

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 June 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

THOSE TAKING PART:

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

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

GH – regarding the possibility of having the Village Fair this year – ideally the organisers need to know now. AB and CD thought it should be cancelled this year. Agreed.

Mrs Mowday – questioned progress re the crossing of the A350 at Notton. PC is still waiting for Wiltshire Council's view as to what we might be able to do.

2 APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

CD and JD declared an interest in the letter from Pegasus Group relating to the forthcoming planning application for a solar farm at Wick Farm.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Amendment:

Re crossing of A350 – amend April minutes to show that it was agreed to publish the results of the survey on the website.

Finance – 9 ii)

Amend the balance as at 29 April to read £26,524.47.

It was agreed (JD/AT) that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

Scaffolding Tower – has not been removed. Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Hopkins requesting removal.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

P Shaw –

High St/West St Junction - From comments received from residents all very happy with the proposal. No negative points raised. Now awaiting response from National Trust. JB asked whether it would be opportune to circulate the proposal to more houses. PH advised that the six houses next to the junction wanted more done – speed bumps all the way down West Street! Has the PC circulated widely enough or should we put out additional letters to High Street and West Street? It was considered that the PC had done enough.

S Gregory –

A copy of SG's Highways & Parish Steward Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Nethercote – cars parking in the turning area – this is being referred to Parking Services.

Reybridge – damage to parapet walls has been repaired. Slippery road surface has been reported to Wiltshire Highways.

Parish Steward – back to normal duties this month.

P Holliday –

UPW continuing to cut the cemetery on a monthly basis.

H Shepherd –

Lacock School reopened on 1 June for reception and year 1, but not year 6 as they do not have enough staff. Key workers children are being taught in a separate room. Volunteers Group – very quiet.

A Barley –

Bench by Melksham Road bus stop now installed. Mrs Freeman would like to put a seat in the cemetery in memory of her husband – AB to look into this.

C Doel –

Nothing to report on the Allotments.

Abbey Field and Chapel Field – CD has discussed what can be done with NT. Ask the police, NT and WC to control the situation. Large signs along the river?

M Chislett –

A copy of MC's Areas of Responsibility report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Tree in the river, south of Abbey Bridge – landowner informed MC that this had been cleared but is still outstanding.

Notton War Memorial – Proposed by CD, seconded by MC, that the memorial be restored at a cost of £1900 + VAT. All in favour.

P Glen –

Trees have been cut down in Playing Field.

Activity in the tennis court. Idverde have not been cleaning out the tennis court.

The school uses it more than anyone.

Play area grass has been cut.

Lorry Watch – still dragging its heels.

7 CORRESPONDENCE:

1 Message from Cllr Mrs Bridget Wayman - Re-allocation of Road Space

- 2 From Pegasus Group re Public Consultation relating to forthcoming planning application for a solar farm at Wick Farm. Members mostly in favour in principle.
- 3 From Relish Running attaching Renteq drawings for Traffic Management Plan and Risk Assessment. **£1.50 fee per race starter. CD proposed roll over the event to next year, seconded PS. Agreed PG against.**
- 4 Police & Crime Commissioner re MOJ funding - fund to be distributed to organisations who support victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse across the county.
- 5 From Naseem Abourachid - Parish Steward Program.
- 6 From Lynda Newbury via Mike Chislett re NT opening and concerns about Lacock in the light of NT strategy for re-opening Abbey Grounds.
- 7 From Wessex Water re Important Information regarding your water supply after lockdown.
- 8 Briefing Note No.20-19 and updated version - Phased return to school and early years settings 1 June onwards.
- 9 Copy from Dr Henry (to Graham Heard) re Village Fair - would appreciate PC and NT opinion on behalf of the community as to whether Village Fair should go ahead. **It was agreed that this year's event should be cancelled. GH to respond to Dr Henry.**
- 10 From Melksham TC and MWPC - Notice of Consultation on the Regulation 14 Stage of Melksham Neighbourhood Plan.

9 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

It was resolved (PH/PG) that the following cheques be raised:

401106	S J White	£ 470.05	(for May)
401107	S Steward	£ 318.50	(for May)
401108	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(Grounds Mtce – May)
401109	WACL	£ 427.91	(annual subscription)
401110	N Ballinger	£ 336.00	(Melksham Rd bench)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (PH/MC)) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £26102.25 as at 21 May 2020 in the Co-operative Bank current account and £52772.29 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

10 PLANNING:

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Erection of single storey detached timber annex garden out-building – Hollyhedge Cottage, 25 Notton, Lacock – **PC considers that the use of Siberian Larch cladding is an improvement over the previously proposed “cement render in light grey”.** However, it remains disappointed that the overall design has not changed. **On balance PC has decided not to pursue an objection but would hope that Wiltshire Council might be able to secure a further improvement to the design of the building.**

11 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- i) 2 metres social distancing signage needed in and around the village.

- ii) BA advised that Inspector James Brain has taken over from the previous incumbent who has retired. Invite him to meet with PC.
- iii) Bowden Hill common – what progress? It will be too late if nothing is done soon. Clerk to send letter to NT and Mr Goley.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13 July 2020.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.47pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes.

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13 July 2020