

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11 December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

C Doel, A Barley, G Fortune, J Durrant, P Shaw, A Cessford and A Turnbull. Also present were two members of the public.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mrs Vanderbeek voiced her concern about the increase in traffic through the village creating a rat run which is causing noise and pollution. She welcomed the introduction of the proposed village gateways but thought that more needs to be done.

Mr Glen queried the Parish Council's decision to request Light Oak gateways when only 16% of respondents at the public consultation were in favour of them.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from J Boldon, S Gregory, R George and G Steer. Ben Anderson and Graham Heard had also sent apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

C Doel declared an interest in item 3 of the Correspondence List re New Premises Licence Application in respect of Whitehall Garden Centre.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Clerk had omitted to mention AT's November report, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, at the November meeting and this is included here:

Corsham Road Play Area

The annual safety inspection was carried out on Corsham Road play area on 11 October. The present overall risk rating for the play area is Low.

Playforce Limited have been requested to provide a quotation for replacement of missing caps on posts to one piece of play equipment and to repair or replace the spring on the gate to restore its self-closing function. Once this has been received, I will request funding of this minor work from Parish Council funds.

Public Rights of Way

Footpaths LAC022 and LAC019 (southern end of Abbey Fields) require stile repairs - landowner has been contacted and requested to undertake the work.

Footpath LAC017 (east of Reemit House) has been reported as being difficult underfoot and requiring negation to be cut back. In process of contacting Estate Manager to request remedial action."

It was resolved JD/AC that the minutes be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

There was none.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

A Turnbull -

Corsham Road Play Area - It was proposed by AT, seconded AB that PC purchase the necessary parts at a cost of £66.91 + VAT. Agreed.

Grounds maintenance programme has worked well this year and AT would like this to continue next year.

Following November's report footpath LAC017 has been cut back and repairs carried out by landowners. A number of cyclists are using this path - Rights of Way warden has been informed and looking into this.

A Barley -

No further progress from Jim Does. Maintenance schedule/costs awaited.

A Cessford -

AC advised that Lackham will be handing over the meat hamper at 11am on 15 December.

G Fortune -

GF reported that the stonemason has completed the work.

No mole activity at present.

Gutter above bench at the side of the cemetery chapel is leaking. GF will effect a repair.

P Shaw -

SG/PS Highways & Parish Steward Report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Request for review of 7.5 tonne Weight Restrictions - PS/SG need to know from members of any changes or improvements.

Pavement maintenance - Notton Road and Cantax Hill pavements to be nominated on MY Wiltshire as being in need of maintenance.

Parking congestion outside the school - Mr Hearne, headteacher, has suggested a meeting in January to consider developing a Travel Plan.

Large Chestnut Tree Bough - the clerk had written to Mr and Mrs McKibben requesting that the overhanging bough is cut back to the boundary. A response awaited.

Parish Steward - back in the parish on 16 December and will be clearing Notton Road footpath; debris from the footpath and kerbs on Abbey Road and Hither Way junction; debris from footpaths and kerbs in High Street and Reybridge Grips and gullies in Mons Lane, past the bridge towards Lackham.

J Durrant -

Wessex Water have cleared the tree.

Governance - nothing to report this month.

G Steer -

PC Website Report - Village Shop Display screen now operational.

PC website is averaging 50 views a week.

Need to look into advertising the website in the parish magazine.

7 A-BOARDS:

It was agreed that Paul Bollen be asked to undertake a survey in January with the focus on the original complaint. With regards to NT tenants sale of items, etc this is an issue for the Trust to sort out.

8 CONGESTION AT A350/WHITEHALL CROSSROADS:

The congestion occurred over the weekends of 25 November and 2 December when parking along Corsham Road had prevented vehicles exiting the site from turning left and traffic queuing from the A350 to enter the site. WGC had managed to acquire 120 extra traffic cones to place along the road and Wiltshire Council had agreed to bring forward the double yellow lining outside the garden centre to 11 December.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- 1 From SG re proposed sites for 7.5 tone weight limit - noted.
- 2 Confirmation from Kate Wysocki that she will go ahead and order the bus stop work as soon as she is able.
- 3 New Premises Licence Application WK/20178437 - Whitehall Garden Centre and email from Mr Newbury: "Under the prevention of public nuisance" please object to the Regulated Entertainment Licence section of this application." The application does not make it clear what the licence is being extended to cover - the scope is not clear. Clerk was instructed to write to WC requesting more details. PC concerns re late night events and traffic issues. An objection has been received from a parishioner.
- 4 Application from Lacock Evergreens for a grant of £100 to purchase 4 new sets of Rummikub. Resolved AC/AB that £100 be awarded.
- 5 From Lacock History Group - wish to apply for a grant to fund their research into the men and women from Lacock who served during World War One. Resolved AT/GF that £200 be awarded.
- 6 From Peter Glen re Village Gateways and PC decision to install light oak when white gates were favoured by the majority.
- 7 From Wise Owls Pre School requesting £250 to purchase educational toys and books. Clarification to be sought as to how much Wise Owls have already paid out and the PC will match this.

11 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

It was resolved (AC/JD) that the following accounts be paid:

400744	S J White	£ 451.80	(for November)
400745	G Westall	£ 35.00	(for November)
400746	S Steward	£ 299.33	(for November)
400747	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(grounds mtce November)
400748	Post Office Ltd	£ 71.40	(HMRC PAYE))
400749	Wiltshire Scrapstore	£ 520.00	(grant)
400750	SLCC	£ 100.00	(annual subscription)
400851	James Glen	£ 98.31	(50% seat refurb)
400852	G Steer	£ 113.19	(TV mounting & Windows)
400853	Lacock Evergreens	£ 100.00	(grant)
400854	Lacock History Group	£ 200.00	(grant)
400855	K&M Masonry	£ 300.00	(cemetery)
400856	A Cessford	£ 40.00	(Christmas lights)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (AC/GF) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £13484.86 as at 1 December 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) **Precept for 2018-2019 -**

AC had circulated the proposed figures for the 2018/19 precept to members. It was recommended that the PC request a precept of £17689. This was an increase of 1.81% but because of the change in the tax base for 2018/19 the actual increase in the council tax will be 0.94% ie £0.33p. The figure will need to be approved at the January meeting.

12 PLANNING:

There were no planning applications to be considered.

13 OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 8 January 2018.

There being no further business the Chairman wished those present a Happy Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes.

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8 January 2018