

Draft Minutes of Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 in Lyneham Church Hall at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllrs: Geoff Jackson-Haines (Chairman), Tim Webb, Judy Digman, John Webb, Richard Selby-Boothroyd, Rod Gill, Derek Lambourne. Lynn Thrussell and Ron Glover

Clerk: Jacquie Henly

There were 12 members of the public and press present.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

1) Lt Col Andy Teare gave an update report on progress being made at the MoD training school.

2) Andy Singfield from the Neighbourhood Police Team was not present but he had sent a report. The Chairman read out items from the report relevant to Lyneham and Bradenstoke.

3) Wiltshire Councillor Allison Bucknell was not present and no report had been received.

4) The Chairman invited questions from members of the public present that would be answered during the meeting at item 4 on the agenda or carried over until the next meeting if the answers were not available to hand.

Item 1 - Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pollard and J Selby-Boothroyd

Item 2 – Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2016, the Planning Committee meeting held on 15th March 2016 and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 29th March 2016 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

Item 4 – Consideration of matters arising from Public Participation

It was agreed that questions raised by Nigel Nunns and Richard Marshall will be answered following the meeting by e-mail. They will also be noted in the Clerks report so they will appear in the May minutes.

Item 5 – To receive items on the Clerk's Report

5.1 Sent in comments to Wiltshire Council on the planning applications considered at the Full March meeting and the March Planning Meeting.

5.2 Responded to questions asked by Richard Marshall at the March Parish Council meeting – responses below:

Why has the Council not amended its minutes of their 12 January 2016 meeting, in which item 7.3 misleadingly implies the Core Strategy restriction on building small housing sites “involving fewer than 10 dwellings or fewer” applies to Small Villages?

It does not. This restriction applies to Large Villages like Lyneham.

Item 7.3 in the minutes of the January meeting will not be amended, as what was said is what is recorded in the minutes. Therefore it reflects an accurate record of the meeting.

As you quite rightly point out the restriction applies to large villages not small ones. Therefore, this will be acknowledged and noted in my Clerks Report.

The Gleeson Housing Survey were not without self-interest.

Is the Parish Council saying that we can trust a commercial property developer to represent Lyneham? 11 SEP 16 **Who had these general conversations the minutes refer to?**

How many, and where are they recorded?

The Parish Council did not and would not suggest that a commercial property developer should represent Lyneham. However it cannot ignore genuine feedback from public consultation. Some campaigners against the property development at Pound Farm demanded public consultation so that their voices could be heard; therefore it is only right the voices of supporters of the development should be considered as well.

Members of the Council attended the public consultations and talked to many supporters of the development during the open events held at the Village Hall in Lyneham.

The general conversations referred to in the minutes have taken place over a period of time, some at the public consultation events mentioned above, others whilst out and about in the community. Members of the public often approach and speak to members of the Council over matters concerning the Parish. There is no requirement for such conversations to be recorded. The original question from Mr Nunns, at the February meeting, asked for a response to the representation letters sent to Wiltshire Council concerning the proposed Gleeson Development at Pound Farm in Lyneham. The answer given and comment made at the meeting in February was trying to give a balanced overview of feelings expressed to members of the Council

from both those in favour and those against the development. It would be negligent of the Parish Council to only listen to one source of information/opinion when dealing with such a sensitive issue.

5.3 Contacted both contractors who had submitted tenders for the Grass Cutting Contract to let them know the outcome.

5.4 Chased all outstanding invoices in preparation for the end of year accounts.

5.5 Contacted Matt Perrot to ask if the drains underneath the hedge of 3 The Banks Lyneham could be investigated by cameras to check for any damage. This is following recent flooding in the area, Cllr J Webb suggested it would be advisable to check especially as the road in that area was being resurfaced and if there was any damage it would be good to get it repaired before further flooding occurred. It has been confirmed by Wiltshire Council that an investigation will take place.

5.6 Permission has been granted by Wiltshire Council for the bus shelter at Preston Lane to be replaced and re-sited.

Item 6 – To receive update reports from working groups, committees and representative members of outside bodies. To include approval of recommendations from the Open Spaces Working Group.

6.1 Report from the Open Spaces Working Group:

a) A request from British Solar Renewables to connect proposed new swales into Parish Council drainage ditches by the allotments and play park in Bradenstoke has been discussed by the Open Spaces Working Group. Following visits to the site and a lengthy discussion the working group agreed they would recommend that further information would be required, in the form of a Hydrological Survey, before approving consent. Parish Council ditches in that area are due to be cleared during the summer.

b) Contact will be made with the newly recruited Wiltshire Council/Environment Agency member of staff who is undertaking research on groundwater regarding areas in the parish where there have been groundwater changes.

c) The standard of grass cutting will be monitored throughout the year.

d) Cllr John Webb will be asked to start plotting on maps the ownership of land responsibility throughout the Parish.

