME**

The latest Barclays bank statement dated 30th May – 29th June 2020 revealed a closing balance of £22,168.69. The total expenditure for this period was £1,269.39. There was no income received during this period.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**NEW PERFORMANCE DATE**

The Three Inch Fools are back on the road and are due to appear for one night on 11th September to performan Midsummer Night’s Dream. Tickets are being promoted through the village WhatsApp group and the parish clerk has displayed information on the notice boards.

**Update by Cllr Barney Sturgess**

**LPC AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

The local council audit timings have been extended. The publication date for final, audited accounts for local councils moved from 30th September to 30th November 2020.

Local councils must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of September 2020. This means that draft accounts must be approved by 31 August 2020 at the latest.

The required signed documentation concerning the audit of Lyddington Parish Council (LPC) has been circulated to the parish councillors for their approval. The documents have been posted on the website and information concerning their availability for public scrutiny starting from August 30th (Notice of Date of Commencement of Period for the Exercise of Public Rights - the Account and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 234) is displayed on the website and on the main village notice board. The Exemption Certificated has been emailed and acknowledged by the appointed accountants, PKF Littlejohn LLP.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**BUSINESS**

**NEW CEMETERY**

LPC is seeking to repair the boundary wall in the New Cemetery that is now free of ivy growth. The Head of Property Services for Rutland County Council (RCC), explained that the site had been surveyed and the section of wall that requires repair is owned by RCC. The repairs will be funded by RCC’s Central Maintenance Fund. Listed Building Consent will not be required due to the minor nature of the works and the Diocese has already confirmed their approval.

On 22nd and 23rd August the repair team treated new ivy growth within the wall, which will be left for 4 weeks to ensure the roots have been eliminated.

On the 18th – 19th September the repair team will rebuild the wall section and repoint all voids/joints to ensure no gaps.

**No further update**

**Status ongoing**

**FURTHER CEMETERY SPACE**

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

**No further update**

**Status ongoing**

**LYDDINGTON TRAFFIC SURVEY**

Rutland County Council's (RCC) Integrated Transport Feasibility Study Report was due to be presented to the county council’s Highways and Transport Working Group meeting in March, which was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. LPC has considered its recommendations and replied with a list of detailed responses, highlighting that the most favoured option, a reduction in the speed limit to 20 mph, had not been included.

County Councillor Andrew Brown agreed to petition for a review of the report’s recommendations with the support of the County Councillor for Uppingham and transport portfolio holder Cllr Lucy Stephenson. The parish clerk is trying to arrange a visit to the village of Cllrs Brown and Stephenson to meet representatives of LPC to discuss the next step before the meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group.

**No further update**

**Status ongoing**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**WATER SUPPLY TO THE ALLOTMENTS**

A suggestion was received from a parishioner for LPC to provide a water supply to the allotments. One possible solution was to install a system that captures rainwater. LPC would consider making a contribution to the costs, if the allotment holders came to a joint agreement to install the system and pay the majority of the expenses incurred. The parish clerk circulated the information for discussion amongst the allotment gardeners and the preferred option is a mains supply to a tank with a ballcock to ensure watering can use only.

The parish clerk was asked to look at the possibility of drilling a bore hole. An approximate quote from a Nottinghamshire company was £14,000. The parish clerk has placed a request for a site visit by the local water company and is still waiting for a further response. There is a delay because the Severn Trent team is not working to full capacity and has a back-log of enquiries to process.

**No further update**

**Status ongoing**

**MARY PARNHAM TRUST**

The proposal is to spend some of the funds on a project that would provide lasting value to the young families of Lyddington.

LPC appealed directly to parishioners for suggestions that can be considered by parish councillors. After reviewing the list of ideas, LPC agreed to postpone a decision for six months.

**Status on going**

**BROKEN VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS)**

The village VAS on Gretton Road, which is not currently operating, is owned by LPC and was purchased from Unipart Dorman. An engineer is due to carry out the reair work on September 14th.

The price to complete the repairs will be:

One GRP Door Replacement, Part Number D29.29005 600mm at £405.00 excluding VAT.

One replacement conduit - Free of charge.

An engineer's visit to complete the repairs to the unit at £295.00 excluding VAT.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT**

RCC circulated information on setting up a foodbank collection point in local villages. The Oakham Foodbank is helping with its management and in Lyddington the drop-off point is the village bus shelter. The collection service is continuing.

**Status ongoing**

**STREET CLEANING AND GRASS CUTTING**

Parked cars on the village’s Main Street can prevent RCC’s crews from being able to clean the highway and trim the verges. The parish clerk has emailed RCC for a timetable that can be promoted to parishioners to encourage car owners to move their vehicles when grass cutting etc is due to take place. Despite several calls and email requests, no information has yet been received, but now LPC’s request has been sent to Ben Thompson, Streetscene Contracts Officer. The parish clerk has emailed Mr Thompson again.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**REDUCING ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

LPC has liaised closely with local police, RCC officers and county councillors concerning the incidents of anti-social behaviour that have been occurring on the Lyddington Playing Field area, car park and Chapel Lane. After receiving advice from RCC and the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) concerning the public consultation processes of creating a byelaw and the installation of CCTV camera, and the likely effectiveness of these options, the preferred solution appears to be the installation of a bollard. The suggested bollard model would not be static but have the capability of being lowered during the day and raised in the late evening. All those residents affected, would have access to the key and/or combination lock.

Stuart Crook, Highways Asset Management and Policy Manager, advises that a land registry search has been conducted and the land is unregistered. RCC do not know who owns it, but this is not uncommon for old roads and public rights of way. As far as RCC is concerned, Chapel Lane is not an un-adopted road but a public footpath that is maintained at the public expense (adopted).

The parish clerk has suggested a site meeting with RCC officer Hugh Crouch, who deals with incidents of anti social behaviour. Mr Crouch wants to discuss where to site the proposed bollard on Chapel Lane. Although RCC is not funding the project, a they are collating a number of quotes for the purchase and installation of the bollard to be considered by LPC.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP**

Parish councillors agreed that they would respond to the request from the Parish Council Working Group concerning the exclusion of the Parish Council Forum from the consultation process on planning and Local Plan development.

Parish clerk sent a message requesting the continued inclusion of the Parish Council Forum in the consultation process. Changes on consultation processes have been introduced due to the pandemic restrictions.

**Status ongoing**

**REPLACEMENT PARKING SIGN ON THE GREEN**

Parish clerk has researched a range of price options.

**Update by parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**ANTI DOG FOULING POSTERS**

Ordered new supply of A4 posters and bin stickers.

**Status ongoing**

**FLOODING IN GARDEN LOCATED IN CHAPEL LANE**

The residents, who live in Chapel Lane, suggested that RCC investigate whether drainage in Lyddington is adequate if annual rainfall continues to increase. Their suggestion was passed on to Cllr Andrew Brown. The parish clerk explained that LPC is not responsible for drainage in the village.