**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Matters arising from the virtual meeting held on 11th January 2021

and subsequent actions regarding LPC business.

**PLAYING FIELD**

Parish Councillor Barney Sturgess agreed to approach Lyddington Tennis concerning the reallocation of the basketball hoop inside the tennis courts.

The grassy ground surrounding the sandpit was pitted with small holes. A local contractor has smoothed over the area and repaired the leg of a park bench.

Cllr Holly East agreed to create and install further laminated information notices warning dog owners not to take their animals where children play.

**Status ongoing**

**FINANCE**

**2021-2022 Budget planning and precept figure**

Recommended precept figure for 2021-2022 was £8,500; the parish clerk has completed the precept form and sent to Rutland County Council (RCC).

Members of Lyddington Parish Council (LPC) agreed to finance three proposed projects including: new kerb stones to protect grass verges; a new lamp-post light with CCTV platform in the playing field carpark and rainwater collection butts for the allotments.

Chair of LPC, Cllr Tony Fowell, agreed to contact the Highways Authority to discuss appropriate kerb stones that would be suitable for Lyddington and the works involved concerning traffic flow during the installation.

**VAT Payment**

LPC has received from HM Revenue and Customs a payment of £885.26 on 21st January which is the reclaimed VAT for April 2019 to March 2020.

**Advance Payment**

An advance payment of £525 has been paid to The Three Inch Fools for their 2021 production of the Merry Wives of Windsor.

**Update by parish clerk and Cllr Tony Fowell**

**BUSINESS**

**LYDDINGTON TRAFFIC SURVEY**

RCC’s Integrated Transport Feasibility Study Report recommended that:

At the southern end of Lyddington - the High Friction Surface (HFS) be refreshed and install a new village name plate with yellow backing both sides of the carriageway. (Costs approximately £3.5k)

Adjacent to Windmill Way - narrow and deflect carriageway by extending kerb line. (Costs approx £8k)

At the northern end of Lyddington - install dragon teeth, red HFS and slow markings.(Costs approx 2.5k)

Highways technician Robyn Green has returned from maternity leave and is negotiating with LPC’s working party on where the 40 mph buffer zones should commence at the north and south ends of the village. The working party has requested that - at the north end of Lyddington - the 40mph sign should be installed after the sharp bend (Bisbrooke junction) as cars are already slowing down after passing the bend and the sign would encourage drivers to moderate their acceleration to no more than 40 mph.

**Requested 40mph buffer zones**

Robyn Green has explained that the Department for Transport (Circular 01/2013 – Setting Local Speed Limits) recommends that the minimum length of a village speed limit should be 600 metres. However, traffic authorities may lower this to 400 metres, and in exceptional circumstances to 300 metres.

If the relocation of the 40mph buffer is something LPC request, RCC’s Highways Team will reconsult with the police. Any speed limit alterations in Rutland has to be approved by Leicestershire Police to proceed.

**Requested 20 mph speed restriction along Main Street**

The Department for Transport (Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits) states: “Successful 20 mph zones and 20 mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing, i.e. the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed.”

Therefore the police only approve a 20mph speed limit if the speed survey data shows that vehicles are already travelling around 20mph.

The Lyddington speed survey showed that the majority of vehicles were complying with the stated 30 mph speed limit. If a 20mph limit was introduced in the village there would be a rise in non-compliant drivers.

Any speed limits within Rutland must be approved by Leicestershire Police.

**Enforcement action**

The minutes of the December 2020 Highways Working Group, explained that between January – November 2020, Leicestershire Police carried our 200 site visits (375 hours of enforcement) in Rutland. During this time 1,500 vehicles have been detected to be exceeding the guidelines of 10% plus 2 mph above the stated speed limit.

Robyn Green offered to contact Leicestershire Police to ascertain if Lyddington could be included on their Safety Camera Van scheme lead by the police.

**Update by Cllr Tony Fowell and Cllr Geoff Macfarlane**

**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. Still no response received from the Severn Trent team for a site visit. The delays have been caused by COVID-19 restrictions. A further option is to install rainwater collection butts; the likely cost is included in the approved 2021-2022 LPC budget.

**No further update**

**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 meeting with RCC representatives and Western Power the proposal is that LPC accepts Western Power’s offer to install a power supply and the parish council funds the installation of a lamp-post light that would provide support for a CCTV camera when required. The camera’s operation and data would be managed by RCC.

Deputy Chair Cllr Geoff Macfarlane is confirming the final expenditure for the scheme.

The further option is to close the carpark as a temporary measure when there have been incidents of anti-social behaviour. The cost for an individual retractable bollard would be £235 inc VAT. The entrance would possibly require 3 bollards.

There have been further incidents of late night visiting and young adults engaging in anti social behaviour.

**Update by Cllrs Tony Fowell, Geoff Macfarlane and parish clerk**

**Status ongoing**

**FLOODING PROBLEMS**

The recent heavy rains have caused some flooding problems in the village. A drainage contractor appointed by RCC visited the village the week commencing 11th January.

The purpose of the visit was to clean the storm drains, jet the drainage system adjacent to no.28 and 26 and investigate any blockages found.

The parish clerk appealed to residents for information on their flooding problems and is compiling a summary that can be shared with the relevant department at RCC to ensure they have an up-to-date picture of events.

**TREE SURVEY**

The parish clerk has asked two specialists to provide quotes for checking the health and safety of the trees around the playing field, play area and The Green.

**GROUND MAINTENANCE IN THE VILLAGE**

The parish clerk had asked Spendlove Contracting to provide a quote for continuing their contract to mow the designated areas around Lyddington.

**NEW DATE FOR 2021 VILLAGE FETE**

The new date for the village fete is Saturday, 18th September 2021.