

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

C Doel, J Boldon, A Turnbull, A Barley, A Cessford, G Steer, T Krill, J Durrant, G Fortune and R George. Also present was G Heard and four members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Received from D Tonge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

GS declared an interest in the grant request from Wise Owls Pre School - he is the Chair of the group.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mr P Shaw spoke about the Hither Way crossing. The National Trust created the problem due to the success of Lacock as a tourist attraction. The problem will get worse because of the increase in tourist numbers and traffic generated. He would like the PC to consider other options. The Chairman pointed out that Wiltshire Council had considered the options and that the proposal was their recommendation.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was proposed by AC, seconded by AB, that the minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2016 be approved and signed as a true record. Agreed.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to report.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

R George -

Report No.38 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The National Trust had confirmed that it will meet 50% of repairing the play equipment identified in the recent RoSPA report as needing attention.

It was proposed by JD, seconded by AT, that a contribution of £2000 towards the £6000 feasibility study to determine the use of the Village Hall for full time educational use be approved. Agreed.

A Turnbull -

Nothing to report on the Corsham Road play area. Packhorse Bridge - leaves have been cleared.

J Durrant -

SSE have introduced a free 24 hour priority services phone number to be used when the power supply goes off.

A Cessford -

Lackham hamper presentation will take place on Friday 16 December outside the Red Lion.

Manor Room kitchen refurbishment will take place over the Christmas period.

G Fortune -

Nothing to report re allotments.

A Barley -

A quote had been received for the amenity seat refurbishment. The choice is either to use new treated hardwood at a cost of £1953.34 (+VAT) or reclaimed wood at a cost of £1440.67 (+VAT). Another quote is needed.

T Krill -

Five tasks needed for the Parish Steward to undertake before Spring.

C Doel -

The Chairman gave a brief report on the recent Traffic meeting with Philip Whitehead. It has been agreed that Lacock PC would like a 20mph limit. This means that Wiltshire Council would have to carry out a traffic survey. This proposal will be taken forward to CATG in February.

The A350 is going to be updated; it is the preferred route, of Central Highways.

7 CEMETERY FEES:

GF reported that the fees were last reviewed in 2010 and that an increase needed to be considered. Also a review of the space left in the cemetery for future interments needed to be carried out. It was agreed that GF submits a proposal for approval at the January meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

A list had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was nothing that needed further action apart from the following:

Item 4 A request from the Chair of Wise Owls Pre School for funding for start up costs of operating a cooking club (£255) and the replacement of old and broken ride along outdoor toys (£200) - total requested £455. AC pointed out that a new fridge was being fitted during the forthcoming Manor Room kitchen refurbishment, it was therefore proposed by RG, seconded by AC, that a grant of £360 be approved. Agreed.

9 FINANCE:**i) Accounts -**

Proposed AC, seconded TK, that the following accounts be paid:

538	R George	£ 62.78	(misc pavilion etc)
539	Grant Thornton UK LLP	£ 360.00	(2016 audit fee)
540	The Lock Genie	£ 50.00	(changing room lock)
541	S Steward	£ 41.00	(Christmas tree lights)
542	S J White	£ 438.64	(for November)
543	G Westall	£ 35.00	(for November)
544	S Steward	£ 285.85	
545	Idverde	£ 229.40	(November grounds mtce)
546	SLCC	£ 103.00	(annual subscription)
547	Idverde	£ 288.00	(fixing bench on PF)

548 Wise Owls Pre School £ 360.00 (grant)

ii) Statement of Account -

An up-to-date statement had not been received from the Co-operative Bank.

iii) Precept 2017/2018

The Finance Committee to meet and report back at January meeting.

10 PLANNING:

16/11091/FUL

Proposed two storey extension & detached garage (resubmission of 16/06339/FUL) - 3 Folly Lane, Lacock.

There was no objection raised to the above application.

16/11886/TCA

30% reduction and shape to yew tree - 22 Bowden Hill, Lacock.

It was noted that the tree in question has already been cut down.

11 OTHER BUSINESS:

AB reported that the hedge in the cemetery needs attention - height reduction?

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9 January 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman wished those present a Happy Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes.

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9 January 2017