**LYDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on

 10th January 2022 and subsequent actions regarding

Lyddington Parish Council business.

 **PLAYING FIELD**

**Play equipment repairs**

Wicksteed Leisure has completed the annual inspection and highlighted two repairs, only one required immediate action. This involved repairing the corroded fixings on the two-seater cradle swing, which is now out of action. The parish clerk has requested this repair after consulting with Cllr Dinah Hurwood who carries out the monthly checks.

The parish clerk has also asked the parish council’s local maintenance contractor to repair a broken post in the small wooden fence around the carpark and to re-attach the loose metal strips across the horizontal wooden beam.

**Fallen Leaves**

The excess leaves in the play areas have been collected and removed. The contractor also swept up fallen leaves in the New Cemetery area. The work was completed in a day and LPC was charged £150.

**New signage for playing area**

New no-dogs signs have been posted and a local contractor is making a new notice board to house the laminated notice that features information concerning the play area operators – Lyddington Parish Council – and who to contact in case of damaged equipment or an emergency.

**Grass cutting in 2022**

LPC has agreed to renew the contract with Spendlove Contracting for the 2022 season, which involves 13 cuts per season.

The contactors explained that there has been a 21% increase in the price of the diesel fuel over the last 12 months, and due to an increase in the minimum wage, their labour costs have risen by 7%. Some of the costs they are trying to absorb, but this year’s quote has increased by 4%. The price for the 2022 season will be £2,965.66 plus vat. The cost of grass cutting and spraying of weeds in 2021 was £2,851.60 plus VAT which totalled to £3,421.92.

The grass mowing usually starts from mid March/ April depending on the weather conditions. But Spendlove suggested that their contractor undertake a pedestrian mow on The Green and in the New Cemetery rather than waiting another few months.

**BUSINESS – MATTERS ARISIING**

**LYDDINGTON TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

The parish clerk has contact Highways Inspector Rob Baxter concerning the outstanding work in regard to the traffic calming measures.

These are:

- dragon teeth on the approach to the 30mph zone at the north end of Lyddington

and

- the refreshed High Friction Service at the south end of Lyddington.

Highways Engineer, Mr Charlie Wardle, eventually responded and explained the introduction of the 40 mph buffer zones had superseded all the other outstanding recommendations

The works completed by Tarmac at the end of November 2021 were actions ordered by the Integrated Transport Feasibility Study Report (ITCP 2019-23). RCC has completed the improvement intended and so would not instruct further work at this time.

He added: “I can only assume that the subsequent decision to have a 40mph buffer zone from both approaches superseded all the other recommendations within the ITCP 2019-23 Main Street, Lyddington.”

**NEW KERB STONES**

Cllr Tony Fowell has liaised with RCC and suggests that LPC set aside £5,000 in its 2022 -2023 budget as its possible contribution towards the scheme.

**BROKEN VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN**

During Storm Eunice (18.02.2022) a tree was blown over which crashed into the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the north end of the village.

The parish clerk has taken pictures of the damage and emailed Unipart Dorman to request an engineer to assess the damage and whether the sign can be repaired.

The parish clerk has also contacted the parish council’s insurers in regard to making a claim for the cost of the repairs.

Unipart Dorman asked for a fee of £495 to visit the site and make a report and has indicated that the replacement parts could include a new GRP Enclosure - £608.00 and a new LED Display - £949.00.

 The information has been sent to the insurers.

**CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Parish councillors have agreed to fund and supply free commemorative mugs for children, aged 16 and under, living in Lyddington. The parish clerk will promote the initiative and keep a register of the names and addresses put forward by parents who give their consent. The total number of requests is 76. Around half of the requests are from residents who will be paying for their individual orders.

The mugs will be delivered in the week leading up to the celebratory weekend in June. The funds will be taken from the Mary Parnham Trust and will display the name - The Mary Parnham Trust of Lyddington for the mugs that are given free to participating children in Lyddington and, for mugs that are purchased, it will just say Lyddington as these mugs will not be financed by the trust.