

# LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, C Doel, S Wise, P Shaw, P Glen, S Gregory, L Heren, H Shepherd, P Burkinshaw and P Holliday. Also present were Karen Bolger (National Trust) and one member of the public.

### 1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

### 2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Derek Walters.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

PS declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2021/07941.

### 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

PG disputed the vote taken under item 8 at the July meeting. It was agreed (JB/PG) that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021 be amended to show that the majority was in favour and signed as a true record.

It was agreed (SW/PB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2021 be signed as a true record.

### 5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

From July minutes:

PB reported that the scarecrow trail went well and the funds raised will go towards the outdoor learning area at the school.

JD advised that Gigaclear had tarmac-ed over the stop cocks at the Wharf and that the work has not been completed.

Memorial bench – PG has volunteered to make it and should be completed by the end of October.

### 6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

P Burkinshaw -

Website has been updated. Planning to redo the layout – an events page, what is going on in the village, meetings page with the agenda to the front page, National Trust page etc PB will be circulating the proposed layout for comment.

**S Wise –**

A copy of SW's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Community Orchard volunteers had met the previous Saturday. An initiative from Heather McKibbin proposing the creation of a number of Recovery Routes around Lacock for elderly or physically impaired people. A meeting was attended by members of North West Wilts Ramblers Association, Disabled Ramblers Board and Derek Walters. It was agreed to explore the possibilities of creating one or two short walks around the village as a trial and if appropriate to see how the accessibility of these could be improved.

**S Gregory –**

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

Lorry Watch – 7 volunteers' names have been put forward for training but slow progress to arrange the training by Devizes administration.

Notton Crossing Melksham A350 junctions. Derek Walters to raise his concerns and request a formal safety review of this junction. The PC awaits the outcome of the discussion/decision.

SG to write to Dave Arnup re damage to kerb at ford, bottom of Nethercote.

**C Doel -**

At the last Allotments meeting which was the AGM new officers were elected. Marie Porter – Chair, John Buckingham – Vice Chair, Mark Baldwin – Secretary. One plot holder has not worked his patch for about 3 years and the committee has initiated the removal procedure. The Apple Day planned for this year will now take place in 2022.

CD received a phone call from a parishioner over a highway issue whereby there have been a number of occasions when cars have tried to access the pathway to Nethercote Hill.

**Change to AoR –**

LH to take over from PG – Playing Field and Lacock Play Area

PG to take on Cemetery and Amenity Seats – also to remain on the PFWG project.

PH to take on Cemetery, Corsham Road Play area and Playing Field.

**P Glen –**

PG has received estimates for the running track ranging from £250 to £13K. Playforce had been called in to give an estimate - £62K for a 600 metre track. More investigation needed. Football team has asked for the pitch to be lengthened to allow them to comply with league requirements.

**H Shepherd –**

Lacock school now has a new head teacher (Caroline Jackson). Willow class have written individual thank you letters for the recent grant.

A new Wise Owls supervisor (Laura Anstead) has been appointed.

Lackham campus is back.

**7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:**

Karen Bolger, who is covering maternity leave, is the Visitor Experience Manager at the museum. The difficulties of the last 18 months has resulted in a much smaller organisation..

The Trust has 28 properties which have been designated as Treasure Houses and Lacock is one of these. They will be looking to improve the collection and how they share it with visitors; getting the basics right, presentation, signage etc.

The condition of the Fox Talbot grave was raised and KB to look into contacting the family in Scotland.

## **8 HIGH STREET/WEST STREET JUNCTION:**

The actual road layout/markings have not been changed and there have been several minor accidents and a lot more close shaves. The proposal is to improve the safety of the junction, change the priorities and encourage drivers to not use the High Street.

CD queried how many lights there would be? It will be the minimum they can get away with. Is not a light assessment critical to this proposal? National Trust is not in favour. PS and SG confirmed that if the light assessment is not acceptable to PC then its decision can be reversed.

SG proposed, seconded PS that the PC go ahead with the proposal. 6 in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions.

SG proposed, seconded PS that a contribution of £20k from the PC towards the substantive bid be agreed. 5 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstentions.

## **9 PFWG UPDATE:**

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

Funding for 2 basketball nets/posts and required building materials to fix posts and provide 2 x court football backboards is needed. HS proposed, seconded PH that the PC contributes the £4250 requested. All in favour.

