

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

J Durrant (Chair), A Turnbull, P Shaw, A Barley, M Chislett, Chris Doel and P Glen. Also present were Ben Anderson, Graham Heard and one member of the public.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mr Heard reminded those present that the National Trust village drinks evening was being held the following evening.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from H Shepherd, J Boldon and S Gregory.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

A Turnbull declared an interest in Planning Applications 19/08542/FUL and 19/08758/LBC.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was resolved (AT/PS) that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

There were no updates.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

P Shaw -

Weight Restrictions Enforcement -

PS reported that he and PG had visited Police HQ in Devizes and met with the Lorry Watch Co-Ordinator and Lorry Watch information has been obtained.

Does PC need Lorry Watch or just a camera? Weight Watch would require volunteers and a group leader. This could be set up in January 2020. Members agreed to go ahead with this scheme.

Lacock Traffic Group –

Possible use of raised areas instead of ramps in West Street, Hither Way and West Street/Church Street to be explored further.

Early morning disturbance by delivery and waste collection vehicles in Church Street – need residents there to try and get an idea as to who is responsible.

Abbey Bridge –

Wiltshire Highways have submitted a plan for a traffic survey. PS thought it unlikely that a speed limit all the way through, although ideal, would be approved. If it was not possible then the priority would be across the bridge.

Notton – traffic metros –

MC had reported back with proposed metro sites. Members agreed that traffic metros be installed.

Safety on A350 –

MC's report highlighted the reasoning for a 50mph limit request. Also, concerns about speed and safety at Whitehall traffic lights and the Notton/A350 junction where pedestrians cross the A350.

West Street/High Street junction –

There were reservations about the plans so far as they are not in keeping with the village. The design forwarded does not address pedestrian issues.

Melksham Road bench –

AB had obtained a quotation for £350 for a recycled plastic bench plus £150 for installation. AT proposed that a recycled bench be purchased. AB to confirm what quote is for as a bench rather than a seat is all that is needed.

It was reported that the grit bin at Naish Hill, on the S bend, needs replacing. MC to report on MyWiltshire App.

A Barley –

Cemetery Hedge – will cost approximately £1200. Quotation to be obtained from Acer Tree Surgeons.

M Chislett –

Unable to attend the Audit Course in Calne on 14 January.

Will be attending Flood Working Group meeting on 11 December 2019.

Footpaths – no new issues.

P Glen -

Site meeting with members regarding the pavilion. PG needs to find out what the requirements are from current user groups. Lackham want to play cricket on the playing field next season. PG to find out what the minimum requirements would be from Football and Cricket county boards.

Litter picking in playing field – first time in two months – PG will be keeping an eye on this every week.

C Doel -

Allotments Association – the allotment shed roof and door will hopefully be completed before Christmas.

Avon Vale Hunt – Are there any issues with regards the Boxing Day Hunt? CD advised that everything is in place as before.

J Durrant –

JD had attended the recent Village Hall Committee meeting and reported that they need to undertake electrical repairs to comply with insurance requirements. Also, there are electrical issues causing tripping with the cooker and fridge connections. This is being addressed.

Avon Needs Trees

This is a new charity which is acquiring land between Chippenham and Calne to create new woodland to absorb carbon emission and encourage biodiversity. The information has been passed to Graham Heard to see if NT would be interested in supporting this initiative.

Bus Stop

JD informed GH that the light in the West Street bus stop is not working. He has reviewed the long-term lease and will provide a copy. Maintenance of the bus stop is the PC responsibility.

Village Litter Picker

GH has agreed to see if the NT group of volunteers would be willing to do this on a rota system.

A Turnbull –

Routine updates to the website. Will be uploading video in the village shop this week.

7 CASUAL VACANCY – CO-OPTION:

The Clerk had been advised that as Wiltshire Council had not received a request for an election from ten parishioners, the PC could go ahead and co-opt. Two letters of interest have been received. However, since that advice an email has been received that WC had in fact received the necessary ten requests and that a by-election would have to be held. Further details are awaited. However, the election will incur a cost of approximately £3k which the PC will have to pay.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- 1 Amended Briefing Note 19-035 – Community Foundation Warm and Safe advice.
- 2 From Wiltshire Council re Rough Sleeper Estimate supported by a spotlight count on 20/21 November 2019.
- 3 From Susie Atkins re WGC Traffic Management Plan – concern re difficulty accessing properties by residents living in Rosemary Lane and danger posed to residents wishing to turn right into the lane.
- 4 Kate Davey re Lacock Bridge Speed Limit Assessment.
- 5 From Louise Heren re WGC lights.
- 6 From Catherine Dunkley re Drainage on Upper Bewley Common. GH to respond. BA to speak to Wiltshire Council – needs review by environmental officer from County Council.
- 7 From Police and Crime Commissioner – Wiltshire Police are making some improvements to the Community Policing Team Model.
- 8 From Wiltshire Council re Councillor Vacancy – 10 requests have been received and there needs to be an election.

- 9 From Wiltshire Police re National Safeguarding Adults Week 2019 and the Herbert Protocol.
- 10 Councillor Wayman's November newsletter – Weed treatment in wild flower area – **how is this going to be managed as Lacock has such an area?**
- 11 From Andrea Kellegher on behalf of Wiltshire College & University Centre giving details of the college's plans to build a new robotic milking dairy unit.
- 12 From Dr W Henry re distribution of funds from Village Fair. **Proposed CD, seconded AT that village groups (10 in no.) receive £150 each. Agreed.**
- 13 Via website – re Wiltshire 10 mile run 9.2.2020. **Members were not happy that the village would be cut off to traffic in particular the two bridges would be closed. The Clerk was instructed to respond that PC did not support closure of both bridge and could a different route or no closures be considered.**
- 14 From Mr Newbury re the traffic at WGC over the previous week end.

9 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

It was resolved (CD/AT) that the following cheques be raised:

401171	S J White	£ 452.80	(for November)
401172	S Steward	£ 310.69	(for November)
401173	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(grounds mtce November)
401174	SLCC	£ 106.00	(annual subscription)
401175	Lacock Village Hall	£ 198.00	(Manor Room hire for mtgs 2020)
401176	Sandridge Stone	£ 894.00	(war memorial cleaning 50%)
401177	G Westall	£ 35.00	(for November)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (AT/PS) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £29783.52 as at 29 November 2019 in the Co-operative Bank current account and £61274.89 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) Precept for 2020-2021

The proposed precept figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. However, as the PC would now have a by-election the cost would need to be factored into next years precept. The amended figures would be circulated for approval at the January meeting.

10 PLANNING:

19/08542/FUL & 19/08758/LBC – Amended Plans

Proposed ground floor and upper ground floor extension – Sundawn, Chapel Hill, Lacock. An email from Mr Seal was read out – he states that the cross section is not accurate. It was agreed that the PC previous objection be reiterated. JB to draft a response.

19/11012/DEM

Demolition of 2 existing metal framed agricultural and adjoining farm manager's office – Wiltshire College, Lackham, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

19/11300/FUL

Proposed single storey rear extension – 1 The Old Nursery, Bewley Lane, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

11 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- i) Trees planted by Wessex Water need attention – GH to chase.
- ii) Three street lights out of action – opposite NT tea rooms, at pedestrian crossing, one light out and one half out. Action: PS

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13 January 2020.

There being no further business the Chair wished those present a Happy Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes.

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13 January 2020