

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room.

THOSE PRESENT:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, A Turnbull, P Shaw, A Barley, M Chislett, S Gregory, Chris Doel, P Glen, H Shepherd and P Holliday. Also present were Graham Heard and one member of the public.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mr Seal advised that the Sundawn planning application had been refused and he thanked the parish council for their support.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Ben Anderson

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Amendment – Page 2 under P Shaw – 3rd line should read metros not micros. It was resolved (CD/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

- Some lights still not working (No.8 and at pedestrian crossing) – will be reported to My Wiltshire.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

A Turnbull -

Routine updates on the website. Screen in the village shop currently switched off – being resolved.

Various licences have been renewed. Spam on the contact form now resolved.

P Shaw –

West Street/High Street junction – new plan received for the roundabout – considerably less road signage and is more sympathetic to the village. Level of lighting needs clarification. Traffic Group to organise a public consultation.

S Gregory -

SG had circulated a report prior to the meeting

Since his report an email had been received from Cllr Wayman agreeing to meet with members of LPC. LS to respond and request convenient dates.

The 30mph limit northwards to cover all of the Abbey Bridge has been approved. The request to extend the 30mph limit from West Street mini roundabout along Hither Way to include the corner after the crossing was not approved and must remain 40mph. SG/PS have asked WC to look at other measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians on the bridge.

Metros for Notton – request to WC Road Safety Driving team has been made to fit 3 sets of metros in the requested places. This is in progress – awaiting indication of when they will be fitted.

A350 from Lackham roundabout to Whitehall traffic lights – Derek Walters' survey had been on the website and the results are now published on the PC website.

Damage to Reybridge and the slippery road surface on the bridge have been reported but no action. SG to chase up copying in Ben Anderson and Ruth Hopkinson.

A Barley -

Bench for the bus stop at Melksham Road will be delivered w/c 30 March 2020. Neil Ballinger will be installing the base w/c 16 March 2020. Three quotes for the removal of the compost heap in the cemetery have been received. It was proposed by PG, seconded PH that the quote from Grist, in the sum of £625 be accepted. All in favour.

P Holliday –

PH has managed to get a number of commercial suppliers to use the same waste company (Grist). This will ultimately reduce the number of large vehicles coming through the village.

Play Area – piece of fencing around play equipment missing.

M Chislett –

MC had circulated his report prior to the meeting.

Emergency Plan to be updated – meeting to be arranged.

Email from Mr and Mrs Linnitt re footpath along Melksham Road from cemetery to Hither Way – may be a job for the parish steward.

Will be meeting with Paul Millard, Senior Rights of Way Officer.

Made contact with Brian Flynn and will be endeavouring to update the spreadsheet he has provided showing the 59 issues he reported on My Wiltshire.

Lackham bus stop – could the redundant bus shelter be moved to the bus stop opposite the old Lackham entrance? SG to gauge initial view of WC to having the bus stop shelter on A350.

C Doel –

Attended the last allotments meeting. The shed repair is nearing completion.

There are a few vacant plots.

Met with Chris Clarke re the A350 verge and he has agreed that the whole length will be cleared. The righthand side is still classed as being in a conservation area.

Trees at the back will be dealt with. There will only be an annual cut, in March.

P Glen –

Looking into the Conditions of Hire. A deposit of £500: if the hirer cancels the event or there is any damage it will be taken out of the deposit, and also if the event is cancelled less than 28 days. The form is due for a revamp. PG to send copy to JD. Trees around the playing field – one quotation has been received in the sum of £1542 inc VAT. More quotes needed. NT have had a survey completed which has included the playing fields, copy has been forwarded to PG and PH.

Pile of grass cuttings in playing field – quote to be obtained from Grist for removal of this, possibly at the same time as the compost heap is removed from the cemetery. 7.5 ton weight restriction – re Lorry Watch, Devizes HQ are the stumbling block.

H Shepherd –

School delighted with the PC grant and the equipment is already in use.

Lackham building works progressing at speed. There is doubt about the lambing weekend; it may be postponed.

Spring Clean is going ahead - 21 March 2020 meet at The Bell at 10am.

J Durrant –

JD has spoken to Graham Heard about the Fox Talbot grave. PC to contact Burnett-Brown family with a copy of the quote from Jim Does and PC updated cemetery policy with a request for work to be carried out on the grave. GH to provide address details.

