

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

T O'Neill, C Doel, A Barley, Mrs A Cessford, G Steer, R George and J Boldon, Also present were Graham Heard and Dick Tonge.

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from R Troughton.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

There were none.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was proposed by Mr Barley, seconded by Mrs Cessford that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014 be accepted and signed as a true record. Agreed.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Defibrillator - Mr Doel advised that the device was being delivered the following week.

5 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Military Vehicle Trust -

Mr Doel advised that the Trust have agreed that they will donate £1K to the Parish Council to be distributed between the 10 groups/clubs within the village (as previously advised to MVT).

Cemetery -

Mr Barley reported that following a meeting with Mr O'Neill and the tree surgeon Phil Lloyd he was waiting for the quote. The work needed includes the 2 cedar trees at the entrance; holly branches overhanging the allotments; holly trees between the cemetery and allotments - reduce height to 12 ft

Village Hall Management Committee -

Mrs Cessford advised that there was nothing to report on the provision of broadband. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Committee and request a progress report and timescale for the installation of the service.

Playing Field -

Mr George reported that the Playing Field is looking rather good. There is a lack of moles and he has requested a price to maintain the service for moles. National Trust is looking to replicate the round "Dog" sign at the Red Lion entrance. Padlocks missing from the gate at the museum end.

Lacock Football Club is still keen to return next season and has been asked to submit estimate of costs involved - goalposts etc.

Cricket season begins in two weeks and the National Trust has agreed to an internal repair of the pavilion - the building to be made waterproof, safe and presentable.

Core Strategy -

Mr Boldon reported that Wiltshire Council intend to do a further appraisal of their sites.

Website -

Mr Steer reported that he is following up enquiries regarding the Sign of the Angel web name.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence received had been circulated with the Agenda.

2 Letter via Duncan Hames from a Chippenham resident requesting a 50mph limit on the A350 between Chippenham and Melksham. The Clerk was instructed to advise Mr Hames that improvements around the traffic lights at Whitehall are far more important and the PC would like to see how this is going to affect the accident rate.

7 FINANCE:

i) Accounts –

It was proposed by Mrs Cessford, seconded by Mr Steer, that the following accounts be paid:

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| Simon J White | £ 414.00 | (March account) |
| G Westall | £ 35.00 | |
| S Steward | £ 272.58 | |
| T P O'Neill | £ 15.99 | (new tap cemetery) |
| National Trust | £100.00 | (cricket pavilion rent) |
| National Trust | £ 45.00 | (allotment gardens rent) |
| Post Office Ltd | £195.00 | (PAYE) |
| WALC | £367.50 | (annual subscription) |
| Community First | £700.08 | (insurance with Zurich) |
| Playforce | £840.00 | |
| Arrythmia Alliance | £2340.00 | (defibrillator) |

ii) Statement of Account –

It was proposed by Mr George, seconded by Mr Boldon, that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £4902.79 in the Co-operative Bank current account as at 31 March 2014 be signed as correct by the Chairman. Agreed.

iii) Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return -

It was proposed by Mrs George, seconded by Mr Steer, that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return be approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer. Agreed.

VAT Return -

The Clerk advised that a VAT claim for £1220.69 for the last financial year has been submitted.

9 PLANNING:

14/02571/FUL Proposed stationing of five modular units to form staff facilities Whitehall Garden Centre Ltd, Corsham Road, Lacock.

It was noted that this form of building has been chosen in the knowledge that the structure will be required to be removed at a later date and as such it was agreed that if Wiltshire Council is minded to approve the application then permission should be granted on a temporary basis for not more than 5 years.

14/03150/TCA Fell 1 ash tree and coppice 1 sycamore tree to 30cm - Land at Bowden Hill, Lacock.

14/03187/TCA Cut back 4 willow trees to previous pruning points, fell 1 willow, reduction of 2 stems of 1 willow to 4 metres and coppice 1 elder to 30cm.

14/03196/TCA Fell 2 poplar stems and pollard 1 poplar to 2.5 metres - Land on river bank, Lacock.

14/03276/TCA Fell 1 yew tree - Folly Hoouse, Folly Lane, Lacock.

14/02501/TCA 50% height reduction to 12 leylandii - 8 Bowden Hill, Lacock.

14/03805/TCA Fell 2 apple trees - De Bijenkorf, Bowden Hill, Lacock.

Members raised no objection to the above applications.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) Drive on the common to Woodmans Cottage needs sorting.
- ii) Footpath to Nethercote needs resurfacing from the top to the river - 3-way split. (PIGS - how much is available?)
- iii) Wiltshire Council advised in March that the damage to Rey Bridge would be completed by the end of the month. Health and safety issues make it very dangerous to both vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- iv) Group of youngsters in the village engaging in low level crime.
- v) Anti-social behaviour by some children of NT tenants in the village.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 May 2014. Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 April 2014.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes

12 May 2014