**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 6th September 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 Tony Fowell (Chair)

Cllr Geoff Macfarlane (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Libby Hobley

Cllr Barney Sturgess

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Mr Brent Snape and Mr Dick Hurwood.

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

Rutland County Council (RCC) has proposed to withdraw the submitted Local Plan and approve the creation of an earmarked reserve of £1,395 million to resource the making of a new Local Plan for the county. At a recent county council meeting the proposal was accepted. Mr Hurwood attended the meeting and was able to give a summary to Lyddington Parish Council (LPC).

Parish councillors were advised that Lyddington is probably Rutland’s most important Conservation Area as Lyddington was the first area in the county to be designated a Conservation Area). Any proposals for a new Local Plan for Rutland should look to recognise and preserve its special architectural and historic interest, with any new development both reflecting and/or enhancing this.

The boundaries for Planned Limits on Development, Article 4 designation, and the Conservation Area for Lyddington (the “Boundaries”) in RCC’s most recent Local Plan were adopted to protect Lyddington’s special features.

Any dilution in these boundaries would simply serve to dilute the previously identified special architectural and historic characteristics of Lyddington, and would therefore be unacceptable.

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As a result, any new Local Plan for Rutland should as a minimum seek to preserve the existing boundaries.

Furthermore, the conservation area appraisal for Lyddington specifically identifies in its Assessment of Special Interest the reasons which contribute to Lyddington being identified as an area of special architectural and historic interest.

Additionally, the conservation area notes “The location of Lyddington within a hollow means that roads entering drop down into the village. As a consequence, there are a number of key views that are significant and should be safeguarded.”

Both of the aforementioned matters in the Conservation Area appraisal for Lyddington would suggest that any development adjacent to the existing Conservation Area boundary for Lyddington would be detrimental to the village’s special characteristics. As a result, no development in the vicinity of the Conservation Area boundary for Lyddington would be appropriate.

LPC agreed to explore the options of extending Lyddington’s conservation boundary limits.

**ACTIONS**

**The Chair, Cllr Tony Fowell, agreed to undertake the enquiry concerning boundary limits and report back to the November meeting.**

**The parish clerk will update Rutland County Councillor Andrew Brown.**

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

Cllr Holly East and Cllr Dinah Hurwood.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 12th July 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.

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**REGULAR REPORTS**

**5. LYDDINGTON PLAYING FIELD AND PARK**

**a) Play equipment inspections**

The parish clerk explained that repairs to the play equipment would be taking place shortly. Wickstead Leisure was awaiting the delivery of a new play net before commencing the programme of work.

**b) New no parking areas in carpark**

The parish clerk reported that the work should be completed by the end of September. LPC agreed to install two new no parking sites by the basket ball hoop and the new carpark lamppost light.

**ACTIONS**

**Parish clerk to approach a Peterborough based charity called Bug Life for advice on creating a new insect friendly garden in the enclosed area on the Playing Field.**

**Cllr Barney Sturgess to approach a village resident concerning a proposal to install new practise cricket nets for next year.**

**c) Lyddington Tennis (LT)**

Cllr Barney Sturgess proposed the following changes concerning Lyddington Tennis (LT) and the reporting of its annual finances and expected expenditure. He proposed a simplified approach that features a new annual statement from LT.

The statement would cover its finances, which they already provide as a spreadsheet, along with a brief written statement by email which outlines:

- Confirmation of income for the year, member numbers, costs incurred, and balance,

- The general condition of the court,

- Any maintenance and repair of the surface, fencing, net and posts that may be needed in the year ahead, and the likely cost of such including confirmation that the required funds were in place,

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- A statement regarding the long term view of major resurfacing work that will eventually be needed, how far off that is likely to be and how successfully the funds are accruing

- Any other matters of note.

Cllr Sturgess added that the new annual statement would be supplemented by a brief interim statement to make sure everything’s going in the right direction at the midyear stage. All statements would be circulated to LPC for any comments.

LPC approved the changes.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**7. FINANCE**

**a) LPC financial statement**

LPC’s latest Barclays bank statement dated 30th June to 30th July 2021 shows a closing balance of £27,378.65. From 30.6.21 to 26.08.21, LPC’s invoices totalled £1,825.38 and income received was £229.00.

**b) Staff salary**

The parish clerk submitted an invoice for £348.60 for the period covering 12th July – 3rd September 2021 plus an expenses’ claim of £9.48.

**BUSINESS**

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

**a) Lyddington traffic survey**

The recommended actions to reduce speeding traffic travelling through Lyddington is expected to be completed by the end of November.

RCC’s Integrated Transport Feasibility Study Report recommended that:

* at the southern end of Lyddington - the High Friction Surface (HFS) would be refreshed and a new village name plate be installed,

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* 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.

After consulting with RCC’s Highways Technician, the decision to narrow and deflect the carriageway by extending the Windmill Way kerb line was postponed for 12 months. The situation will be reviewed after a year and if the listed measures have not improved road safety in the village, the Windmill Way option will be actioned.

 **b) Repair of speed activated sign**

 The sign has now been repaired.

**c) New kerb stones**

Cllr Tony Fowell said that he had heard from RCC who had agreed to source the new kerb stones for the village. The kerb stones will protect the grass verges that are being eroded particularly at north end of the village.

**ACTION**

**A village resident agreed to take a photograph of the kerb stones outside Orchard Farm cottage, which will be emailed to RCC to confirm the style of stone required.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**9. CLERK’S ITEMS**

**a) Tree survey in Lyddington**

The parish clerk reported that the work will be carried out by James Sanderson Tree Care. Mr Sanderson had applied for the required consents from RCC’s planning department and was awaiting their approval.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact Sanderson Tree Care to request that the low lying tree branches on The Green be trimmed before the Village Fete on September 18th.**

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**b) Parish councillor recruitment**

Parish councillors will continue to approach individuals to generate interest in becoming a councillor, but agreed to leaflet the village in a promotional campaign if unsuccessful.

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

None

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

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

The date of the next parish council meeting is Monday, 8th November 2021.

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

Chair ……………………………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………………………….

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