**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 10th JANUARY 2022 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 Holly East

Cllr Dinah Hurwood

Cllr James Robinson

Cllr Barney Sturgess

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ms Tina Elliott

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

Cllr James Robinson was introduced at the meeting and welcomed to the parish council.

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

Cllr Libby Hobley

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 8th November 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 repairs**

The parish clerk explained that Wicksteed Leisure had completed the repairs, but there was a query concerning part of the invoice as a village resident had repainted the seat in the play area and not the Wicksteed engineer. The annual safety inspection is due to be carried out before the end of January. The monthly safety report compiled by Cllr Dinah Hurwood had been circulated and approved.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The parish clerk had compiled a list of recent Rutland County Council (RCC) decisions and planning applications. There was a discussion concerning proposal 2021/1443/FUL as part of the proposed development is outside the planned limits of the village. LPC objected on these grounds.

**7. FINANCE**

**a) LPC financial statement**

LPC’s latest Barclays bank statement dated 30th November to 30th December 2021 shows a closing balance of £20,999.92. Cleared cheques during this period totalled £3,377.20. There was no income received.

**b) Staff salary**

The parish clerk submitted an invoice for £418.32 for the period covering 8th November 2021 – 7th January 2022 plus an expenses’ claim of £84.83, which includes payment for new play park signs and two small insect houses.

**c) The 2022-2023 Precept**

LPC agreed to seek an increase in its 2022-2023 precept figure from RCC. The agreed figure was £10,500 as its annual maintenance costs are likely to significantly rise in the coming year. The parish council has also undertaken a number of additional projects to improve the safety and amenities of the village during 2021, which has depleted its cash reserves.

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A list of the completed programmes of work includes:

* Removal of the swings on The Green as the old metal structure had corroded and was unsafe.
* Commissioning a survey of the trees on The Green and in the play park and playing field to maintain their healthy condition and remove dead trees in the wooded area at the bottom of the playing field.
* Installing a new lamp-post light with a CCTV platform in the Chapel Lane carpark - to deter anti-social behaviour - and the required no-parking floor signage.
* Repairs and maintenance during the year of more than £8,500 concerning the play park and play equipment including a new hand built sandpit.
* New stile and information signage.
* New water butts for the allotments.
* Repairs to the Vehicle Activated Sign at the northern end of the village.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to complete the precept form and email back to RCC before the deadline of 17th January.**

**BUSINESS**

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

**a) Repairs to play equipment and general maintenance**

The new signage for the play park and playing field will be installed to highlight again that dogs - even canines on leads - are prohibited from these areas.

**b) New kerb stones**

RCC has agreed to source new kerb stones for the village, with a financial contribution from LPC.

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The kerb stones will protect the grass verges that are being eroded particularly at the north and south ends of the village.

LPC agreed that its priority for 2022-2023 would be to install appropriate kerbs and to plan the work in affordable stages.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact RCC’s Highways Department to request that the county council survey Lyddington’s verges on Main Street and make a recommendation on which affected verges should be given priority regarding their condition and location.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**9. CLERK’S ITEMS**

**a) Tree planting in Lyddington**

Parish councils are being urged to plant trees to mark The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Parish councillors agreed that an Oak sapling would be an appropriate species. The young sapling will be planted near the top of the playing field, but not too close to the tennis courts to cause future problems.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact Sanderson Tree Care to discuss the suggested location.**

 **b) New plant troughs for the village**

A local resident has offered two large plant troughs for display purposes to be sited by the village name signs at the entrances to Lyddington. LPC has agreed to provide funds for the compost and flowering plants.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to take a photograph of the troughs and send to the parish councillors.**

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

Cllr Hurwood and Deputy Chair, Cllr Geoff Macfarlane, highlighted that there were still some outstanding actions concerning the road safety programme that should have been completed by the end of December 2021.

The outstanding actions were:

- introduction of painted ‘dragon teeth’ on the approach to the 30mph zone at the northern end of Lyddington

- refresh the High Friction Surfacing at the southern end of the village.

**ACTION**

**Parish clerk to contact the Highways Department for a further update.**

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, 14th March 2022.

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

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Chair ……………………………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………………………….

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