

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Held on 13 March 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, S Wise, H Shepherd and L Heren. Also present was Sonya Macmillan (National Trust) and two members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from D Walters and P Shaw

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Two parents from the Lacock Cubs and Beavers were present and gave an update on the group's finances. They requested a grant to repair their camping equipment trailer. They advised that the group is looking to become involved in village events and their own fund raising events. Members agreed to review a grant request for £300 to enable the trailer to be repaired if received from Cubs in advance of April meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

PB declared an interest in Item 10iv) – School Governor

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (PH/PB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

The action log was reviewed and updated.

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

Sonya advised that there are some financial restrictions on the upgrading of empty properties due to rising costs and visitor numbers have not returned as expected. Budgets are being reduced and this year spend will be prioritised on occupied lets. Twelve properties were turned round last year. Nine current voids of which 2 are to be let shortly. The rest (7) will remain empty whilst we focus on the backlog and compliance.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should write to National Trust Head Office expressing concern at the present situation regarding properties in the village.

SM asked if she could give a Powerpoint presentation at the April meeting or annual meeting on NT plans for the Treasure House..

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

P Holliday-

PH has received three quotations for the remedial work in the cricket pavilion. i) £950 for plumbing and ceiling; ii) £500 for plumbing and iii) £350 for the ceiling. It was resolved PH/HS) that the separate plumbing and ceiling quotes be accepted subject to the clerk checking the insurance cover and excess to see if this work was covered.

The hedge has been cut by Richard Hopkins – invoice awaited.

Probation Service will do the inside hedge in the Playing Field.

HS reported that Lovers Walk is inaccessible for pushchairs. Register with MyWilts and speak to Derek Walters to progress – SW will do this.

S Gregory –

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

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.

S Wise –

Small working party at the Orchard last Saturday.

Grit bins – four replacement bins – one extra this year.

Attended WALC public rights of way training/info sharing evening – quite informative.

Footpath issues - new software which should mean that in future users will be able to look up and see all issues in an area. Ramblers 'Dont lose your Way' initiative to cover routes that have been in use as a footpath but not registered as such.

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.

8 SCARECROW TRAIL – 8/9 JULY 2023

Friends of Lacock School requested permission to use the Playing Field for their Scarecrow Trail on 8/9 July 2023. It was resolved to grant permission.

9 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Invitation to enter this years Best Kept Village Competition for Wiltshire - closing date for entries Friday 21 April 2023
- 2 Media Release from OPCC - Melksham custody refurbishment works will ensure a more modern police force.
- 3 From Chair FoLS - requesting permission to use playing field for Scarecrow Trail 8/9 July 2023.
- 4 Upcoming meeting dates for Wiltshire Local Performance & Scrutiny Committee - 1/6 31/8, 30/11, 29/2/24, 5/6/24
- 5 Chippenham Town Council - Repeat Consultation on draft Neighbourhood Plan with SEA. CD raised a concern that building would encroach on the flood plain, one to watch.
- 6 From PCC - PCC welcomes new Chief Constable - Catherine Roper
- 7 From MWPC - M4 to Dorset Coast Strategic Study - Newsletter
- 8 Briefing Note 23-06 - Wiltshire School Places Strategy 2023-2027

- 9 GreenSquareAccord - considering disposal of 1 & 2 Corsham Road as identified in their Strategy Asset Plan
- 10 From Daniel Tyrrell (Planning Enforcement Officer) re ENF/2022/00179 - Carpenters Arms, Church Street, Lacock
- 11 From PCC Media - Become a volunteer to support MakingWiltshireSafer
- 12 From Peter Glen re Bowden Hill House - works have been ongoing since sale of the property and no plans have come before the Parish Council.

10 FINANCE:

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

S J White	£ 525.60	(for February)
S Steward	£ 420.83	(for February)
Idverde Ltd	£ 233.99	(PF mtce - February)
Mant Leisure (retrospective)	£6377,86	(50% deposit Play Area Repairs)
P B Glen	£ 266.77	(Vandalism repair – fencing)
National Trust	£ 150.00	(Pavilion Rent)

ii) Statement of Account –

It was resolved (PG/PH) the statement of account showing a balance of £16378.35 as at 3 March 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.219) and £39027.22 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

iii) Purchase of Coronation Mugs -

It was resolved (PH/JD) that PC purchase 180 Coronation mugs at a cost of £1452.00.

iv) Request for Grant from Lacock School –

It was resolved (JB/HS) that the PC fund the purchase of 10 64GB iPads at a cost of £3075.

13 PLANNING:

PL/2022/09178

Installation of 806 solar panels on suitable roofs and buildings across the site - Wiltshire College Lackham, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2023/01334

Felling of 2 Leylandii - 6 East Street, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2023/01753

Single storey extension and garage - 1 Nursery Cottages. Folly Lane, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2023/01648

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area - Reymill House, Reybridge, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2023/01575

Use of barn for mixed agriculture and garden centre storage, together with siting of storage containers also for garden centre usage (retrospective) – Whitehall Farm, Lacock.

No Objection – subject to one concern being addressed. Members have observed that excessively large HGVs are seeking to gain access to and egress from the premises. These are totally unsuited to the narrow highway leading to the site, are having difficulty manoeuvring in and out of the site and are causing difficulties for other road users.

14 OTHER MATTERS RAISED:

- i) Kings John Hunting Lodge sign, planning was refused but sign still in place Clerk to raise with enforcement officers.
- ii) Dog bins full
- iii) Chase DW re village hall outside light

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 17 April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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17 April 2023