

Draft Minutes of Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 in Lyneham Church Hall at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllrs: Geoff Jackson-Haines (Chairman), Judy Digman, Lynn Thrussell, Rod Gill, John Webb, Richard Selby-Boothroyd, Judy Selby-Boothroyd, Jack Pollard, Tim Webb and Ron Glover.
Clerk: Jacquie Henly

Also in attendance was Wiltshire Councillor Allison Bucknell.

There were 10 members of the press and public present.

Before the meeting opened, the Chairman welcomed all present.

Public participation included:

- a. A written report that was read out from PCSO Andy Singfield:
Police update for 8th September to 8th October inclusive.
We had over 110 incidents reported to us in the area (which includes Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Broadtown, Tockenham, Bushton, Bradenstoke and Lyneham) and of which there were:-
Theft x 8 (6 of which are in the Lyneham area most of which are domestic related except a theft of fuel and a stolen car that was recovered by the local PCSO and his Special Constabulary colleague)
Burglary x 1 in the Lyneham area, RTC's x 15, Drug offences x 4
We had a few reports from local residents of 2 abandoned vehicles on Preston Lane in Lyneham, these vehicles were checked by the NPT and due to them not showing any local or current keepers the local authority were advised as this is something that they would deal with as the vehicles were not committing any road traffic offences and there are no parking restrictions where the vehicles were parked.
- b. Questions were then taken from members of the public present and were answered later after the meeting was opened.

The Parish Council Meeting was opened

Item 1 - Apologies for absence

1.1 There were no apologies as all members were present.

Item 2 – Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

2.1 Cllr J Webb declared an interest in item 13d on the agenda as the planning application was for the property belonging to personal friends of his.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

3.1 Minutes of the meeting dated 7th September 2015 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

Item 4 – Consideration of matters arising from Public Participation

4.1 Questions from S Palmer were relating to the update submitted by Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board meeting on 23rd September 2015:

- a. What part will the area board play in Britain in Bloom 2016? The response was none. Ms Palmer then challenged why it had been reported that a meeting had been held with the Community Engagement Manager. It was explained the meeting was held to investigate any possible funding that may be available to support the Britain in Bloom.
- b. Can the Parish Council explain the increase in cost of the 3 defibrillators purchased? As there was no paperwork to check at the meeting it was thought the increase charge maybe for the awareness meetings. Since the meeting the Clerk can confirm the extra cost of £1170.00 was made up of VAT and a £25.00 delivery charge; as VAT will be reclaimed, the only increase in expense over the original estimate was for the delivery charge.
- c. What happened to the two defibrillators from MoD? The answer is they are currently still in use at the MoD site and as far as the Parish Council are aware they will be passed on when no longer required.
- d. An error in the December 2014 minutes was pointed out. The error was confirmed, amended and signed by the Chairman.
- e. When will the defibrillators be commissioned and in use? It was confirmed that they have now all been registered with the ambulance service and are ready for use. Residents will be informed via the

Winter edition of the Parish Magazine. Defibrillators will become the remit of the proposed Emergency Planning Working Group.

f. At what point did Wiltshire Council propose the change of the Parish Boundary for Preston and Thickethorn? Members present thought it was some time in 2012. Ms Palmer then challenged the fact that it had been reported that Wiltshire Council had proposed the boundary change but did not consider that to be accurate information and had supplied copies of extracts from previous minutes going back to 2011 to attempt to prove her point. It was explained that the initial request was made to not by Wiltshire Council but the process for any proposed boundary change goes through an agreed procedure for consideration which results in a proposal from Wiltshire Council. As that is exactly what has happened in this case the Parish Council was unclear as to what point Ms Palmer was trying to make.

g. Can the Parish Council confirm that the PC post for local NPT has been removed? No. The Parish Council had no information about the post being removed. The concern expressed by the Parish Council was that the PC (Police Constable) had been removed from the NPT (Neighbourhood Police Team) at the time when 1,200 young soldiers are moving into the locality. Ms Palmer again challenged the Parish Council saying she didn't consider the wording 'removed' from post appropriate. Again it was pointed out that that was not the wording used in the subject report.

4.2 Questions from Richard Marshall concerning the Neighbourhood Plan:

What engagement with the villages was undertaken prior to the production of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and what is the proposal for public consultation of the draft plan. Cllr J Webb reported that he thought a 'Postcards of the future' survey had been carried out as well as an on line survey, both organised by Common Places. Results from a Housing survey carried out by Wiltshire Council in 2013 had also been used. The question on consultation going forward will be answered in Cllr J Webb's update to be covered later on the agenda.

4.3 Questions from Nigel Nunns concerning the Neighbourhood Plan:

- a. Mr Nunns had noticed that a sum of £5,000 was allocated in the 2014/15 budget for the Neighbourhood Plan and queried why this had not been mentioned at the NEW-V meeting during a discussion about available funding. Cllr J Webb confirmed that as he was not sure what sum was available he was not prepared to comment at the meeting until he had checked first.
- b. Mr Nunns then asked a further question suggesting that future development sites should be named in the Neighbourhood plan. Cllr J Webb said that there have been concerns raised over some sites being added to the WC SHLAA without the landowner's knowledge and at the moment until these concerns have been addressed there will be no sites mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan. A report will be given at a future meeting pending more information.

4.4 Questions from Ann Kingdon:

- a. Why has the External Auditor not given an opinion on the Annual Accounts yet? It was reported that a member of the public had raised a query and that the auditors had not yet completed the audit.
- b. What is the Parish Council going to spend the balance of current funds on? Mrs Kingdon suggested that she receive a written reply to her question; this was agreed.
- c. Mrs Kingdon asked why her request to have a further discussion on the markings of the disabled parking bay on the tarmacked area outside of the Village Hall had not been actioned. Mrs Kingdon was reminded that letters had been sent on two occasions giving reasons for the Parish Council decision not to mark the bay and that she had also been informed that the matter was closed and would not be discussed again. Mrs Kingdon said she did not accept that and wanted further discussion. Tom Blundell interrupted the meeting by suggesting that the cost of the paint was minimal and went on to suggest he would paint the bay himself and charge the Parish Council double the costs in labour. Cllr R Selby-Boothroyd suggested that taking that course of action might result in being accused of criminal damage to The Green. Mr Blundell then became verbally abusive and called Cllr R Selby-Boothroyd an 'ignoramus'. The Chairman suggested that Mr Blundell leave the meeting due to his disruptive and insulting behaviour. Mr Blundell was encouraged to stay by other members of the public present. When it became apparent that Mr Blundell was not going to leave, Cllr J Selby-Boothroyd proposed that the meeting be closed. The Chairman consulted with other members of the Council present regarding this proposal and promptly closed the meeting.

Item 16 – Close of Meeting

16.1 The meeting was closed at 7.50pm

Signed Date
Chairman