Suggestion for a gate into the playing field from the car park where there is currently a recycling bin near the pavilion. NT do not have any concern about doing this but it will need conservation area consent which NT can facilitate (LPC will pay for application) once a measured plan of what is proposed is produced. Will need to have oak posts and an oak gate.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- 1 From C P Blackman enclosing Petition Opposing Wiltshire Council CGR Scheme 4: Lacock signed by all the residents of Rowden Hamlet.
- 2 From William Henry on behalf of Lacock Village Fair committee requesting permission to use the Playing Field for the Fair on Monday 31 August 2020.
Permission Granted.
- 3 New Premises Licence Application – The Rising Sun, Bowden Hill, Lacock.
- 4 Kate Davey re Lacock Bridge Speed Limit Assessment.
- 5 From Central Highways advising Parish Steward Schedule 2020.
- 6 Wiltshire Council re Sundawn – application will be determined on 4 March 2020.
- 7 From John and Joan Linnitt re footpath from Hither Lane East to the cemetery – “covered in mud, sticks and water at the farm gate”.
- 8 From Spatial Planning Policy – Green Infrastructure and Open Space Collaboration and Household Survey. **PC to request a deferral until end of April.**
- 9 From CPRE re Best Kept Village Competition 2020.
- 10 Briefing Note No. 20-10 – A summary of the government’s £220m “better deal for bus users” and how to make suggestions for improved or enhanced bus services in Wiltshire.
- 11 Briefing Note No. 20-11 – The Council is undertaking additional engagement with Town and Parish Councils to inform the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan.
- 12 Bridget Wayman – Highways Newsletter – March 2020.
- 13 From Pete Shaw – West Street/High Street junction.
- 14 From Philip Whitehead – briefing on Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

15 Thank you from Lacock WI for Village Fair share out.

8 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

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

401202	TDP Ltd	£378.19	(Melksham Road bench)
401203	S J White	£ 460.83	(for February)
401204	S Steward	£ 311.93	(for February)
401205	S Steward	£ 79.99	(Microsoft Office renewal)
401206	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(Grounds Mtce - February)
401207	Lacock School	£ 476.01	(Grant)
401208	James Glen	£ 656.60	(50% Ford work)
401209	Focused Vision	£ 216.00	(Signagelive renewal)
401210	G Westall	£ 35.00	(replaces c/n 401166)
401211	Wiltshire Council	£ 625.00	(25% Abbey Bridge assessment)
401212	John Miller (Corsham) Ltd	£1000.00	(UPW)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (PG/MC) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £23749.48 as at 21 February 2020 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.

9 PLANNING:

20/00899/LBC

Replacing existing softwood single glazed casement window with a new softwood single glazed casement window with obscured patterned glass – East Street, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/00788/FUL

Erection of three new gas tanks – Wiltshire College Lackham, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/00934/LBC

Proposed extension of chimney stack to achieve required distance of 1800mm above thatched roof. New chimney pots – 2 Lovers Walk, Nethercote Hill, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/00756/FUL

Erection of purpose built agricultural portal type dry cow housing – Wiltshire College Lackham, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/00145/LBC

Install in the kitchen a mechanical extract fan through the brick external wall terminating in a 200mm square metal grill painted black – 18 East Street, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/000809/TCA

Work to trees in a conservation area – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock.

NO COMMENT

20/13261/LBC

Proposed repair of structural defects to the property with insertion of stainless steel, chemical fixings and pinnings. To “make good” internally and externally – 15 West Street, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/01342/LBC

Apply stabilising coat to earthen floors to cloisters – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

20/01636/TCA

Work to trees in Conservation Area – 2 Lovers Walk, Lacock.

NO COMMENT

20/01637/TPO

Work to TPO trees – Wiltshire College Lackham, Lacock.

NO COMMENT

10 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- i) Annual Parish Meeting – refreshments will be served.
- ii) Daffodils at the Cantax Hill/Lovers Walk seat.
- iii) War Memorial 100 years old this year – CD to speak to the Vicar.
- iv) Drainage at Bowden Hill – GH is in discussion and will confirm what is to be done once this has been formally agreed.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 6 April 2020.

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

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes.

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6 April 2020