**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JULY 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 G.Macfarlane (Deputy Chair)

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

None

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

A parishioner attending a previous meeting asked if LPC would ask Western Power Distribution when the next stage of the undergrounding project would commence at the north end of the village?

A spokesperson for Western Power explained that in 2015 when the work was first being planned, there were discussions regarding undergrounding the LV overhead line.

However, the proposal has been put on hold due to financial restraints. Western Power has laid ducting so that if they are in a position to underground in the future, it will cause less disruption to the village.

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

Cllr Holly East, Cllr Libby Hobley, Cllr Dinah Hurwood and Cllr Barney Sturgess.

The parish council meeting failed to achieve a quorum (4 members) and only information was shared with the Chair, Cllr Tony Fowell and Deputy Chair, Cllr Geoff Macfarlane. No decisions could be taken.

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**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 27th May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Tony Fowell. The minutes had been previously circulated to members who had raised no objections. One minor revision had been completed.

**REGULAR REPORTS**

**5. LYDDINGTON PLAYING FIELD AND PARK**

**a) Play equipment inspections**

The parish clerk explained that quotes had now been received for the improvements and these would be circulated to members of LPC for their recommendations.

The new sand pit has been installed.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk agreed to send out the information via email to the parish councillors.**

**b) Lyddington Tennis (LT)**

No further update.

**6. 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.

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**7. FINANCE**

**a) LPC financial statement**

Retired accountant Peter Hems has concluded his audit of LPC’s 2020/21 finances. LPC’s total annual gross income for 2020/21 was £20,683 and its total gross expenditure was £10,737. The exemption certificate from the annual governance and accountability return was submitted to the external Small Body Assurance (SBA) ahead of the deadline of July 2nd.

LPC’s latest Barclays bank statement dated 29th May to 29th June 2021 shows a closing balance of £26,790.65 but when the recent cash deposit of £359.00 is included, the closing balance is £27,149.65.

**b) Staff salary**

The parish clerk submitted an invoice for £348.40 for the period commencing 22nd May - 9th July 2021 plus an expenses’ claim of £18.96.

**BUSINESS**

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

**a) Installation of the carpark light**

LPC has liaised closely with local police, RCC’s officers and county councillors concerning the incidents of anti-social behaviour on the Lyddington Playing Field area, car park and Chapel Lane.

The lamp post light with a CCTV platform is now operating. Further incidents have occurred; the police have acted swiftly and reported that they have visited several of the perpetrators involved in the disturbances.

**b) 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,
* 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,

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* 40 mph buffer zones to be sited before entering the 30 mph zones on the main entrances to the village.

A RCC Highways Officer explained that since LPC’s approval was received after 1st April, a new process is in operation and the Lyddington scheme is awaiting final approval.

The delay was caused as LPC wished to seek the views of parishioners concerning the final recommendations.

**c) New kerb stones**

LPC is awaiting further clarification concerning its financial contribution required by RCC for the new kerb stones, which will protect the grass verges that are being eroded particularly at north end of the village.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**9. CLERK’S ITEMS**

**a) Tree survey in Lyddington**

The parish clerk had received a quote for the recommended work to be carried out on trees on The Green and around the Playing Field.

The village tree survey was carried out by Arboricultural Consultant, Andrew Belson.

**ACTION**

The parish clerk will send out the information and figures for parish councillors to consider.

**b) Donation request**

A parishioner had requested that LPC make a donation towards the maintenance of a public footpath across local farm land.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk agreed to circulate the request to members of LPC for their views.**

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

None

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The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

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

The date of the next parish council meeting is Monday, 6th September 2021.

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

Chair ……………………………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………………………….

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