

LIDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017**

Councillors present: John Whitefield (Chairman), Steve Child, Sue Sage, Chris Bliss, Chris Morley and Stuart Crosby

Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk), Borough Councillor Clive Pollington and one member of the public. County Councillor Mary Evans arrived at 8.25pm

No issues were raised during the Open Forum.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

3. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2016

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. The chairman then signed them.

4. Co-option of a new councillor

It was resolved that Chris Stembridge would be co-opted onto the Council. A Declaration of Acceptance form and a Register of Members Interest Form were completed.

5. Borough Councillor's Report

Clive Pollington spoke about the following:

- Devolution plans which are rumbling on.
- The Council has brought in a new scheme where members of the community can be nominated to receive a Certificate of Thanks for services to the community. Two residents were nominated.
- More locality funding will be available in April.

6. Police issues

There were no police issues to report.

7. Update on list of actions agreed at the last meeting

There were no outstanding councillor actions.

8. Finance

a) Approval of any payments and signing of Schedule of Payments

It was resolved that the following payments would be approved:

- J P Kirk expenses – LGA 1972, s111 – **£13.34**
- Adkin – rent of playing field – Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10 - **£105.00**. Adkins has sent a letter confirming that the rent has been put up by £5 per annum in line with the RPI.
- HMRC – PAYE - LGA 1972, s111 - **£129.40**

Steve Child and Chris Morley signed the Schedule of Payments. The Chairman then countersigned it.

b) Approval of payments authorised between meetings

No payments were authorised between meetings.

c) Regular payments made between meetings

The following regular payments were made:

30/11/16	165/7h	J P Kirk	Online	172.43
20/12/16	159/8e	Fidelity Funds Network	D/D	
30/12/16	165/7h	J P Kirk	Online	172.63

d) Approval of the record of online payments made since the last meeting

Steve Child checked and signed the record of online payments.

e) Signatory to complete the checklist of Internal Controls

Steve Child completed and signed the checklist of internal controls.

f) Budget 2017/18 and budget report

It was resolved that the budget and budget report would be approved.

g) Parish Estimates Form

It was resolved that the Parish Estimates form would be approved and that the precept request would be £5,798. This represents a 2.21% increase which equates to an annual increase of £1.27 per band D household.

9. Planning

a) DC/16/2042/HH - Lidgate Grange, The Street, Lidgate - (i) Single storey rear extension to annex (ii) lean to open structure to side annex (iii) Solar panels fixed to roof of existing pergola (following installation of solid roof (iv) 2 inverter units

b) DC/16/2043/LB - Lidgate Grange, The Street, Lidgate - (i) Single storey rear extension to annex (ii) lean to open structure to side annex (iii) 4 roof lights to existing annex (iv) Solar panels fixed to roof of existing pergola (following installation of solid roof (v) 2 inverter units 9 (vi) internal alteration to annex, converting stores into additional bedroom (vii) conversion of 2 stable doors to windows.

It was resolved that the clerk would email details of the applications to councillors as the notifications were only received on the day of the meeting. A decision will then be made about a planning meeting.

10. Highways/Rights of Way/Tree issues

a) Trees behind the bus shelter

The trees are encroaching on the bus shelter. Sue Sage agreed to take a look and cut them back if necessary.

b) Loose posts near the pond

One of the posts near the pond is now broken and one is missing. It was resolved that Chris Morley would contact Chris Pettitt for a quote to replace them.

11. Playing field issues

a) Playing field inspection reports

A fixing on the activity trail was disconnected but has now been fixed.

b) Update on the village project to purchase swings for the playing field

There has been no further progress as the Council is still awaiting evidence that the children in the village would like swings.

12. Village issues

a) Possible Fit Villages course

It was resolved that details would be included in the next newsletter.

b) Spring bulb planting

It is now too late to plant spring bulbs however Mary Evans recommended Clare Bulb Company as the bulbs are really good quality. The clerk was asked to add this to the September agenda.

c) The history of Lidgate Village Hall

A resident has researched the background of Lidgate Village Hall.

13. Report from County Councillor Mary Evans

Mary Evans spoke about the following:

- Her locality grant for the swings. The clerk confirmed that she had received and returned the form.
- Community Speed Watch. Wickhambrook is interested in setting up a CSW scheme. Chris Stembridge agreed to speak to them about it as he runs the Lidgate scheme.
- Potential problems with the battery units for VAS
- Speed data for the VAS. Mary asked that any speed data be sent to her so that she can pass it onto the Police.
- Rural counties will be getting more Government funding for their schools.
- There is a questionnaire on the website about transport for 16 - 19 year olds.
- The Government is going to give schools money to help tackle mental health issues. A Suicide Strategy has also been produced.
- The Government has said that County Councils will be allowed to raise more money for health and social care. County councils have responded to the Government that this is a national issue and should be addressed at that level.

14. Correspondence

a) Letters from SARS and Headway requesting a donation.

It was resolved that no donation would be made.

b) Letter from Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore asking for support for his Fairer Share for Suffolk Campaign

The letter has been uploaded onto the website to help inform as many residents as possible as the closing date for responses is before the next newsletter comes out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated