

## **Pipe and Lyde Parish Council**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 19.00 at Kenchester Water Gardens

In attendance: Ron Davies (Acting Chair as agreed by those present– RD), Phil Meadwell (PM) and Amanda James (AJ)

Also in attendance Ward Cllr Crockett, Emma Noble, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public (2 of whom joined during item 4.2

1. **To receive apologies of absence** – Alan Paske and Donna Flowers
2. **To receive declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation** – Although Alan Paske was not in attendance AP reported declaration of interests on item 5.1
3. **To consider adopting minutes of previous meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022** – PM proposed that the minutes were a true account of the meeting and be adopted – AJ seconded this proposal. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes be ADOPTED.

#### **4. Public Forum –**

- 4.1. **Local Residents** – At Chairman's discretion, up to 10 mins will be allocated for the public to make representations, ask questions & give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda.

Members of the public were present to raise their concerns over the planning application listed on the agenda as Item 5.1.

The concerns were noted were as follows:

- Dust pollution – the local residents reported that they already experience days where they cannot hang washing on the line or have windows open without having to dust the house afterwards. Cars that are parked on drives are also covered in dust depending on the wind direction. The residents therefore, felt an extension to the quarry and an increase in the length of the production to ten years would be detrimental to their daily lives on not only a bigger scale but also for an extended period of time.
- The residents feel that the plans show the quarry excavation will be extremely close to at least two properties. This will increase dust pollution and noise. The residents could not find any detail on the plans regarding how the applicant would reduce the detrimental effect of the work by intruding anti dust sprinklers etc
- There is concern over the natural spring water that has an outlet at Springfield House - this may become polluted.
- Although there is no proposed increase to the number of movements using the quarry concerns were raised over the lanes in which they could potentially use. The lane from Springfield House which goes through Upper Lyde towards Hither Bush is extremely narrow with many bends that would simply not take the lorries. The lorries would need to use Moreton Road as a condition should the application be granted.
- Concerns were raised regarding the process of monitoring the quarry operations and also the proposed 'inert waste infill'. Will this be monitored regularly by Environmental Health at Herefordshire Council to ensure no toxic chemicals or materials are used and could potentially leach into the soil?
- It was felt that the proposed screening did not provide enough detail.

The local residents felt that the yellow notices on lamp posts and telegraph poles was not adequate as some residents were not aware what they were. It was explained that Herefordshire Council no longer send out letters to neighbouring properties of planning applications but that it is advisable to log on to the parish council website to register for updates or to register an account with Herefordshire Council to receive planning notifications via email.

Ward Cllr Crockett explained the process regarding planning applications and that the parish council

only comment on them – they are determined by Herefordshire Council. The planning officer will look at all relevant information and will then make judgement based on facts. Ward Cllr Crockett will also be consulted on her thoughts. If a decision on the application is not straight forward it can go to planning committee where the planning committee at Herefordshire Council make the decision. Both parties can appeal the decision.

- 4.2. To receive Ward Councillors Verbal Report – Ward Cllr Crockett explained that the recent cycleway that has proved controversial did not come directly out of council funds but would have been a grant that stipulated how the funds can be spent – Widemarsh Steet and St Owen Street are examples of this. Ward Cllr Crockett explained she is also a cabinet member for Health and Adult Wellbeing. The leader's newsletter has been emailed and is on the parish council website. Ward Cllr Crockett is due to meet with Highways regarding the A49 and will look at the possibilities of a bus shelter and also some missing signs that say 'Lower Lyde' that it is believed Highways took down and never replaced. Ward Cllr Crockett will also look at the 'parking sign' on the Upper Lyde side of the A49 as it is believed to be poorly positioned and drivers pull over just passed the Upper Lyde slip road rather than the official layby further up the road. Ward Cllr Crockett will also enquire about the official bus stops in the village.

## 5. Planning

5.1 To consider planning application P223861/M Lyde Quarries – proposed extension to Upper Lyde Quarry involving the extraction of sand and gravel and the restoration of the site to agriculture using imported inert waste, formation of a new vehicular access from Upper Lyde Road.

After hearing the local residents under Item 5.1 the Parish Council discussed the application at length. The Parish Council feel that the screening will need to be mature trees and also, they would need to be planted fairly close together if they are to help reduce noise and pollution. The proposed works being in close proximity to neighbouring properties was a concern and it was felt the noise and pollution would have a detrimental effect on most of Upper Lyde. It was also felt the quarry excavating from both sides of the road could have a negative visual impact on the village. If the application was successful it would need to be made clear the lorries cannot use the lane from Springfield House that takes them down to Hither Bush and onto the A49 as it is not suitable. Concerns were raised over the wording of the infill being 'inert waste' – not enough detail was provided on what this would be or how it would be monitored. The Parish Clerk will ask for the latest report from Environmental Health regarding the findings of the report regarding infill and when it was last monitored. The Parish Council took a vote on the application and it was unanimously agreed that the parish council felt they could not support the application due to the negative impact on the local residents in close proximity but also the whole of the Upper Lyde community. The Parish Council object to this application.

**ACTION: CLERK**

5.2 To consider planning application 224270 - Land to the north of Hedgerow Way, Holmer – 105 dwellings alongside access and associated infrastructure including widening of the footpath along Hedgerow Way – Bloor Homes – The Parish Council will look at the plans on line and inform the clerk if they have any particular concerns that they feel needs commenting on. The application is for a development in a neighbouring parish and it was felt they are better positioned to comment on the application. The Parish Council therefore agreed to support any decision that Holmer Parish Council submit.

## 6. Finance

5.1 To consider clerks salary in accordance with budget and pay scale – this also included expenses of £11.16 for 3 return journeys as per agreed budget- **ACTIONED**

5.2 To note financial position in accordance with the budget and bank reconciliation - **NOTED**

7. Footpaths – to receive an update from Footpaths Officer -RD has received the maps he needed and has walked the paths. There are a few issues that are ongoing – one near Lyde Arundel regarding a stile which needs replacing or repair. RD has spoken with the landowner who hopes to repair it shortly. RD will meet with the landowner by the diary in the next week or two. There are around three stiles in the parish that need attention – these currently have steps but would be more accessible if replaced with

gates. RD is awaiting feedback from Bruce Evans at Herefordshire Council regarding any contributions and will copy Ward Cllr Crockett into emails so she is aware. **ACTION: RD**

The parish council unanimously decided that the 23/24 budget for footpaths should be increased to £700 as on reflection there has been no expenditure on footpaths for the last 2 years. RD will continue to work with landowners to ensure repairs and replacements are completed as appropriate.

RD and AJ will look at boundary hedge by the church as it is protruding over the footpath.

**ACTION RD AJ.**

8. Police Charter – to consider updating the police charter – The police charter is renewed every 3 months. The Parish Council discussed any recent issues and it was agreed that the following will be logged:

1. Speeding traffic 2. Anti-Social Behaviour (entry to quarry after hours where cars gather and litter is strewn) 3. Thefts

The clerk will invite Christina Howard to the forthcoming Parish Council meeting and also request a police surgery as appropriate. **ACTION; CLERK**

9. Defibrillators – to consider possible dates and confirm venue for defibrillator training – The clerk will email Heart Safe to confirm a date - evenings Tuesday-Thursday and location confirmed as Kenchester Water Gardens. Once the date is confirmed the clerk will advertise this on the website. Other communication ways were discussed and it was agreed the clerk will get a quote for a one-off leaflet/booklet that can be sent to each dwelling in the parish with various information on to include parish council contacts, local charities, website details of Herefordshire Council where they can report a pot hole etc and information about a local Facebook group should they wish to join.
10. To consider date of next meeting. – items for next agenda, bus shelter, leaflet (Lyde Trumpet?) April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Meeting closed at 8.24pm**

These are draft minutes that will be presented at the next parish council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April for adopting.