## **10 ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION COVER FOR SPORTS COURT:**

It was proposed by PH, seconded PG, that the PC purchase the aluminium extrusion cover for the sports court at a cost of £1131.50. Agreed

## **11 INSTALLATION OF BOUNDARY FENCE OF PLAYING FIELD:**

It was proposed PG, seconded HS, that the PC progress the installation of the proposed 85m boundary fence of the playing field at a cost of £5525. 8 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

## **12 CORRESPONDENCE LIST:**

- 1 Wiltshire Council - Gambling Act 2005 - Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles Review - <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-gambling>
- 2 Briefing Note 21-14 - Bus Back Better update.

- 3 Thank you letters from Willow Class, Lacock School.  
 4 From Mr Barnes re Objection to Planning Application PK/2021/06382 -  
 Pendle Cottage.  
 5 Paul Mountford - Lieutenancy Officer - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
 Beacons - 2 June 2022 - Guide to taking part  
 www.queensjubileebeacons.com  
 6 Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue authority, Wiltshire Local Performance &  
 Scrutiny Committee - upcoming meeting 2 December, 3 March 2022, 8 June  
 2022  
 7 Briefing Note 21-15 - Climate Strategy & Natural Environment Plan -  
 Consultation Comment on draft strategy from 1 September - 17 October  
 2021. Library drop-in session - Chippenham Library 10-12 noon.  
 www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate  
 8 Ros Griffiths - Area Board will be hosting an online evening meeting on 29  
 September to discuss Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy consultation.  
 9 Peter Binley - Head of Major Highway Projects Wiltshire Council – response  
 letter to LPC re A350 Melksham Bypass

### 13 FINANCE:

#### i) Accounts -

It was resolved (PH/JB) that the following accounts be paid:

BACS	S J White	£ 470.05	(for August)
BACS	S Steward	£ 421.39	(for August)
BACS	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.98	(grounds mtce August)
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	£ 240.00	(external audit)
BACS	Wiltshire Council	£1073.00	(25% speed limit)
BACS	National Trust	£ 140.00	(allotments rent)
BACS	National Trust	£2820.30	(refund of overpayment)

#### ii) Statement of Account -

It was resolved (PH/JB) that the Statement of Account showing a balance of £22534.37 as at 1 September 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) The Clerk informed the meeting that the audit is complete and signed off by PKF Littlejohn – no issues raised.

### 12 PLANNING:

#### PL2021/06382

Change of Use from holiday let to auxiliary accommodation for elderly relative –  
 Pendle Cottage, Wick Lane, Lacock

#### OBJECT

The original planning permission granted in 2015 for the use of the building as holiday accommodation was granted subject to the following condition: The accommodation hereby permitted shall be used to provide holiday accommodation only, which shall not be occupied as permanent, unrestricted accommodation, or as a primary place of residence. The Council gave the reason for this condition as: This site is in a position where the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the reasonable standards of residential amenity, access, and planning policies pertaining to the area, would not permit permanent residential accommodation. The Parish Council considers this condition and reason still to be relevant and justifies the refusal of this current planning application.

**PL2021/08010 (listed building consent) PL2021/08020**

Changes to entrances and replacement and repair of roof coverings and roof lights –  
Notton School House, 28 Corsham Road, Lacock

**NO OBJECTION**

**PL2021/07941**

Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension – Abbeyfields, 12 Bewley Lane, Lacock

**NO OBJECTION**

**PL2021/08528**

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – St Anne’s Church, Bowden Hill,  
Lacock.

**NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2021/08213**

Change of Use to agricultural, commercial machinery and plant hire yard (part  
retrospective) for use in conjunction with the workshop and plant hire business, Folly  
Lane, Lacock

The objection is based on the Council’s concern that this business generates ever  
increasing numbers of HGV movements onto Folly Lane which is completely  
unsuitable to take the type of vehicles proposed.

**OBJECT**

**13 OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- i) Next meeting of Corsham Area Board 14 October 2021.
- ii) Agenda item for October meeting: Electric Charging Points for residents.
- iii) Complaint re obnoxious sewage smell emanating from Bye Brook.
- iv) Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service – concern about number of people  
attending at the war memorial. JB to contact Neighbourhood Policing team to  
seek support in managing traffic whilst the service is taking place at the war  
memorial.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 11 October 2021 – in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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11 October 2021

