

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, A Turnbull, P Shaw, S Gregory, Chris Doel, P Glen, H Shepherd, P Holliday and A Barley. Also taking part was Graham Heard.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no members of the public present.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Ben Anderson

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (PG/HS) that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2021 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

Atkins – progressing with the work. Due to start shortly and will be completed early June.

Cricket season starts 1 May. 2021.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

H Shepherd -

Neglected area of playing field – Initial 3 metres cleared. Met with Graham Heard re fencing – chestnut palling would be better.

JD extended a huge thank you to Peter Glen for loan of equipment to carry out the work.

P Glen -

PG stated that it is quite clear that the trees are not trees now. They were reduced when the tennis court was installed and are now stumps. It was resolved that PG

would supply a plan to indicate which trees would be felled before the planning application is submitted.

A Turnbull -

Website – routine updates carried out.

Village shop have agreed for the screen to be resurrected in the shop. What is needed is content.

Corsham Road play area – generally in good condition. Goalposts have been in use – they are worth repairing/refurbishing. AT suggested replacing with more modern ones in the medium term.

A Barley -

AB had circulated a report and list of the amenity seats within the parish. There were five more seats since the last survey in 2018. Seat F7 in the playing field needs taking out as it is not easily refurbishable and could be replaced when someone wants to donate one.

P Holliday –

The Probation Service team – notify PH before Friday morning of little jobs which they could do.

M Chislett –

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

C Doel –

Simon White had indicated that he is willing to continue to do the village maintenance for the coming year for the same amount ie £470.05 per month. The Clerk was instructed to confirm the agreement with Mr White.

Folly Lane east residents would like the yellow lines renewed and the lane tarmac-ed. SG to raise request with Wiltshire Council.

Cemetery Allotments – Des Seal has indicated that the Allotment Association are going to let the allotments to five new people. Water containers and hosepipes will be left in the allotment site by Mr O'Neill. The use of the cemetery water supply by the allotment holders was discussed and it was agreed that a charge should be levied on each holder. It was agreed that CD and PH meet with Mr Seal to discuss and come to an agreement.

P Shaw –

The Lacock Traffic Group has produced a report on the work undertaken over the last four years. In order for it to be seen by a wider audience it was agreed that a summary be printed in the parish magazine and the village shop screen.

S Gregory –

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

Reybridge – Engineer not prepared to replace keystones on Rey Bridge.

No Parking signs at the top of Nethercote Hill – no progress.

Abbey Bridge wooden posts have been hit by a vehicle. SG to ask Parish Steward to look at this.

J Durrant –

JD had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting on 23 March:

HIVE has now been installed to control the heating in both halls.

Craft Fairs are beginning to book the hall.

Positives and Art Club have requested dates.

Community Orchard – Easter Weekend some volunteers were present. Thanks were extended to Peter Glen, for the use of his equipment, and Lucy Sims and her husband.

Some compost bins have been built. There is more to do before it is ready to be used.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Website contact from Chair of Friends of Lacock School re Scarecrow Trail - proposing 17/18 July and requesting permission to use Playing Field over this weekend. **It was agreed to grant permission**
- 2 Pre Planning Consultation NW16113 - proposed 5G Telecommunications installation for H3G UK - potential site Cantax Hill, Notton, Lacock SN15 2RW.
- 3 New Wiltshire Council planning system is now live.
- 4 SSE Resilient Communities fund for 2021 - applications from 6 April to 10 June.
- 5 From Lisa Culshaw asking that the grass verges be left to wild seed this year. **Verges need to be cut along the small lanes around the parish to allow access and safety for pedestrians.**
- 6 Wiltshire Search and Rescue.

9 FINANCE:

i) Accounts -

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

401271	S J White	£ 470.05	(for March)
401272	S Steward	£ 317.51	(for March)
401273	S Steward	£ 79.99	(Microsoft renewal)
401274	HMRC	£ 225.57	(PAYE)
401275	Mrs M Pepler	£ 578.00	(refund BiP)
BACS	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.98	(grounds mtce March)
BACS	John Miller Ltd	£ 16.50	(Probation Service)
BACS	James Glen	£ 656.59	(50% bench rail at Ford)
BACS	water2business	£ 85.70	(cemetery)
BACS	WALC	£ 415.88	(annual subscription)
BACS	Neil Ballinger	£4231.20	(pavilion works)
BACS	National Trust	£ 150.00	(cricket pavilion rent)
BACS	Wiltshire Council	£ 190.92	(NNDR cemetery)
BACS	Krystal Hosting Ltd	£ 119.99	(website)
BACS	P Holliday	£ 15.54	(combination lock for tennis court)

ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (JD/JP) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £12354.32 as at 31 March 2021 in the Co-operative Bank current account and £53511.68 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) Quotes –

Three quotes had been received from Jim Does: the repositioning of opening and gate on the tennis court (£557.84) and tennis court skirting repair ((£431.55) It was resolved (PG/PH) that the quotes be accepted. Agreed.

Also, a quote for the coping stone repair along the main path in the cemetery (£209.78). It was resolved (PH/CD) that this quote be accepted. Agreed.

10 PLANNING:

21/01939/LBC

Internal alterations at ground and first floor levels – King Johns Hunting Lodge, 21 Church Street, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

21/02409/FUL

Erection of a single dwelling – Pen-Y-Brook, Corsham Road, Notton, Lacock. The PC did not object to the previous application for 3 residential units, but refusal was upheld at appeal. After discussing the application a vote was taken: No objection = 6, objection = 2 (MC and PG) **NO OBJECTION**

21/01629/OUT

Outline planning application for 150 dwellings, Woodrow Road, Melksham
The easiest route for vehicles travelling from this site northward is to take the route along Forest Lane and then through Lacock to the A350. It was agreed that an **objection** be lodged as this proposed development would almost certainly exacerbate the problem of increasing numbers of vehicles travelling through Lacock. It is considered that any planning application for the development of new housing on this site should not be considered until the proposed improved road infrastructure around Melksham has been constructed.

11 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- i) Possible filming in the village – Becoming Elizabeth.
- ii) House sign for The Old Chapel has been ripped off the wall.
- iii) 7.5 ton max weight sign has disappeared at Naish Hill.
- iv) 2 x 26 ton tractors in Church Street recently.

The Chair thanked Messrs Barley, Chislett and Turnbull, who will not be standing for re-election, for their contribution to the Parish Council.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 17 May 2021 – this will be one week later due to government restrictions on use of Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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17 May 2021

