

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, P Glen, P Burkinshaw, C Doel, H Shepherd, P Shaw, and L Heren. Also present Sonya McMillan (National Trust) and five members of the public

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from S Gregory, P Holliday, S Wise and D Walters

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Mrs Jones asked about the parking in Church Street as at the moment it is horrendous and it will be worse with the Tanyard proposals.

Mr Lawrence clarified that the Tanyard application is for a Premises Licence only. It has been used as what it is registered for and nothing has changed. People will be instructed to park in the National Trust car park. There will be only one b&b room and these guests will be able to park through the five-bar gate. The only difference is the sale of alcohol and only for the use of b&b guests. They are not trying to make it a destination venue. He advised that he has posted in detail what is proposed on social media.

Mrs Ballinger wanted to know if the Harry Potter house is being changed into a holiday let. SM responded that should the NT have any plans to change cottages in the village into holiday lets then she would share that information with TANT and the Parish Council. At present there are no plans but if in the future there are a line of communication will be set up.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

P Glen declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2023/06727.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (HS/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG

The action log was reviewed and updated.

No response from Hilary McGrady to PC letters and questions. A further letter to be sent.

Cemetery – Sandridge Stone do not offer this service. PS advised that a NAM offers a 2-day course at a cost of £800. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council to seek further advice.

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

SM advised that Tim Barter is retiring and the new Estate Manager will be James Bradshaw. TB will be here until November

Coach parking meeting 11/9/23 – improvements have been seen, more to do with Premium Coaches. SM going to try to engage with Wiltshire Council to get highway signage to direct coaches to NT carpark.

One new vacant cottage in the village – 24 Church Street is now let.

Ranger update – Bewley Common will be cut later this week.

NT arranging a Christmas Event on 29 November at 7pm in village hall

Happy that the Tanyard proposal is within the terms of the lease.

7 D DAY EVENT 2024:

NT keen to be involved.

School has a main event next June but very keen to take part. Lackham would volunteer to help.

Not a massive event to organise.

JD will speak to Sune.

Invite to every address in the parish.

8 LPC LOGO:

Only one entry had been received and members were not happy with the design. PB recommended that the PC go with the submission. It was eventually agreed that members should think about what the logo should be and provide ideas for the next meeting.

9 PREMISES LICENCE – THE TANYARD:

An email from Rufus Lawrence giving details of their plans for the Tanyard had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. CD and PG were against the proposals as the site is in the middle of the village. JB proposed that the PC raise no objection – seconded by HS. Agreed.

10 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS:

L Heren–

Two swings have been decommissioned. LH had been unable to obtain two quotes - one received from Mant Leisure £569.23 plus VAT. LH proposed we get the repair done using Mant seconded by HS. All in favour.

H Shepherd –

Lackham – new student intake this term. Development of Business Centre proposed.

Solar panels have been installed and Lackham are hitting their sustainability goals.

Lacock School – 12 new pupils this term and numbers now in the 70s. Talbot Day being planned and hope to have a VIP guest.

New leader at Wise Owls – Helen Bland has taken over. - vacancies at every session.

C Doel –

Allotments AGM proved to be a difficult meeting. Officers have stayed the same

Flower Show – Thank you to PC for sponsorship.

Flooding Committee – a report has been circulated prior to meeting.

Water testing carried out on 11 July. The Clerk to write to DW requesting an update

New Vector machine for gully cleaning – should reduce waiting time down to 4-5 weeks.

P Glen –

Grass cutting in cemetery – complaints from people about the state of the grass.

Emergency measure put in place – Falcon Landscapes carried out the necessary cut and PG was seriously impressed. Cost £265.

Planning Application will be completed to remove trees in the cemetery.

Make enquiries from WC to see if they can advise what we can do about the number of heavy vehicles ignoring the weight limit.

Bowden Hill closure – WC have no option but to grant the closure. SSE have committed to rectifying any issues with the road should it result in flooding from springs.

