

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on
Monday 15 March 2016
at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.**

THOSE PRESENT:

C Doel, J Boldon, A Turnbull, A Barley, A Cessford, J Durant, G Fortune, T Krill, G Steer and R George. Also present was G Heard (NT) and six members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Received from J Adams and D Tonge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

AC, GF and CD - Planning re Wilts & Berks Canal.
JB - Wiltshire Scrapstore grant application.
AC - Village Hall grant application.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Stuart Gregory stated that the increase in the volume of traffic and in particular the speed of vehicles using Cantax Hill was a cause for concern. He asked the Parish Council if it would support his intention to undertake a study of comments from residents and to obtain some statistics on the volume and types of vehicles. The PC agreed to support this.

Jamie Parsons reminded those present that the Lacock School Scarecrow Trail will be taking place 28/29/30 May and the theme this year is Board Games.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of meeting held 8 February 2016 agreed and signed as a true record RG/AC.

5 ACTION/UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to report.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

J Boldon -

JB gave a report on his and CD recent meeting with Alistair Cunningham who was very supportive of the PC position and their grievances on a number of issues. Sally Canter has been delegated as the direct link between Wiltshire and LPC. PC will be able to discuss with case officers before decisions are taken.

A Turnbull -

Lovers Walk - AT had met with Paul Bollen - if PC arrange for leaf mould to be cleared he will get the pothole team in to remedy the path. Corsham Road play area - works complete and invoice received.

R George -

Report No.30 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

- 6.1 Proposed RG, seconded JD contract for Recreation Ground maintenance with English Landscapes.
- 6.2 Proposed RG, seconded GS, that PC underwrite the cost of contracted works for the Old Sports Pavilion to the value of £3600.
- 6.3 JB recommended that this item is not adhered to. CD and GH to discuss.

Old pavilion refurbishment contract offered to Neil Ballinger - necessary works to be scheduled for completion before 1 May 2016.

J Durrant -

Commitment from Ian Revill, Lackham, to look at the trees in particular over the weir. Will be meeting with Renate Malton to discuss progress etc.

A Barley -

Amenity seats - survey will be undertaken within the next few weeks. Ian Revill responsible for seat on the island - will be done after Easter break.

G Fortune -

Cedar Trees - Lloyd and Smith are not interested - too big a job.
Acer Tree Services from Westbury - costing for crown reduction £540 inc VAT.
A tomographic survey would cost £900. Proposed by GF, seconded TK, that the survey be undertaken.

A Cessford -

Village Hall - a new outdoor noticeboard has been ordered.
New curtains for the Village Hall have been ordered.

T Krill -

Wiltshire Council Highways - lots of changes in staff. With effect from 1.4.16 highways maintenance will be undertaken by Ringway.
Re Stoggy Lane - it has been confirmed by the Rights of Way Warden that this is a public right of way and vehicles are allowed to drive down it. Concrete blocks which have been placed down the middle of the lane are both dangerous and illegal and he has emphasised that if the blocks are returned legal action would certainly be considered against those responsible.
One-way gate still being designed by Mark Standby.
Recent accidents on A350 - agreed PC to write to Philip Whitehead.

G Steer -

Development of new website - will be finished, hopefully, within 4-6 weeks.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails received had been circulated. It was noted that several were regarding recent accidents on the A350.

8 FINANCE:

i) Accounts –

Proposed by AC, seconded by JD, that the following accounts be paid:

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| S J White | £ 483.64 | (February account) |
| G Westall | £ 35.00 | |
| S Steward | £ 282.52 | |
| Playforce | £2588.70 | (Corsham Road Play Area) |
| The Landscape Group | £ 81.60 | (Football pitch) |
| Wessex Water | £ 72.62 | (Cemetery) |
| BT d/d | £ 55.33 | |
| Wiltshire Council | £ 106.48 | (Cemetery NNDR) |
| K Hutchings | £ 396.00 | (PF hedge cutting) |
| Wiltshire Scrapstore | £ 139.50 | (Grant) |

ii) Statement of Account –

Proposed AC, seconded TK, that the Statement of Account as at 29 February 2016 showing a balance of £16,687.55 in the current account be signed as correct by the Chairman. Agreed.

iii) Grant Applications -

Lacock School - request funding to repair the front boundary wall. Cost £840

PC would like further information.

Lacock Village Hall - request grant towards the cost of new curtains for the Village Hall - total cost approx £2500. Some members were willing to support a grant however it was agreed that further information regarding the VH finances be sought before a decision is taken.

Wiltshire Scrapstore - request grant to purchase of ceramic element room heater for their shop in the village. Proposed TK seconded AB, that a grant of £139.50 be awarded. Agreed.

9 PLANNING:

16/01709/FUL

Restoration of canal and towpath at Naish Hill and construction of spillway - Wilts & Berks Canal, Naish Hill, Lacock.

16/02109/FUL

Amendment to 15/03787/FUL) - Demolition of former caravan repair workshop and erect single dwelling and workshop/store building for personal use - Little Oaks Caravan Park, adj to The Oaks, Melksham Road, Lacock.

No objections/comments raised.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Those present were invited to attend the Parish Tea Party on Tuesday 22 March 2016 in the Village Hall.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11 April 2016

Annual Parish Meeting - 25 April 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes

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11 April 2016