

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9 October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

C Doel, J Boldon, A Barley, G Fortune. A Turnbull, J Durrant, P Shaw, S Gregory, A Cessford and R George. Also present were Ben Anderson, Graham Heard and one member of the public.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mr Whyatt Birchell introduced himself. He and his wife have taken over The Old Rectory at Cantax Hill and are undertaking a major scheme of work to bring it up to present day standards.

2 APOLOGIES:

G Steer had rescinded his resignation and it was agreed that he attend meetings when he can and after six months the matter would be reviewed.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

A Turnbull declared an interest in Planning Application 17/09114/FUL re Bewley Cottage.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Members resolved (JB/AB) to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

There was none.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

J Durrant -

JD advised that Robert O'Neill will be commencing the path to the Ford within the next few weeks.

S Gregory -

Coaches have been instructed not to park outside The George - this is being taken note of. White lining has faded in many areas - SG will be undertaking a review. White lines outside Whitehall Garden Centre still outstanding - SG to chase up. Visibility from Forest Lane/Bowden Hill difficulty seeing and also Bewley Lane/Bowden Hill junction - visibility impaired.

PS queried the 7.5 ton weight restriction. CD confirmed the restriction applies to any vehicles when travelling through the area. This is an enforcement issue by the police.

A Cessford -

AC reported that the village hall stage curtains needed to be reworked - this is in hand. Bus shelters have been cleaned. The perspex on the shelter at Cantax Hill needs to be refurbished - price will be obtained.

Precept will be discussed after November meeting - AC asked all members to submit requirements for their AoR for consideration.

G Fortune -

GF reported that he is in the process of sorting out the compost heap at the cemetery.

Had spoken to Mrs Bevan re her husband's grave - PC apology accepted.

Quote from stonemason received. Proposed by GF, seconded by RG that Mr Lovelock's quote of £250 plus VAT be accepted. Agreed.

A Barley -

John Miller will be forwarding invoices for the £1,000 the Probation Service has spent on equipment.

R George -

Report No.4 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RG had met with Playforce re the play area. It is recommended that the facility be extended and two new larger play installations be provided. Two proposals have been received and these were forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

The total cost of both options is in the region of £30K. RG recommended looking further in terms of other companies and options and because it is an extensive project that the cost is shared with the National Trust.

Reybridge meeting with Wiltshire Council - it is intended to refurbish the bridge with work commencing at the beginning of May 2018 - it will be a long process. The bridge will be shut off for a number of weeks and it all depends of what is found.

Pavilion - Chair of the School Governors has spoken to the Education Board.

Architect clarification received: £1782 to complete the project and a further £3k plus VAT - a total of £8K. Grants have been committed by the school and National Trust.

It was proposed by JB, seconded by AT that the project continues to the consultation stage at a cost of £3k plus VAT. All in favour.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT:

The updated Code of Conduct had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by JD, seconded AC that the Parish Council adopt the Code of Conduct and that it be posted on the website. Resolved.

8 VILLAGE GATEWAYS - CONSULTATION:

A summary report on the recent consultation had been circulated prior to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a fourth gate is needed - this to be presented to CATG, and that the design and style of gate to be agreed. The 20mph limit shown at the consultation was misleading and it was agreed that, in the parish magazine report on the consultation, it should be made clear that this is a future aspiration and would not be instigated until sometime in the future after the gateways have been installed. The Clerk was instructed to write to Kate Wysocki advising that a fourth gate is required and two options for the design (not white gates) are needed. Also to make the point that Lacock is a special place and requires sympathetic consideration.

9 CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence received was circulated prior to the meeting:

- 1 From Historic England re Notton War Memorial - they are considering the memorial for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.
- 2 Richard Rogers - invitation to be part of the WW1 commemoration Wiltshire Tree Planting Project.
- 3 Parish Steward timetable - it was noted that the PS is doing a good job.
- 4 2018-19 Local Government Finance Settlement - Technical Consultation Paper.
- 5 Norman Addison re stone retaining wall on Cantax Hill, Also, are annual accounts available to members of the public residing in the parish?
- 6 Kevin Gaskin - Corsham Area Dementia Action Alliance.
- 7 Cllr Wayman's Newsletter for October.
- 8 From Wiltshire Council re council tax setting programme 2018/2019 - deadline for PC precept request form is 19 January 2018.
- 9 From Lacock Garden and Allotment Association re non payment of rent by Nick Jones. PC/NT will not take back the Nethercote Allotments.
- 10 Rachael McHenry re Community Commemorative Project - notes from 28.6.17 meeting - next meeting 17.10.17.
- 11 WC reminder that deadline for receipt of Waiting and Parking Restriction requests is 1 January 2018.
- 12 Email from Gary Steer re Nethercote Allotments - water supply needed.
- 13 Resignation from Gary Steer - since rescinded.
- 14 PC website enquiry re Bewley Lane/Bowden Hill visibility splay.
- 15 Terry O'Neill re gateways consultation.

