

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), P Glen, P Holliday, S Gregory, P Shaw, P Burkinshaw, L Heren, H Shepherd, C Doel and S Wise. Also present were four members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

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

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There was nothing raised by those present.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no declarations of interest.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (HS/PB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2023 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG

The action log was reviewed and updated.

Apple Day - S Wise talking to the Allotment Association and National Trust.

Water test report at Mill Farm outstanding – DW to chase

Memorial testing – Clerk to chase Wiltshire Council for information

Speed Watch results – PS to supply details to DW for him to chase

Carpenters Arms – decision imminent

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

SM had provided an update which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Confirmed that NT is planning to turn 20 Church Street into a holiday let. Together with James Bradshaw will be at the February PC meeting to answer any questions. Meeting still to be held re Planning Consultation with Ian Wilson and Mark Funnell (planning advisor) to talk about wider planning which will affect Lacock parish.

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

L Heren –

Play park – everything working – weekly checks being carried out – site is very muddy.

H Shepherd –

Bi-centennial of Lacock School this year – a lot planned. First event 9 February Fox Talbot Day D-Day – met with NT – low key event planned, similar to Coronation.

Keep Britain Tidy – Parish Group event rather than Church Group – Saturday 23 March.

P Glen –

PG is obtaining quotes for the hedge trimming around 2 sides of the playing field and the tree felling work in the cemetery.

P Shaw –

PS reported that the West Street/High Street junction works are commencing the following week. Speed Watch camera has been decommissioned and removed from site as police are not at present interested in the data obtained.

Q&A re residents' parking scheme being compiled – will be circulated to councilors.

S Gregory -

SG's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. There are still drainage problems on Bowden Hill.

No objections have been received re introduction of 20mph speed limit in village and 30mph on Hither Way. This will go ahead in summer.

P Holliday -

PH requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Richard Hopkins for cutting all the hedging.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 WC Planning re Lacock cemetery – decision notice – no objection
- 2 From PCC – Chief Constable Force update (NOTE: She will be taking part in a Facebook Live broadcast on Monday 22/1 between 6.30-7.30 where she will answer any questions about the forthcoming changes)
- 3 Briefing Note 23-38 – Vibrant Wiltshire – vacant units grants programme launches January 2024 - aims to support local small businesses to bring vacant commercial town centre units back into use
- 4 Policing, Priorities and Pounds – Wiltshire & Swindon Precept Survey – digital toolkit
- 5 Wiltshire & Swindon PCC – Improved training facilities will better serve student police officers
- 6 PCC asks residents in Wiltshire for their views on policing priorities
- 7 WC – Parish Steward Schedule
- 8 Martin Cozens – suggests PC might make some public recognition of the contribution made to the village by the village shop – **email to be forwarded to Village Shop**

9 FINANCE:

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

Idverde Ltd	£233.99	(PF mtce – December)
Idverde Ltd	£246.20	(Grass cutting – December)
S Steward	£449.63	(for December)
S Steward	£ 13.59	(office expenses - December)
HMRC	£337.20	(PAYE)

water2business	£ 33.44	(Hither Way allotments)
Lacock Village Hall	£221.00	(Village Hall bookings 2024)

Note - It was agreed that the outstanding Idverde Ltd invoices for grass cutting be paid.

ii) Statement of Account –

It was resolved (PG/PH) the statement of account showing a balance of £42717.08 as at 12 December 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.237) and £39464.16 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) Precept –

It was resolved (SW/PG) that a precept of £38824.22 for the financial year 2024/2025 be requested from Wiltshire Council.

10 PLANNING:

PL/202310569 & PL/20223/10950 (Listed Building Consent)

Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate a new single storey extension along with modest internal opening up and amendments. Replacement of a non-period gate – 14 West Street, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

ENF/2023/00986

Unauthorised felling of tree – 7 Nethercote Hill, Lacock - noted

PL/2024/00005

Oak tree – reduce to make safe – Wiltshire College Lackham, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2023/10960

Proposed single storey and 2 storey rear extension, 7, 8 & 9 Nethercote Hill, to create a single dwelling house, with off road parking and refuse, recycling and secure cycle storage – 8-9 Nethercote Hill, Lacock - out of keeping and overdevelopment

OBJECT

11 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFO/DISCUSSION:

- i) PC to ask NT to look at providing a litter bin the bus shelter
- ii) Contact D Arnup and Gemma about the condition of the gullies – request site meeting

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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12 February 2024