6.2 Report from Highways & Maintenance Working Group:

Litter Picking in Lyneham took place on 9th April 2016.

6.3 Report from Young People and Families Working Group:

a) Work at the Bradenstoke Play Park was postponed due to bad weather.

b) Problem with children and parents during the Easter Break ignoring signs saying the play park was closed. The seat from the zip wire was removed to stop children using this piece of equipment, as installation was not complete.

c) Awaiting delivery of the final piece of equipment to be installed.

6.4 Report from Britain in Bloom Working Group:

a) Volunteers have helped to prick out seedlings in preparation for summer planting.

b) Permission is being sought from Wiltshire Council to put a floral display in the lay-by between Lyneham and Bradenstoke – Wild flowers may also be planted in the bank at the back of the lay-by.

c) Permission is being sought from Wiltshire Council to place flower tubs by the Welcome to Lyneham signs.

d) Met with a mentor from Britain in Bloom to gain advice on putting together the portfolio and route for the judges to follow.

e) Geoff Jackson-Haines was appointed as the new lead for the working group.

6.5 Report from Councillor J Webb re The Neighbourhood Plan:

a) Lyneham and Bradenstoke formally announced to the NEW-V group that we had voted to leave and produce an independent Neighbourhood Plan. This decision appears to have been accepted by the remaining members of the NEW-V Group.

b) Currently we are stuck in the position of not being able to go ahead with our designation until the reformed NEW-V Group also goes for re-designation as the rules do not allow for there to be an overlap in designations

6.6 The recommendation from the Open Spaces Working Group in item 6.1 a) above was approved by the majority of members present.

Item 7 – To adopt the Emergency Plan for Lyneham and Bradenstoke

A copy of the Emergency Plan for Lyneham and Bradenstoke had previously been circulated to members. It was agreed the plan should be adopted and circulated.

Item 8 – To discuss and determine the Council's approach to a request that a pedestrian crossing on the A3102 be installed between the Edmonds Garage site and the footpath to Pound Close.

Cllr J Webb has printed a small map identifying the proposed position for a crossing to be installed.

All members present support the proposal and requested that Cllr J Webb take the proposal to the CATG meeting on Thursday 14th April recommending that it should be taken forward. Although the matter cannot be discussed officially at the CATG meeting, as it has not been put forward as an agenda item, members of

the council would like it made clear to Highways Officers that they fully support the idea and would like guidance on how to proceed.

Item 9 – To discuss and determine a course of action to establish the facts regarding a potential Community Benefit Fund arising from the installation of the Bradenstoke Solar Farm on MoD land and to ensure that its future management is conducted transparently and effectively benefits the properly identified community.

Cllr R Selby-Boothroyd pointed out that it had been some months since a member of the public raised questions regarding the Community Benefit Fund relating to the Bradenstoke Solar Farm. The Parish Council sent a letter to British Solar Renewables (BSR) requesting answers to 19 questions. The only response from BSR was to forward a Community Newsletter, with no suggestion of how it was to be distributed. The newsletter only partially answered four of the questions raised. A further request was sent asking for the remaining questions to be answered but to date no response has been received. It was proposed and approved that responsibility be delegated to the Finance Committee to pursue further information.

Item 10 – Finance

10.1 Account Balances inclusive of all cheques written and deposits made - Current Account £12106.10
Deposit Account £58161.33

10.2

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
619	Lyneham PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	2710.00
620	Lyneham PCC – Grant for Church Hall	1851.20
621	J Henly – Clerks Salary and Expenses	562.08
622	Wiltshire Council – Village entrance signs	1114.33
623	A W Services – Toilet Maintenance	1004.56
624	R Gill – Reimbursement for items purchased for installation of the light at the Village Hall re Grant and purchase of a new lock for the public toilets	99.53
625	D Webb & Sons – BinB plants and compost	324.50
626	Cancelled	00.00
627	Thames Water	27.86
628	Lyneham PCC – Hall Hire	23.00
629	Sovereign – Play Park	19639.19
630	E-On - Electricity	73.38
	Money Received	Amount

10.3 It was resolved to approve funding of no more than £250.00 plus delivery and VAT to improve the access into the Dog Walking Field at Bradenstoke.

10.4 It was resolved to approve funding of £3349.00 plus VAT for the replacement of the bus shelter in Preston Lane Lyneham.

Item 11 – Planning

An update on planning applications had previously been distributed to members.

Item 12 – Exchange of Information

12.1 Cllr J Webb reported he will be attending a NEW-V meeting tomorrow evening 13th April 2016 and a CATG meeting on Thursday 15th April 2016.

12.3 Cllrs J Webb, R Selby-Boothroyd and Jackson-Haines will all be attending a Highways meeting in Chippenham next week.

Item 13 – Date of the Next Meeting

The next meetings of Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council are the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10th May 2016 in Lyneham Church Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed
Chairman

Date

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.