10 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

It was resolved (GF/JB) that the following accounts be paid:

400725	S J White	£ 451.80	(for September)
400726	G Westall	£ 35.00	(for September)
400728	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(grounds mtce September)
400729	Post Office Ltd	£ 214.20	(HMRC PAYE))
400730	Action Force Pest Prevention	£ 150.00	(Moles Play Area)
400731	Idverde Ltd	£ 75.00	(Extra 1 off box mow)
400732	National Trust	£ 140.00	(allotment gardens rent)
400733	Lacock Parish Council	£ 3000.00	(Trs to deposit account)
400734	S Steward	£ 301.80	(for September)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (AC/GF) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £20955.10 as at 27 September 2017 in the Co-operative Bank current account and £62578.11 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chairman as being correct.

iii) Conclusion of Audit:

The Clerk reported that Grant Thornton had concluded the audit and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on the website.

iv) Paying PAYE to HMRC

The Clerk advised that wef 15 December 2017 PC will no longer be able to make payments to HMRC via the Post Office. It was agreed that a direct debit could be set up from the current account.

11 PLANNING:

17/08554/OUT

Outline Planning Application for residential development of approximately 120 dwelling, including up to 40% affordable housing, open space, landscaping, drainage features and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved, except access - Land at Showell Nurseries, Showell, Chippenham. The PC comments forwarded to Wiltshire Council are reproduced in full below:

“At Lacock Parish Council meeting on 9 October 2017 members considered the above application. It was accepted that the principle of residential development on the planning application area is established by virtue of the land being allocated in the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD, but it strongly OBJECTS to the fact that the proposed layout in the planning application has not been integrated into a layout for the adjoining major housing allocation to the north. As a consequence Taylor Wimpey rely on a site access onto Patterdown Road which is in close proximity to a proposed roundabout to serve the major housing development to the north. The relative juxtaposition of the proposed site access to the proposed roundabout is considered unacceptable on highway grounds as it will almost certainly lead to conflicting vehicular movements with a consequential detrimental effect on the flow and safety of vehicles using Patterdown Road. Members went on further to express concern that the Showell Nurseries development will lead to a further increase in vehicles using the local highway network which almost certainly will lead to more vehicles using Lacock as a through route to the A342 and beyond. The PC has previously expressed its grave concern over the detrimental effect of ever increasing volumes of vehicles using the historic village of Lacock as a rat run from the A342 and the numerous areas of new housing development in Melksham. The problem arises from the failure to provide the necessary new highway infrastructure to deal with all the new residential areas. The same applies to the proposed new residential areas to the south west of Chippenham. The PC therefore urges Wiltshire Council to give serious consideration to the early formulation of plans to provide the necessary new highway infrastructure to cater for the ever increasing volumes of traffic arising from the new housing areas. Only by doing this will the traffic volumes through Lacock be reduced and the important heritage of Lacock be protected. The most obvious way to eliminate the rat run in Lacock would be to provide traffic lights or a roundabout at the Melksham Road/ A350 junction.”

It was noted that Corsham Town Council, Chippenham Town Council and WC Highways have not objected to the application.

17/08913/TPO

Fell 1 Oak tree - Little Oaks Caravan Park, Melksham Road, Lacock. There was no comment on this application.

17/08715/LBC

Proposed replacement of windows and rainwater goods - The Old Rectory, Cantax Hill, Lacock. There was no objection to this application.

17/09082/LBC & 17/08737/FUL

Proposed refurbishment and internal alterations to existing B&B comprising replacement of two bathrooms with two en-suites, replacement of self-contained flat with a family room and associated en-suite, creation of car parking and associated works - The Old Rectory, Cantax Hill, Lacock. There was no objection to this application.

17/09114/FUL

Demolition and replacement of an existing garage with garage annex - Bewley Cottage, Bowden Hill, Lacock.

Members objected to the proposed development on the following grounds:

The proposed two storey building would break the skyline and be readily visible from the much used Bewley Common. As a consequence it would constitute an incongruous feature and an unacceptable form of development in the Conservation Area.

17/08786/REM

Application (following outline application 14/12118/OUT) for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 118 dwellings, public open space, play space and associated infrastructure, together with landscaping of the northern part of the Riverside Park.

Members objected to the piecemeal development of the major allocation for residential development to the south west of Chippenham. In particular the PC opposes the proposed use of an existing access onto Patterdown Road rather than through a co-ordinated access for the whole of the major allocation. The Council, notwithstanding its objection, seeks clarification on the provision that is being made by the developer for the long term maintenance of the play areas and five-a-side pitch.

12 OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) Member of the press attended consultation (from Wiltshire Gazette and Herald)
- ii) Waste & Recycling over the next 10 years - consultation open.
- iii) Litter bins for Church Street.
- iv) Salt bin
- v) Website - AT agreed to assist GS with PC website.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 November 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes.

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13 November 2017