

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 12 June 2023
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair) J Boldon, P Glen, P Burkinshaw, S Gregory, C Doel, H Shepherd,
S Wise and L Heren. Also present: S McMillan (National Trust) and two members of the public

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from D Walters, P Shaw and P Holliday

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no comments from the public.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (HS/SW) that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2023 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

SW advised that proposed Apple Day is ongoing
Thank you letter to be sent to outgoing Parish Steward

The action log was reviewed and updated.

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

Article in the Sunday Telegraph about Cantax House. NT does have a contractor for the garden. It is not straight forward to relet such a property – amount of work needed on the doctor's surgery.

Coach parking meeting – we had a round table discussion with a view to managing the situation with coaches better. Draft document “How you should behave if you are driving your coach into this village”. Sune at The Red Lion is contact in line of communication. Another meeting on 12 July

Corsham running club – CD to provide details of contact to SM

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

P Burkinshaw –

Recent email failures have been sorted.

A GDPR request from an individual in Royal Wootten Bassett has been actioned.

S Gregory -

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

LTG suggest the following intervention priorities:

- 1 Forest Lane
- 2 Bowden Hill (near Fox's farm)
- 3 Before Abbey bridge in Hither Way
- 4 Cantax hill village gateway

Need to talk to WC Highways which they recommend doing. It will be a long process.

Double yellow lines – advertising and consultation in June.

Keep Clear lines (Nethercote/Church Street) to be repainted. SG to write to Dave Arnup to request

P Glen –

In the absence of P Holliday PG read out a short report. The probation team have attended on two days this month but with only 2 or 3 members. This means that the cemetery has not been cut in one go – not ideal but hopefully this will be resolved soon. PH has spoken to Kevin Bowler (Idverde) and is meeting with him on Friday to discuss the grass that has not been cut in the village under the new agreement and existing grass cutting agreement for the playing fields/play area. The tennis net are up on the court until September – weather dependent.

C Doel –

Allotments – There is a rat problem in the Abbey allotments and the committee has taken out an annual Wiltshire Council pest control contract at a cost of £600/annum.

Gatepost at the Hither Way allotments has been mended by NT. The association's Apple Day is going ahead. SW to speak to Ken Trussell.

Water level down at Byde brook – Derek Walters has been talking to the Environment Agency. They will be giving us a read out for the past two years. CD has spoken to Brian Matthews who knows someone at Bristol and Bath Waterways and he will get him to come out.

H Shepherd –

Thank you from the school for the laptops which arrived last week.
Bi-centennial celebrations for Fox Talbot Feb 2024 next year.
Graffiti problem in the playground and tennis court.
New wildlife volunteer at school.
Wise Owls – quite a number of children going into the school.
Lackham – term ends end of June.
Lacock Church Eco Group – recent litter pick attracted 10 volunteers.
Coronation mugs on sale at Quintessential .

S Wise –

North Wilts Ramblers had Corsham Walking Festival yesterday.
Hard working group of volunteers at the community orchard last Saturday – tidied up.

8 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO NT REPLY RE VACANT PROPERTIES:

The response received to the PC letter to Hilary McGrady was considered and it was agreed that it did nothing to allay the PC's concerns regarding repairs and reletting of the empty properties in the village. It was agreed another letter should be sent asking for detailed information on how the money collected in parking charges is spent.

9 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson May column
- 2 Briefing Note 23-12 - Update on Trowbridge Leisure Centre
- 3 Briefing Note 23-13 - New Kerbside Collections of “small rechargeable electricals”
- 4 Latest Parish Steward Programme
- 5 Briefing Note - 23-14 - Family Hubs
- 6 From Frances Parameter (David Lock Associates) - Notification of Submission of Outline Planning application for proposals at Land East of Showell Farm, Chippenham
- 7 Briefing Note 23-15 - Five year Housing Land Supply and Housing Delivery Test
- 8 Wiltshire Bus Review - Stakeholder Survey - closing date 30 June 2023
- 9 Briefing Note 23-16 - Local Plan review - Housing Numbers
- 10 Briefing Note 23-17 – Launch of 2nd Solar Together Scheme in Wiltshire and Swindon
- 11 Request for reimbursement of £68.31 for replacement of trailer tyre – Lacock Scout and Cubs – see under Finance
- 12 PCCs across the SW launch new rural crime survey

10 FINANCE:

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

S Steward		£ 463.92	(for May)
Idverde Ltd	*	£ 233.99	(PF mtce – May)
Idverde Ltd	*	£ 246.20	(Grass cutting – May)
Idverde Ltd	*	£ 156.00	(Dog bin)
Oakford Technology		£3690.00	(Grant – Lacock School laptops)

Neil Ballinger	£ 492.00	(Pavilion ceiling)
Power & Precision Fabrication	£2880.00	(Grant £1252.50 LCC roller)
Gillian Ballinger	£ 100.00	(Internal audit)
BHIB	£ 436.68	(PC insurance – retrospective)
LGA Association (CD/PG)	£ 100.00	(Flower Show sponsorship)
1 st Lacock Scout Group (HS/PB)	£. 63.81	(Grant – trailer tyre)

* Note – it was agreed that the Idverde payments be withheld until after meeting with Kevin Bowler on 15 June.

ii) Statement of Account –

It was resolved (HS/PB) the statement of account showing a balance of £17643.58 as at 3 June 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.225) and £39464.16 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

11 PLANNING:

PL/2023/03880

Retrospective – demolition of porch and erection of front extension – 42 Bowden Hill, Lacock
NO OBJECTION

PL/2023/04381

Fell Cherry tree – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock
NO COMMENT

PL/2022/04415

Fell Box tree – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock
NO COMMENT

12 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS:

- i) Dead tree by Whitehall traffic lights – LS to ask Peter Self what is happening?
- ii) Lacock will be in Chippenham constituency
- iii) Leak at gate entrance below JB’s house
- iv) Dead tree on verge at Hither Way – who’s responsible? LS to speak to SM
- v) PB to arrange parish council logo competition

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 10 July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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10 July 2023

