

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room

THOSE PRESENT:

C Doel (Chairman), A Barley, A Cessford, J Durrant, A Turnbull, G Steer, R George and G Fortune. Also present were Graham Heard and seven members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Received from T Krill (holiday) and J Boldon (home emergency) and D Tonge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

GS declared an interest in Planning Application 16/10317/LBC &16/10014/FUL - tenant

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Stuart Gregory gave an update on the traffic progress since the last meeting. In October the group met with Graham Heard and subsequently with Gareth Rogers to get guidance on what was needed to be done. On the 2 November Graham Heard and Chris Doel attended the CATG meeting. The best way forward is to prioritise issues. The following have been identified as the key priorities: speed and volume of traffic and the need to improve pedestrian access.

Mike Newbury asked the Chairman why at the September meeting when Philip Whitehead attended the PC did not support a lower speed limit. The Chairman replied that the PC is doing all it can to keep the matter of safety at the Whitehall crossroads to the fore.

4 MINUTES:

It was proposed by JD, seconded by GF, that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2016, be approved and signed as a true record. Agreed.

5 UPDATE FROM MIUTES:

JD asked whether the pedestrian crossing was to go ahead as she understood that this type of crossing is being phased out as it is considered to be dangerous. CD confirm that this was the preferred crossing and that a formal design feasibility will be carried out.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

R George -

Report No 37 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The RoSPA inspection of the play area identified it as medium risk. The necessary remedial work is estimated to cost £525.19.

Relish Running have confirmed the 2017 event will take place on Sunday 18 June.

Installation of background heating in the old changing room has proved to be impossible due to outdated wiring. Small thermostatic greenhouse heaters at a total cost of £50 will be purchased.

4.1 It was proposed by AC, seconded AT, that the repairs to the play area at a cost of £525.19

be approved. Agreed.

4.2 It was proposed by GS, seconded GF, that the amended Terms of Reference for the extended Project Steering Group is approved. Agreed.

A Turnbull –

Ground maintenance at Corsham Road play area has ended and will be brought in line with the Playing Field contract in January.

Footpath – leaf clearing at Packhorse Bridge will be monitored. CD has asked Parish Steward to undertake the clearance.

J Durrant -

Trees which came down have been dealt with.

Letter from the Environment Agency – they have created a new flood warning system from Chippenham to Melksham.

G Fortune -

Cedar trees removal completed.

Review of cemetery/burial fees needed – will be on the December agenda.

Allotment Association has requested that hedges be cut and this is being looked into.

A Cessford –

Lackham will once again supply a Christmas tree and hamper.

Cemetery bench – Lackham will liaise with AB.

Bus Shelters have been cleaned.

Figures needed for next years precept 2017-2018.

A Barley –

A report on the condition of the amenity seats within the parish had been circulated prior to the meeting. AB had identified 8 seats as needing attention. AB will obtain quotations for the work needed.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of communications was circulated prior to the meeting:

- 1 From Paul Newman requesting consideration be given to moving Lacock at War weekend to earlier in the year so that Village Fair can run on August Bank Holiday. The date cannot be moved as permission was granted at the September Parish Council meeting.
- 7 From Mrs Nunes re various matters – will be dealt with by parish steward later in the week.

Items received after the list was compiled:

- 8 From Peter Glen re proposed pedestrian crossing at Hither Way – copy to be sent to Stuart Gregory.
- 9 From Colin Goodhind re A350 junction.

8 FINANCE:

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

531	S J White	£ 438.64	(for October)
532	G Westall	£ 35.00	(for October)
533	S Steward	£ 285.85	
534	Marcus Anstie	£ 150.00	(bus shelter cleaning)
535	Acer Tree Surgeons Ltd	£3654.00	(cemetery cedar trees)
536	The Landscape Group Ltd	£ 229.40	(October grounds mtce)
537	RBL Poppy Appeal	£ 17.00	(wreath)

ii) Statement of Account -

Proposed GF, seconded AC, that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £21,409.66 in the Co-operative Bank current account as at 3 November 2016 and £47,077.87 in the Cambridge & Counties Bank deposit account, be signed as correct by the Chairman. Agreed.

iii) Application from Lacock School for grant to repair wall. Three quotations had been received and the school wished to award the work to Tom Hanraads at a cost of £1290.40. GS proposed that the PC award the full amount, seconded AT. A vote was taken: 3 for, 3 against with 1 abstention. The Chairman's casting vote was against. It was proposed by RG, seconded AC, that a grant of £1000 be awarded and this was agreed.

9 PLANNING:

16/10891/TCA

Re-pollard 4 acacia and 1 poplar to previous pruning points – The Folly, Folly Lane, Lacock

16/10454/TCA

40% reduction to 1 silver birch and 30% reduction to 1 sycamore tree – 14 West Street, Lacock.

16/10317/LBC & 16/10014/FUL

Alteration of existing toilets on western side of the Abbey Courtyard and conversion of coach house to the south of the existing toilets to form larger toilet facilities – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock.

16/10537/FUL & 16/10793/LBC

Demolition of existing rear single storey extensions and erection of replacement single storey rear extension with roof lights – 17 East Street, Lacock.

Members raised no objections to the above planning applications.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Recent damage (9 October) to Rey Bridge being pursued by RG.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 12 December 2016.

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

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes.

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12 December 2016