

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on
Monday 12 January 2015
at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.**

THOSE PRESENT:

T O'Neill, C Doel, Mrs A Cessford, A Barley, G Fortune and J Adams. Also present were Graham Heard, Dick Tonge and three members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Received from Messrs George, Boldon and Steer.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

There were none.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mrs Culshaw raised the matter of parked vehicles at Corsham Road which causes tailbacks. It has been requested that the white lines across the entrance to the garden centre be re-painted so that vehicles stop before emerging onto the main road thus making it safer for pedestrians using the pavement. Also, a grit bin for the Corsham Road had been requested but WC Highways will not provide one.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was proposed by Mr Fortune, seconded by Mrs Cessford that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2014 be signed as a true record. Agreed.

5 MATTERS ARISING:

There were none.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

C Doel -

Reported a very fruitful meeting with Gemma Winslow. Collapsed wall at Cantax will be looked into. Various potholes to be sorted. List of things for the warden to do. Folly Lane - it is suspected that the pipe under the road has collapsed - this will be investigated.

G Fortune/A Barley -

Proposed and seconded opening the cemetery chapel on 3/6 April between 11am and 2pm. This was agreed. A notice to be posted on the website.

A Cessford -

New WiFi line being installed on 19 January.
Governing document has been completed and ready for signature.

J Adams -

Ran through the implications of the new governing document.
Needs to be signed by the Village Hall Committee.

R George - in his absence

Report No.17 was circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted by those present. With regard to Item 4.1 - it was proposed by Mr Doel, seconded by Mr Fortune, that agreement be given to replacing the sprung rocking horse at a cost of c£1500 with National Trust contributing 50%. Agreed
Item 4.2 - it was agreed that this be held in abeyance pending further information.

T O'Neill -

The Lackham hamper - a very generous one - was received on 19 December and duly distributed within the parish.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails/correspondence list had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

3 Buckingham Palace Garden Party - Mr Doel was nominated

Received after the list was compiled:

- 8 From Allan Brown re WGC ice skating rink.
9 Emma Biggs re Lacock Bridge - 5 day full road closure.

8 FINANCE:

i) Accounts –

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

S J White	£ 414.00	(for December 2014)
G Westall	£ 35.00	
S Steward	£ 274.59	
Post Office Ltd	£ 195.00	(PAYE)
Wessex Water	£ 57.77	(allotments)
SLCC	£ 88.00	(replaces c/n 585)
Lacock Parish Council	£26982.06	(transfer from NS&I)
Action Force Pest Control	£ 200.00	(moles in PF)
Land Registry	£ 40.00	(Pavilion)
Land Registry	£ 40.00	(Village Hall)

ii) Statement of Account –

It was proposed by Mr Fortune, seconded by Mr Adams, that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £34,460.98 in the Co-operative Bank current account as at 5 December 2014 be signed as correct by the Chairman. Agreed.

iii) Precept 2015/2016

Mrs Cessford (Responsible Finance Officer) presented the proposals for the 2015/2016 financial year. With the additional top up grant of £209.87 from Wiltshire Council the total amount needed is £16,951.00. It was proposed by Mr Fortune, seconded by Mr Adams, that the Parish Council requires a precept of £16,741.13. Agreed.

9 PLANNING:

- 14/11712/TCA Work to trees in a conservation area - 3 Nethercote Hill, Lacock.
14/11717/TCA Work to trees in a conservation area - Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock.
14/12080/TCA Work to trees in a conservation area - land adj to Playing Field, Hither Way, Lacock.
15/00096/FUL 2 storey rear extension, porch and 1st floor window to side elevation - 62 Corsham Road, Lacock.

There were no objections/comments raised to the above planning applications.

14/12118/OUT Outline planning - Rowden Park, Patterdown, Chippenham.

The Chairman allowed Tony Peacock to address the meeting. He stated that whilst most of the residents thought that there was an inevitability to the houses being build there were a lot of concerns. They had agreed that they wanted to make sure that the community gets as much out of the development as it can. They would like to see a footpath and cycle path down to Lackham. For years they had been told that Wiltshire Council core strategy was jobs first and houses later and this proposal is a direct contradiction of what the strategy states.

Mr O'Neill thought that it was very regrettable that this application has now extended from its original Patterdown site by encroaching into Lacock parish. Lacock is part of the Corsham Community Area not Chippenham Community Area; there has been no debate with Lacock Parish Council and CCA and this will also happen if this development is given the green light - Showell will be ceded to Chippenham.

Mr Doel had attended the presentation in the Town Hall and at the time voiced his concern about flooding of the proposed site - this is still his biggest concern.

Members agreed that Mr Boldon be appraised of the discussion and concerns raised and asked to draft a response to Wiltshire Council.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) Grass cutting contract for next year - retain Mr White's services?
- ii) Regular cutting of Corsham Road play area and village weeds.
- iii) Traffic chaos in Church Street during recent works.
- iv) Filming enquiries - use of Church Street - announcement shortly.
- v) Strategy meeting to be arranged.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9 February 2015

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes

9 February 2015