S Gregory/P Shaw -

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

Sarah Dearden, WC Highways Senior Engineer, did a site visit and suggests the following interventions, installation of pillar type speed bumps:

- 1 Bowden Hill/Forest Lane at the Village Gateway
- 2 On the Wharf, below 30mph sign, approaching Abbey Bridge from the south
- 3 Down from the Village Gateway at Cantax Hill before first bend (Lovers' Walk junction)
- 4 Cantax Hill down from where two service roads join the road

WC Parking Services: there is no reason why we cannot have a residents parking scheme in the village. MiPermit – more information needed. PS to consider issues which would need to be considered/overcome

S Wise –

Health and safety/dangerous footbridge at the junction of LAC06 and the Byway at Pinnell's Mill. It has been reported at MyWilts 00121133, surveyed by WCC and the footpath closed until structural repairs can be completed.

SW will continue to monitor WCC progress in this matter, updating the council with progress.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Briefing Note 23-22 – Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme
- 2 From Daniel Tyrrell Re ENF/2023/00650 – Bowden Hill House – “The excavation of land and felling of trees is lawful under the terms of the planning permissions granted. No other works are taking place without planning permission or Listed Building Consent. As no breach of planning control has taken place, I have closed my file on this matter”
- 3 Briefing Note 23-23 – Waste Sorting at Wiltshire's Household Recycling centres

- 4 Wiltshire Council – New Premises Licence Application
- 5 Wiltshire & Swindon PCC – PCC visits local organisation after funding diversionary courses for young people
- 6 Wiltshire Council – Local Plan consultation begins next month (27 September) with in-person and online events (under 23:59 Wednesday 22 November)
- 7 PCC – Rural Crime Survey
- 8 Rufus Lawrence – re their recent application for a Premises Licence
- 9 Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch AGM – 7 October 10-noon at Wiltshire Police HQ
- 10 Abigail Humphrys – requesting dog bin (Bewley Common/Stoggy Lane area) – **PC unable to help as this is NT land.**
- 11 Wiltshire Council – Community Resilience updating info for new website and request info on contacts and emergency plans and flood plans
- 12 OPCC – Please support Campaign launched by the OPCC says victims don't need to report to get support
- 13 Mark Edwards (H&S Manager at Stonegate Farmers) requesting additional signage for hidden entrance to Stonegate site – **What would be the cost and who would pay? – Contact WC for costs.**
- 14 From Lacock School – re fees for use of Village Hall and requesting PC assistance to resolve the matter – **PC to write to VHC asking for the rationale in removing the 50% discount. School needs 80% extra space to fulfil the curriculum and comply with government guidelines.**

10 FINANCE:

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

S Steward	£465.82	*(for July)
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Idverde Ltd	£233.99	*(PF mtce – July)
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Idverde Ltd	£156.00	*(Grass cutting – July)
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HM Customs and Excise	£100.00	(PAYE penalty)
National Trust	£140.00	(Allotment gardens rent)
Falcon Landscapes	£265.00	(Cemetery grass cut)

*Retrospective approval

ii) Statement of Account –

It was resolved (PB/JB) the statement of account showing a balance of £29283.48 as at 1 September 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.230) and £39464.16 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the chair as being correct.

11 PLANNING:

PL/2023/07181

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Lacock Abbey, High Street, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2023/06727

Approval of reserved matters – Land at Showell Nurseries, Showell, Chippenham. **NO OBJECTION**

PL/2022/02326/REM – Amended Plans/Additional Information

Reserved matters – Rowden Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham (Redcliffe Phase 3)

NO OBJECTION subject to the many objections raised by Wiltshire Council’s Urban Design and Landscape Officers being satisfactorily addressed as well as the Parish Council’s objections raised on 12 January 2022.

PL/2023/07660

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservaction area – 7 Bewley Lane, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2022/09856

Planning Appeal – Land at Notton - Permission in principle for the erection of up to 4no self build dwellings

OBJECT

12 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS:

- i) Weeds in village – Parish Steward to spray
- ii) Anything clearly not needed will be deleted from website – personal contact details GDPR

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9 October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room
The meeting closed at 10.01pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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9 October 2023