

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THOSE TAKING PART:

C Doel, S Wise, P Glen, P Holliday, P Burkinshaw, H Shepherd, S Gregory, P Shaw and L Heren. Also present were Andy Cochrane (National Trust) and one member of the public (T Room) In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, C Doel was voted (PG/HS) to chair the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from J Durrant, J Boldon, D Walters and S Macmillan

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

T Room pointed out that as he had experienced difficulty in getting Relish Running onto the PC agenda in the past he was present to clarify matters. He was advised that as the Traffic Management plan had not been received until the Thursday prior to the meeting it could not be included on the agenda which was advertised on 2 January 2023. TR advised that Kevin Oliver had signed off the event (and that he was senior to Dave Arnup and Martin Rose).

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (SW/PH) that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:

The Boxing Day meet had gone off without incident – car parking was the major issue.

6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

P Glen

PG advised that the memorial bench for the PF has been delivered.

S Wise –

All grit bins are full.

Nameplates and road names around the village – SW has started the investigation and will check WC policy etc. Has spoken to Gemma Winslow – WC are responsible for replacing them – SW to provide a map and list.

S Gregory –

20mph speed limit – a meeting with WC, NT and PC took place on 20 December. Dave Thomas confirmed that a 20mph limit can be implemented in the village going from West Street outside cemetery to Cantax Hill north of the Byde Brook bridge to include High Street, East Street and Church Street. The NT will fund the implementation of the speed limit reduction. Also a request will be made to Mark McClelland for a dispensation for a lower 30mph limit on Hither Way (from the Melksham Road mini roundabout to past the NT car park and round the corner).

SG was of the opinion that the PC should go ahead with this and that if we wait we will miss an opportunity.

PS and PG thought a more effective method of reducing the speed through the village is to put the interventions in place first as they are more effective at speed management.

SG proposed that the introduction of a 20mph limit is the highest priority. Seconded by PB 7 votes in favour and 2 against. Clerk to write to Sarah Dearden to proceed with 20mph limited as PC top priority of LHFIFG initiatives.

PS reported that the speed camera has been mounted for a few weeks and should go “live” after Thursday.

H Shepherd –

Reported that the school wall has been repaired.

Thanked Lackham College for providing the parish Christmas tree; The Red Lion for hosting it and the children of Lacock School and Wise Owls for decorating it.

L Heren –

New sign now in situ at the play park.

Revised quotes received for the play park remedial work. A decision was not made on the way forward as members felt that they did not have enough information on what was involved. LH was asked to request that Mant provide a revised quote leaving out the gate from the quote. It was agreed to close off the equipment which is dangerous.

P Holliday –

The water tank in the cricket pavilion is leaking and the ceiling has collapsed – in the visitors changing room.

7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

Andy Cochrane gave an update on the empty properties and the repairs being carried out. SM is working with various village groups. Putting together tenants meetings quarterly throughout the year. The local business network is to meet within the first six months of this year.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 From Grist - New Legislation for POPs “Persistent Organic Pollutants” - “If this type of waste is found in skips or RORO containers then there will be a surcharge levied to customers to cover the additional sorting and disposal costs and this will be dependent on the amount of material placed in the containers”. Effective from January 2023 as this legislation will be enforced by the Environment Agency from that time.
- 2 Planning Inspectorate re Appeal Decision PL/2022/00194 Griffin Farm, Bowden Hill, Lacock - the appeal is dismissed.
- 3 Police & Crime Commissioner - Wiltshire & Swindon Precept Survey - Digital Toolkit for MPs and Councillors for sharing online.

- 4 From Stampede Sports re The Wiltshire 10 Run at Melksham - Sunday 12 February 2023 starting in Melksham at 10am - no road closure for Lacock and deploying CSAS operatives to manage the junction between the Wharf/Bowden Hill and Forest Lane. Anticipate less than 300 runners and all should be clear of the village by 11.30am.
- 5 From Dave Arnup re Lacock Road Race 2023 - Traffic Management plan has been shared “but it is still the opinion of highways that mixing traffic and runners is not suitable”.

9 FINANCE:

- i) It was resolved (PB/HS) that the following accounts be paid:

S J White	£ 525.60	(for December)
S Steward	£ 420.51	(for December)
Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(PF mtce - December)
water2business	£ 59.34	(Hither Way allotments)
PKF Littlejohn	£ 360.00	(Audit fee)

- ii) **Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PG/PB) the statement of account showing a balance of £24760.93 as at 15 December 2022 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.215) and £39027.22 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

- iii) **Precept –**

JD had reworked the figures and these had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved (PG/SG) that the Parish Council request a precept of £36987.95 for the financial year 2023/2024

10 PLANNING:

PL/2022/09476

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Woodland on the lefthand side of National Trust car park, Hither Way, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2022/09475

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – National Trust car Park, Hither Way, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2022/09856

Permission in principle for the erection of up to 4no self build dwellings – Land at Notton, Corsham Road, Lacock.

OBJECT

(JB to draft a response objecting citing the Planning Inspector’s comments in his dismissal of the original appeal re this site.

15 OTHER MATTERS RAISED:

- i) Satnav directions to Red Lion Car Park – as NT own the car park it is up to them to change the directions.
- ii) List of outstanding items from meetings to SM
- iii) More clarity needed when putting forward proposals – all members need the facts.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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13 February 2023