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Approved minutes of Minutes of Lydlinch Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2016 commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors: Mr C May (Chairman), Mr P Bovenizer, Mrs Z Cheetham, Mrs G Tite , Mr L Tuffin & Mr J Worth

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

W Batty-Smith (North Dorset Dist. Cllr) & Pauline Batstone (Dorset County Cllr.) were in attendance.

A number of Kings Stag residents were in attendance, who had received letters from A Bradley DCC Highways reminding them not to park on the new footway. They stated that they had not parked on the footway and were disappointed and surprised to receive the letter. The Chairman stated that he had seen vehicles parked on the footway on numerous occasions and it was pointed out that it may not necessarily be residents who are parking on the footway. The issue of wheelie bins obstructing the footway on refuse collection days was considered. Members felt that the obstruction of the new footway by vehicles was an ongoing issue that could be considered as part of the Stage 4 road safety audit which is due to be carried out 12 months after the works completion.

There was further discussion regarding the pros and cons on the traffic calming scheme. It was agreed that better signage was required and P Batsone agreed to take this up.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received from Mr T Frizzle.

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings 18th January 2015.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Correspondence.

Date	From	Info	Action
12.01.16	NALC	HM Queens 90 th birthday celebrations	It was understood that the Hooper Hall Committee was holding a Tea Party. It was decided not to have a beacon or distribute commemorative coins.
14.01.16	DCC Highways	"Highway Maintenance Plan"	Noted
11.02.16	HM Courts & tribunal Service	Estates reform consultation	It was noted that post previous consultation a decision had been made to close 86 court & tribunal buildings.

20.02.16	Dorset local resilience forum	Community resilience event	No members were available to attend the Clerk was asked to obtain the template.
01.03.16	DCC Highways	Highways capital maintenance program 16.17	It was noted that there are no proposed works applicable to either Lydlinch or Kings Stag.
07.03.16	P Leivers DCC	Shaping the future of the library service	The proposed reduction in the mobile library service was noted and members agreed to publicize the consultation.
07.03.16	DCA	Neighbourhood planning event	No members were available to attend

5. To receive Parish Councillors views.

The Chairman advised that both the new notice board at Lydlich and the extension at Kings Stag had been installed and needed varnishing. He is going to use some left over paint to re-vamp the old Lydlinch notice board for community use. He also advised that DCC have going to replace the oak tree at Kings Stag at the appropriate planting time in October / November 2017. One tile is missing on the bus shelter which he will source and replace.

6. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.

W Batty-Smith gave an update on the options for change in District and County Council and the review of the County Councillors and Wards.

7. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

P Batstone gave an update on the reorganisation of DCC budgets and the withdrawal of funding for youth centres and the Sturminster Newton bid to continue the service.

8. To receive a report on the changes to smaller authorities' local audit and accountability framework including the Transparency code for smaller Councils.

A paper had been provided to members prior to the meeting . It was understood that the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act) closes the Audit Commission and establishes new arrangements for the accountability and audit of local public bodies in England. A smaller authority is an authority that has gross annual income or expenditure (turnover) below £6.5 million, including those 'exempt authorities' with a turnover below £25,000. The Government's current policy is that smaller authorities' annual accounts are subject to an "assurance review", which involves the auditor issuing a report on the annual return prepared by the authority, rather than full annual audit. Lydlinch is a smaller authority with an annual turnover below £25,000 that will be 'exempt' from the requirement to have a routine annual assurance review under the new regime. Instead of having an annual assurance review, exempt smaller authorities will only need to comply with the publication requirements of the 'Transparency Code for smaller Authorities'. However an auditor must be available to deal any question or objection made by an elector to the accounts.

9. To consider whether to opt out of the external audit arrangements that the Smaller authorities Audit appointments Ltd (SAAA) is putting in place and give further instruction.

It was understood that exempt authorities that decide to use any appointing body's arrangements will not have to have an auditor appointed automatically, unless an elector wishes to ask the auditor a question or make an objection to the accounts. In these circumstances, the local elector will have to contact the appointing body who will then assign an auditor to deal with the question or objection. If the authority's turnover rises above £25,000 during the year it must tell the appointing body and the appointing body will appoint an auditor for that year. Exempt authorities that opt out of the appointing body's arrangements will be required to appoint their own auditor as if they were not exempt. The auditor of an exempt authority will not undertake an annual assurance review of the accounts but will need to be available to deal with questions or objections from local electors about the accounts.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed not to opt out of the SAAA scheme

10. Planning

a) Response to NDDC planning consultations.

2/2016/0142/HOUSE Erect 1 No. two storey extension and new conservatory. (Demolish existing single storey extension and conservatory). Manor Cottage Holebrook Lane Lydlinch Dorset DT10 2JA. Mr N Lilly.

RESOLVED: Response made under delegated terms in conjunction with standing order 15b. xv to make no objection to the application.

b) Recent decisions of NDDC Development Management Committee.

None.

c) Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

The Clerk advised that subsequent to the Parish Councils letter of 19th January an e-mail had been received on 11th March from S Clarke (NDDC Area Planning Team Leader) confirming an application had now been received from Mr Moore regarding HagsPlay, requesting a variation to the access conditions requiring the installation prior to occupation as opposed to prior to commencement of development. The application reference is 2/2016/0367/VARIA and following validation of the application formal consultations will be sent to the Parish Council and publicity undertaken to enable local people to have their say.

d) Planning matters of report.

None.

e) To consider correspondence to NDDC Chief Executive regarding the lack of enforcement of planning conditions on application 2/2015/0794/FUL and give further instruction.
C May

Members were very disappointed at the lack of enforcement action regarding the non-compliance to the condition concerning the creation of an access. W Batty-Smith advised that the condition

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regarding the creation of access is a standard one. However as the whole area is in the ownership of the applicant it appears that the existing site access is being used and a further access may be required after construction.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to write to NDDC Chief Executive regarding the lack of enforcement of planning conditions on application 2/2015/0794/FUL

11. Finance.

a) To approve the accounts for payment.

The Green Man KS	Post office service 15/16 4 of 4	£125.00
Stalbridge TC	Office services Feb & March	£90.00
T Watson	Salary February & March 2016	£278.70
HMRC	tax & NI Feb & March 2016	£69.80
T Watson	Clerk exp Sept 2015 to March 2016 stamps	£6.48
Hopper Hall MC	Hall hire 8 mtgs	£145.00

The Clerk requested retrospective approval for 2 direct debits taken for broadband 10.04.15 & 11.05.15 for £20.31

RESOLVED: Proposed by P Bovenizer seconded by G Tile and agreed that approval of the invoices as presented be made.

12. Clerks report on matters arising.

The new web site is up and running and all the information in conjunction with 'The Transparency Code for smaller Authorities' is available to view. www.lydlinch.org. Posters will be put on the notice boards with the web site details.

13. To receive notice of the date of the next meeting and items for the next agenda.

Date Monday 16th May 2016. Annual Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual parish meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Date...16/05/16

Signed.....
Chairman