

# LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 February 2021 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, P Holliday and A Barley. Also taking part were Graham Heard, Tim Barter and three members of the public. The Chair welcomed Tim Barter, NT Estate Manager, to the meeting.

### 1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

With regard to Planning Application 20/11636/FUL – construction of stage building and associated works at Whitehall Farm, Reybridge, Peter Self advised that they would be applying to divert the right of way which currently runs through the existing farmyard.

### 2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Ben Anderson.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Heather Shepherd, Jane Durrant, Chris Doel and Pete Shaw declared an interest in Planning Application 20/11158/FUL.  
Peter Glen declared an interest in Planning Application 20/11654/REM.

### 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (AT/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 be signed as a true record.

### 5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

- Response from Bridget Wayman confirming £7.5K towards the traffic survey costs.
- Future Chippenham – only two members had dialed in.

### 6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

#### H Shepherd -

Lackham - all learning off-site at the moment. Building work although delayed is making progress.

Lacock School – 14-20 children of key workers being taught at the moment – remainder online.

Volunteering – little to do.

### **A Barley**

Amenity seating – still in abeyance but will be completed before AB leaves the council.

### **S Gregory -**

SG's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Atkins project – National Trust still considering the request to contribute towards the costs.

Melksham Bypass – PS has submitted an online response.

Notton crossing – New issue to be raised relating to motorists and cyclists at the CATG meeting on 4 March for consideration at that meeting. Concern about the deceleration lane – what can be done to improve this crossing? It was agreed (PH/JB) to go ahead with this.

### **P Glen -**

Drains – one by Bewley Crescent now silted up and water running off. SG to raise with Dave Arnutt.

Ditch by Mead Farm also needs attention.

Playing Field – hedge has been cut and tree has been cut down. Tim Barter agreed to meet with JD/PG/PH at 3.30pm on Friday 15 February.

### **A Turnbull –**

Routine website maintenance undertaken. Lots of spam on the website.

Will discuss with Village Shop for screen to be re-installed.

### **P Shaw –**

Stoggy Lane – trees still over-hanging – planning application needs to be submitted.

NT car park should be left open and police need to attend more frequently.

### **P Holliday –**

Tree works in cemetery completed. All wood has been taken away from the allotments. Neil Ballinger pavilion work still ongoing.

Probation service have not attended for the past two weeks.

Leo Stevens funeral on Friday 25/2 – it was agreed that permission be granted for the funeral bier to be used.

### **C Doel -**

Village Shop now open.

Allotments – some plots have been vacated.

Many houses empty in the village – what is NT policy to get these properties occupied? And what is the policy going forward?

Tim Barter, newly appointed Estate Manager, stated that two thirds of their budget was to be reinstated from 1 March 2021 together with reinstatement of available projects. Not sufficient for cyclic painting of streets. Most of the tenancies are on a five year cycle. Last year they were instructed not to carry out what was not deemed necessary. Intend to pick up the cycle in the coming year.

PH – some of the empty houses have been available for over a year. There are local tenants whose children would like to move in and do the necessary work.

TB – regarding No. 9 Church Street – we have assessed what is needed and work to start from 01/03. NT would not expect people to pay for and do the work to the higher standards we set.

PH – are you going to continue with outside agency advertising of empty houses ie Rightmove? The intention is to use in-house facilities for management of lettings and a lettings manager is now within the team.

#### **M Chislett –**

MC's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

MC pointed out LACO23 had been ploughed up in the autumn and no-one had complained. He will continue to talk with Carter Jonas.

Grit bins – Wiltshire Council will be re-filling. The bin by the telephone box is half empty. another grit bin is needed – somewhere in the middle of High Street?

### **7 FUTURE CHIPPENHAM:**

Only two members had dialled in to the online event – others had experienced technical difficulties. There are three options; what had not been clear was if you chose an option is it the same option in every zone. This was clarified and WC confirmed that it would be possible to switch between routes within zones or even slightly move routes based on outcomes of discussions with land owners. No information re route from Lackham to the Melksham Bypass. Clerk to write to BA for clarification.

### **8 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1 Briefing Note 21-01 – Future Chippenham programmer Public Consultation.
- 2 From Future Chippenham Team re Consultation on the Future Chippenham distributor road route options.
- 3 From Wiltshire Council re Traffic Surveys – new contractor has been appointed to undertake them.
- 4 Census information from 21/1 Corsham Area Board meeting.
- 5 From Lisa Culshaw – views opposing the proposed new road infrastructure around Chippenham. **Forward to Kirsty Drewett highlighting lack of public transport needs to be looked at.**
- 6 CPRE Wiltshire – re Best Kept Village Competition 2021. **No interest shown.**
- 7 From Chris Morris, Gigaclear Community Engagement Manager, re ultrafast full fibre broadband network in North Wiltshire focusing on rural locations. **Mr Morris to be invited to the March meeting.**
- 8 Thank you from Wise Owls for recent grant.

### **9 FINANCE:**

#### **i) Accounts -**

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

401261	S J White	£ 470.05	(for January)
401262	S Steward	£ 317.38	(for January)
401263	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.98	(grounds mtce January)
401264	Idverde Ltd	£ 39.00	(dog bins)
401265	K J Hutchings	£ 396.00	(Playing Field hedge)

#### **ii) Statement of Account -**

It was resolved (HS/MC) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £17988.28 as at 18 January 2021 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.

iii) It was proposed PH, seconded AT, that the purchase of equipment for the Probation Service for the purpose of cemetery maintenance – total £1K – be agreed.

## **10 PLANNING:**

### **20/11158/FUL**

Timber frame covered garden enclosure replacement of temporary marquee – The Bell Inn, Bowden Hill, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

### **20/11654/REM**

Submission of Reserved Matters for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the Erection of 120no. Dwelling, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 17/08544/OUT – Land at Showell Nurseries, Showell, Chippenham.

**The Parish Council is concerned that the proposed pedestrian link in the north eastern part of the site to the Rowden Park development no longer appears to be retained. This is an important omission and Wiltshire Council is requested to require that it be reinstated.** **NO OBJECTION**

### **20/11361/FUL**

Demolition of existing porch and lean-to extension and creation of new entrance lobby. New two storey side extension following demolition of conservatory.

Replacement of existing greenhouse structure with new outbuilding – Bowden Cottage, 17 Bowden Hill, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

### **20/11636/FUL**

Construction of storage building (B8) and associated works – Whitehall Farm, Reybridge, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

### **20/11602/FUL**

Proposed extension to Building E to house new Poaching Line – Stonegate Farm, Corsham Road, Lacock. **The PC had no objection in principle but requested that the following matters be considered prior to determination of the application: height of the proposed development, materials to be used, lighting and noise.**

### **20/09594/FUL**

Proposed double garage with storage space at first floor level. New landscaping of existing gardens fronting Nethercote Hill to provide dropped access to gravel drive fronting proposed garage and additional 3 no. open parking spaces with dropped access also – 7&8-9 Nethercote Hill, Lacock. **MAINTAIN OBJECTION**

### **21/00440/VAR**

Removal of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 71/QR509 relating to Agricultural Occupancy of Property – 1 Orchard Cottage, Notton, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

## **11 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- i) Three 4x4s speeding down Naish Hill at excessive speed.
- ii) Stoggy Lane not passable on foot at the moment – very muddy.
- iii) Tree stumps in playing field – PG to arrange removal.

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 8 March 2021.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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8 February 2021