

**Minutes of the Ridgmont Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at All Saints Church, Ridgmont starting at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs M Spearing – Chairman, A Downing, P Fewings, P Francis and Lyn Lyman – Clerk. 2 residents were present.

In attendance: CB Cllr S Clark.

**435. To Receive apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs H Francis, R Kemeny, CB Cllr K Matthews & R Morris

**436. Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. An article is to be put on the Whats App Group and Facebook. **Action: MS**

**437. Open Forum:**

*Residents will have the chance to raise anything relevant to Parish Council business but they will not be able to discuss the subject more than once. A maximum of 2 minutes per subject will be allowed.*

Cones: CB Cllr Clark / Cllr Spearing will be having a meeting to discuss the situation. (Lisa Wright is the CBC contact). CB Cllr Clark wants to get the feelings of the residents.

If the cones are removed, what is likely to happen if we have a further lock down?

Maybe they can be taken up and put out again if necessary. Keeping moving cones is expensive so it would be better not to do that. Some sort of restricted parking to give a permanent solution may be preferred.

Another solution maybe we could take them up, store them and put them out if required. CB Cllr Clark will explore if we can do that. **Action: SC**

Following the recent Bank Holiday, the Husborne Crawley gate into Bedford Estate has now been re-opened.

Lydds Hill: the surface of Lydds Hill is in a poor state and needs re-tarmacing. There is also a water leak. **Action: MS**

2 cars regularly race up Eversholt Road, turn into the High Street and down Lydds Hill. They appear to be racing each other. Cllr Spearing agreed to mention this to Giovana the Police beat PC/Community Safety Officer.

**438. Declaration of Members' Interests:**

a) **Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature:** (Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship):

Cllr H Francis: PCC Secretary & Treasurer, Representative on All Saints Church and Trustee on Ridgmont Charity;

Cllr P Francis: PCC and Trustee on Ridgmont Charity.

Cllr M Spearing: Trustee of The Greensand Trust and PCC; Governor of Aspley Guise School and Parish Council representative on Ridgmont Charity.

b) **Declaration of members' interest of a pecuniary nature:** (Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner):

Cllr Spearing: Land Owner

439. **To Approve Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021. They were duly signed.

440. **To discuss Matters Arising:**

State of the gates at both ends of the village: The gates need cleaning and re-painting so volunteers are to be requested. This is ongoing. *Action: MS*

Victoria Smith CBC has advised that there is £457.42 of unspent Community and Village Hall Section 106 funds available for Ridgmont. As we don't have a village hall, the Clerk had asked if there was any alternative the money could be spent on. Victoria has advised that: If we submit details of what we would like to spend it on, it can be considered. The Clerk agreed to ask if this can be spent on painting the village gates. *Action: LL*

441. **To receive correspondence:**

CBC Local Plan 2015 – 2035 has been adopted.

442. **To accept Payments:**

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021: £14,244.30

**Expenditure:**

NAB Grasscutting 2693	530.00	100766
Andy Muskett Ltd 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ Street Lighting Maintenance	110.10	100767
Came & Company Annual Insurance	990.55	100769
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – July	341.85	s/o
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – August	341.85	s/o
Eon – August Monthly Energy Charge	172.18	d/d
Eon – September	172.18	d/d

Monthly Energy Charge

2658.61

It was unanimously agreed the above invoices should be paid.

443. **To receive Reports:**

**CB Cllr Clark:** The next Stakeholders Group Meeting takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> September at Marston Moretaine. This is to discuss to proposed building of 5,000 houses over 20 years.

**The Roundhouse and the Ringworks:** CB Cllr Clark and English Heritage have had a further site visit. There is so little left of the round house so English Heritage may consider de-listing it and spend money on the Ringworks.

**CB Cllr Matthews:** No report available

**CB Cllr Morris:** No report available

**Councillor Reports:**

**Planning Applications:** CB/21/03471/Full 63 High Street. Replacement windows and doors in a conservation area. No objections although Cllr Spearing agreed to follow up on CBC regulations with Conservation Officer. **Action: MS**

**PCC: Cllr H Francis:** No report available.

**Local Plan:** Cllr Spearing spoke of the issue with Junction 13 traffic. Area 3 has been taken as a proposal for warehousing. If CBC don't think the warehousing is appropriate, it may be refused. Height of buildings and colour of the buildings has also been queried.

There is a planning application lodged with CBC so Prologis may have to alter it and re-submit. This is all to be included in the newsletter which is in the process of being produced.

Dawson Freight are selling their site in Brogborough as they no longer need to build a new head office.

**Ridgmont Charity: Cllr H Francis:** No Report available.

**School Relocation:** Cllr Clark said the project has been put on hold at present.

444. **Section 106 Play Equipment:**

Lappset/Redlynch quote for safety surfacing is £8,936 + VAT.

The cable on the walkway could do with being replaced - the cost of the cable is £350 and £175.00 for fitting.

We have Section 106 funding of £7,603.63. Ward Cllr Funding of £1,500 has also been awarded. The closing date for claims for the Section 106 applications is April 2023. **Action: MS**

**ROSPA Report:** Cllr Spearing has been checking the report and identified the items which are of medium risk. She has contacted 3 suppliers and will obtain quotes. **Action: MS**

**445. Clerk Vacancy:**

Olivier Burrows has been appointed as the new clerk and is due to take up her duties on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. She lives in the village. She isn't qualified so the PC will support the relevant costs. The present clerk will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**446. Date of Next Meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in All Saints Church and will start at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.