

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on 14 February 2022 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THOSE TAKING PART:

C Doel, P Glen, P Holliday, L Heron, H Shepherd, P Burkinshaw, Simon Wise and P Shaw. Also present was Karen Bolger (National Trust) and one member of the public.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Chris Doel was elected (HS/PS) to chair the meeting.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no issues raised.

2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from John Boldon, Jane Durrant, S Gregory and Derek Walters

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (LH/PH) that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 January 2022 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATES FROM MINUTES:

PG – GreenSquare Community Fund – PC unsuccessful – need to reapply in April. PH to obtain price for goalposts (£500 would be available)

Mons Lane closed due to Gigaclear works.

School Ofsted report states “requires improvement”.

Reminder – Tree planting on Thursday 17 February at 11 am.

Street lights repaired.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORT:

L Heren –

Weekly visits to the play area.

Replacement play area surface – quotes from two companies have been received and circulated to members prior to the meeting. Both companies quoted like for like. Playforce could probably install by Easter if ordered really quickly. Pentagon Play could not install until the autumn.

After discussion members agreed that more quotes were needed and that National Trust be approached for a 50% contribution.

Cricket Pavilion – electricity now fixed.

H Shepherd –

Lackham – lambing weekends last two weekends in March. Horticulture Department to be asked if they are willing to help with design and planting of Jubilee Garden. Also, waiting to hear if they are able to provide support for our jubilee.

The college will be offering T-Level courses from September 2023.

Fox Talbot's birthday – a great day.

Children from school and Wise Owls will be planting trees on 17 February.

Jubilee committee – there are now 12 members – latest meeting was on 7 February and plans moving along nicely.

Lighting of beacon – meeting with National Trust on 16 February - piper organised and church choir are practising the song.

P Holliday –

Probation Service have been very busy in the cemetery. They have planted hedging and cut the grass. They will be taking away some of the benches/seats for repair at their site.

Car Sharing Club in the village – would this be something to look into? – Salisbury has one.

C Doel –

Allotments committee is being sorted out. Several allotment plots are being split and there may be too many in the future. There is no waiting list at the moment.

Climate Change meeting – CD has suggested to Derek Walters that the group should visit places and see what people are doing – a farm visit to Kington Langley arranged in two weeks time.

Simon Wise -

Footpaths - some outstanding issues on MyWiltshire.

Community Orchard – 10 volunteers attended last Saturday. More use being made of the area by the school and Wise Owls.

P Glen –

Cemetery path – work due to commence on 16 February – weather permitting.

P Shaw –

SG's report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Movement of Abbey gateway further towards Red Lion entrance – National Trust to come forward with what they are trying to achieve and then see what can be done.

Derek Walters has informed us of a new device, Auto Speed Watch rather than people standing at the roadside. It costs £549 per unit and £148pa for access to the database. We would be interested if successful in Corsham. PS to look into this and report at the next meeting.

P Burkinshaw –

Website up to date.

National Trust and PCC also have a separate page

7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

KB advised that Rob Curtis has been appointed Ranger, presently Gardener at The Courts. He will be three days/week from March (Mon/Tue/Fri). It is a countryside role and he will be managed by Paul Barber and work with the team.

Fox Talbot Day went well.

Posts ordered for Abbey Road.

Fox Talbot grave – A family member is paying to have it repaired and KB advised that National Trust is happy to help with caring for the grave in the future.

Summer opening 10.30-5pm from 1 March 2022.

8 CORRESPONDENCE LIST:

- 1 Bobby Van – raising necessary funds to continue this vital service - attached
- 2 Wiltshire & Swindon PCC – Green light for police budget will see more officers on the beat in Wiltshire.
- 3 Rev Dr Clark-Maxwell – he will cover the cost of the work on the Fox Talbot grave.
- 4 Wiltshire Council – Guidance Notes for Parish and Town Councils for CIL for the year 2022.
- 5 PCC Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner visits community speedwatch day of action in Highworth.
- 6 Planning Appeal decision re 7 & 8-9 Netherote Hill, Lacock – Appeal dismissed.
- 7 Wiltshire News – Wild about Wiltshire – help to identify wildflower areas.
- 8 PCC – Police Commissioner newsletter update.
- 9 Rev Dr Andrew Johnson – PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill has resolved to seek the repair of St Anne’s Church Bowden Hill
- 10 Wiltshire News – General waste collection day is changing.
- 11 Relish Running – clarifying their charges/costs – This will be discussed in July after this year’s event.

9 FINANCE:

- i) It was resolved (PG/SW) that the following accounts be paid:

BACS	S J White	£ 470.05	(for January)
BACS	S Steward	£ 420.89	(for January)
BACS	Idverde Ltd	£ 233.98	(grounds Mtce January)
BACS	Wiltshire Council	£1250.00	(CATG Scheme 7043)
BACS	Lacock Village Hall	£ 313.50	(VH hire 05/21-12/22)

- ii) **Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (HS/LH) that the statement of account showing a balance of £5136.41 as at 21 January 2022 in the Co-operative current bank account and £53,511.68 in the Cambridge and Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

- iii) **Jubilee Mugs -**

Under S137 the PC can spend £8.41 x 806 (no. of electors) = £6778.46. It was resolved (HS/PH) that 16 boxes (576 mugs) be ordered at a cost of £3783.36.

- iv) **Works to Gateway from Abbey Road to Playing Field**

It was agreed (PH/LH) that this would be a good idea. National Trust want a meeting to discuss and quotes need to be obtained.

10 PLANNING:

PL/2021/11702

Proposed garden Arbor screen and Velux rooflight – The Old Post Office, 21 Bowden Hill, Lacock.
It was noted that permission had already been granted despite an extension for comments having been agreed.

PL2022/00194

Erection of replacement building (Class E) – Griffin farm, Bowden Hill, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

PL/2022/00383

Maples – these trees are leaning and overhanging the tennis court and are to be removed – Land at the playground north of Hither Way, Lacock.

NO COMMENT

PL/2022/00712 (Full Planning Permission)

Replacement signage above the side access gate (retrospective) 21 King Johns Hunting Lodge, Church Street, Lacock

PL/2022/00808 (Listed Building Consent (Alt/Ext))

Replacement signage above the side access gate – 21 Kings Johns Hunting Lodge, Church Street, Lacock.

PL2022/00713 (Consent to display an advertisement) – 21 King John Hunting Lodge, Church Street, Lacock. **OBJECT** – the sign is of out of character/keeping with the village and during the 8 months it has already been erected has not weathered. Is there a need for this sign?

PL/2022/00944

Removal of Condition 1 of planning permission 71.QR.509 relating to agricultural occupancy of property (resubmission of 21/00/440/VAR) – 1 Orchard Cottages, Notton.

NO OBJECTION

Possible unapproved works at Whitehall Farm – relating to 20/11636/FUL. It was noted that a very large, apparently permanent structure has recently been erected which does not appear to be included within existing planning permissions. It was agreed that John Bolden would draft an e-mail on this subject for the Clerk to send to WCC.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- i) Parking at the end of Bewley Lane/Bowden Hill on the corner – obstructing water main, gas main and grit bin.
- ii) Highway Code changed on 29 January 2022 – pedestrians have right of way.
- iii) Village Litter Pick – 26 March 2022.
- iv) Damage to Abbey Bridge.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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14 March 2022

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