**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 27TH MAY 2021 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

If village parishioners do not wish to attend a meeting, comments and questions can be emailed to the parish clerk for consideration by Lyddington Parish Council (LPC).

**COUNCILLORS TAKING PART:**

Cllr T.Fowell (Chair) Cllr D.Hurwood

Cllr G.Macfarlane (Deputy Chair)

Cllr L.Hobley

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ms Tina Elliott

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A request for an update concerning the next stage of the undergrounding project in Lyddington.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact Western Power Distribution for further information.**

**2.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Holly East and Cllr Barney Sturgess

**3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF LPC 2021/2022**

Cllr Tony Fowell was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Geoff Macfarlane was re-elected as Deputy Chair. Fellow parish councllors thanked them for their hard work during the year and continued dedication.

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**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 15th March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Tony Fowell.

**REGULAR REPORTS**

**6. LYDDINGTON PLAYING FIELD AND PARK**

**a) Play equipment inspections**

LPC is committed to ensuring that the play equipment provided meets current safety standards and is fully compliant with the conditions stipulated in its employers’ liability insurance policy.

As the summer is fast approaching, parish councillors agreed to request a quote for the minor improvements that have recently been highlighted and classified as low risk. The repairs will ensure that the play equipment will not be adversely affected by increased use.

LPC also agreed to extend the fence around the small children’s play area to create a wildflower garden for bugs and butterflies. There was also a request to find out further information concerning the creation of a new site for cricket nets on the playing field.

Parish councillors agreed to introduce additional ground level no-parking safety markings in the carpark to be sited by the basketball hoop and new lamp post light.

**ACTIONS**

**Cllr Libby Hobley to further research which plants attract the most insects and the costs of providing bug houses in the planned small nature reserve.**

**Parish clerk to ask Cllr Barney Sturgess to further research the requirements and likely costs of creating cricket nets on the playing field.**

**Parish clerk to seek quotes for play equipment improvements and new carpark signage.**

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**b) Lyddington Tennis (LT)**

No further update.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The parish clerk had compiled a list of recent Rutland County Council (RCC) decisions and planning applications. LPC’s responses to recent planning applications have been submitted by the stipulated deadlines and acknowledged by RCC.

**ACTIONS**

**Parish clerk to email the planning department at RCC to request that LPC is informed of planning appeal decisions in regard to proposals submitted by Lyddington residents.**

**8. FINANCE**

**a) LPC financial statement**

During the period of 31st March to 13th May, LPC’s expenditure was £4,928.64 and its income was £8,875.00, which includes the precept figure of £8,500 from RCC. After all the cheques have been cleared, the estimated balance is £28,341.43.

**b) Staff salary**

The parish clerk submitted an invoice for £517.92 for the period commencing 6th March – 21st May 2021 plus an expenses’ claim of £87.74 that included a green bin permit for the New Cemetery.

**BUSINESS**

**9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**a) 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 a new village name plate be installed,

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* adjacent to Windmill Way - narrow and deflect carriageway by extending kerb line,
* at the northern end of Lyddington - install painted dragon teeth, red HFS and slow markings,
* 40 mph buffer zones to be sited before entering the 30 mph zones on the main entrances to the village.

The recommendations have now been approved and the necessary paperwork is being completed by RCC’s Highways Department.

LPC has also requested that the village be included in Leicestershire Police’s mobile speed monitoring programme.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to keep LPC informed of the proposed start date.**

**b) Water supply to the allotments**

Three new rainwater collection butts have now been placed in the allotments.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**10. CLERK’S ITEMS**

**a) To review progress in reducing the anti-social activity in Chapel Lane and the playing field and car park.**

LPC has liaised closely with local police, RCC officers and county councillors concerning the incidents of anti-social behaviour that have been occurring.

Chapel Lane is an adopted public footpath that is maintained at public expense.

The new lamp post light with CCTV platform has been installed. Parish councillors thanked Geoff Macfarlane for his oversight of the programme of work.

**b) Moving the basketball hoop**

Lyddington Tennis do not wish the basketball hoop to be sited within the tennis courts.

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**c) Tree survey in Lyddington**

Arboricultural Consultant, Andrew Belson, carried out an inspection of the trees on the Village Green and on the playing field. His report is expected within seven days.

**11. OTHER MATTERS (at the discretion of the Chair)**

**a) New kerbs in the village**

Cllr Tony Fowell explained that this would be an ongoing project and the first new kerbs would be installed where the greatest need was identified to protect the grass verges. In some places the verges are being steadily eroded. The current lockdown restrictions have limited progress on looking at samples. Cllr Fowell was still waiting for a response from RCC.

**ACTION ONGOING**

**b) Next performance of the Three Inch Fools**

The date for their next village performance is Friday, 11th June 2021. Ticket sales are going well for the production of The Merry Wives of Windsor.

**c) Burning issues**

The parish clerk was asked to contact RCC’s environment department concerning the rules that govern lighting bonfires within the village and what items can be burned in this way. All bonfires must be attended while still alight.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact RCC.**

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

**12. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The date of the next parish council meeting is Monday, 12th July 2021.

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Parish clerk is Fiona Buchanan (T 01572 821636 and 07711 160685)

Chair ……………………………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………………………….

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