

# **LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

### **THOSE TAKING PART:**

J Durrant (Chair) J Boldon, C Doel, P Glen, P Holliday, P Burkinshaw, S Gregory, P Shaw and L Heren. Also present were Derek Walters and Sonya Macmillan (National Trust)

### **1 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from H Shepherd and S Wise

### **2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

There were no members of the public present.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were none.

### **4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was agreed (PB/PH) that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2023 be signed as a true record.

### **5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES:**

Relish Running – awaiting the revised route.  
Cricket pavilion – one quote received so far.

### **6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:**

#### **S Gregory –**

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

High Street/West Street revised layout improvement - decision from Wiltshire Council awaited re PC substantive bid. If successful work will start in the 2023/24 financial year.

Road damage at Bowden Hill and water flowing down the road – the pond on the common needs clearing out and the ditch into which it flows needs clearing out as it is likely to be silted up and causing damage to road surface. National Trust, Wiltshire Council and LPC need to discuss and agree what needs to be done. National Trust to provide update on the pond planning application which has been submitted.

**P Shaw –**

Auto Speed Watch camera - PS advised that no meaningful data has been produced due to the road closures/works and recent flooding.

**H Shepherd –**

HS had advised that the Spring Clean has been organised for Saturday 18 March and Lacock Church Eco Group will be joining the event.

**C Doel –**

CD met with NT re grass cutting and what NT wants to do. At the moment the yearly cost is split 50/50 with NT. The specification needs to be put out to tender. SM confirmed that NT is willing to pay 50%. The Clerk to post notice re tender on PC noticeboards and in the parish mag. Closing date 31 March 2023. Copy of specification be sent to Idverde and Green Square.

CD advised that the water pipe from the pumping station has burst. DW agreed to take this up with WWA.

**L Heren –**

LH drew attention to the implications of PC doing any repairs to the apparatus, flooring, perimeter fencing — major works and running repairs – must be in compliance with the relevant BS regulations.

**P Holliday –**

PH is waiting for two more quotes for the pavilion work.  
Waiting for hedge around the play area to be cut.

**7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:**

Sonya Macmillan advised that NT is going to install an electric fence in the haha to stop animals (sheep) escaping – this will be managed by the Estate Team.  
Boxing Day wash-up meeting with PSCO – it was agreed that a meeting was not required but PSCO is welcome to attend a PC meeting to introduce himself.  
TANT meetings arranged for the year.  
SM is setting up an initial business network meeting.  
SM asked if blue bins in playground were to remain . PH to obtain quote from Grist for a more suitable bin which they would empty.

**8 To consider quotes received for repairs to Play Equipment:**

Revised quotes had been circulated prior to the meeting: Mant Leisure £12755.72 + VAT and Idverde £7288.86 + VAT. It was proposed by JD seconded PB that the Mant Leisure quote be accepted. In favour: 4 against: 2 and 2 abstentions (PS/PH)

**9 CEMETERY FEES – REVIEW:**

A comparison of fees with Box. Brinkworth, Corsham, Devizes and WC had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed (PH/CD) that the PC fees be increased by 10% wef 1 April 2023.

**10 CORONATION:**

No volunteers had come forward to help with organising an event and it was suggested that a community picnic in the playing field on the Sunday 7 May be organised. It was agreed that mugs (£1452 ) be purchased for children in the village, the village school and Wise Owls Pre School. The mugs to be handed out in school and Wise Owls.

## 11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 From CPRE re CCmTechnologies (sponsor) re Best Kept Village Competition 2023
- 2 From Wiltshire Council - "We've published our proposed budget for 2023/24 - will be discussed and debated at Full Council on 21 February
- 3 Police and Crime Commissioner - Quarterly Performance Newsletter
- 4 Briefing Note 23-01 - Use of council-owned land for environmental mitigation
- 5 Wiltshire Council - Climate information and support for local councils - will be holding a Climate Action Planning Workshop 27 March 10 - 4 and follow up event 17 May 3-5
- 6 From Chris Leslie re support for 20mph speed limit for Notton + response from Stuart Gregory
- 7 Wiltshire and Swindon PCC - Wiltshire Police set to increase officer numbers following budget approval
- 8 Wiltshire Council - still awaiting completed report from council's consultants who undertook the inspection of Abbey bridge
- 9 From Sue Bevan re replacement trees in cemetery – It was agreed that the 2 replacements should be beech trees. Messrs Doel and O'Neill to fund the purchase.

## 12 FINANCE:

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

S J White	£ 525.60	(for January)
S Steward	£ 420.71	(for January)
Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(PF mtce - January)
Barefoot Signs Ltd	£ 194.28	(PFWG – signs – retrospective)
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 304.98	(PAYE – retrospective)
Idverde Ltd	£ 156.00	(dog bin collection)

- ii) **Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PH/PB) the statement of account showing a balance of £24472.61 as at 24 January 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.217) and £39027.22 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

- iii) **Application for grant from Lacock Cubs and Beavers**

Members were reminded that the group had received £1500 in June 2017 for replacement camping equipment (patrol tents etc.). They are now requesting £800 for 2 tents and 2 tables. Clerk to enquire whether previous grant was spent.

- iv) **Cloud Storage Subscription Service -**

It was resolved (PB/PH) that the PC sign up to Dropbox Professional at a cost of £16.58/month

## 13 PLANNING:

### **PL/2022/08829**

Installation of 7 solar panels on the roof of the 1 storey non domestic outbuilding at the east of the property - Oak Tree House, Melksham Road, Lacock

**NO OBJECTION**

### **20/02334/REM**

Reserved matters - Rowden Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham (Redcliffe Phase 4)

**NO OBJECTION**

### **PL/2023/00521**

Proposed single storey kitchen extension together with disabled WC and canopy -  
The Bell Inn, Bowden Hill, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2023/00757**

Proposed double and single storey rear extension and timber porch canopy to side  
elevation - 14 Bewley Lane, Lacock. **NO OBJECTION**

**14 OTHER MATTERS RAISED:**

- i) Visitors playing and swimming in the ford –
- ii) Emma Knight from Stonegate booking Village Hall for 28 February at 6pm to share plans for the Carpenters Arms and to meet the team involved.

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

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

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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13 March 2023