

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Manor Room

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, P Glen, P Holliday, P Shaw, S Gregory, P Burkinshaw, S Wise, H Shepherd and C Doel. Also present was Derek Walters

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from L Heren.

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no members of the public present

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no declarations of interest notified.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (PG/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2023 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG

JB outlined what has been done re Bowden Hill House. A letter has been sent to the Enforcement Team and Director of Planning,

At a meeting with SM, James Bradshaw NT Estates Manager, Lindsay Thompson-Boyce. NT Lettings Officer, JB, and PH SM advised that the NT plan to take 20 Church Street out of the local housing pool and make it into another holiday let. CD advised that he had attended the Tenants' meeting on 28 November and from what he heard it appears that NT are doing what they want and not taking any notice of the Parish Council. PH suggested that PC write to

Michelle Donelan informing her that a lot of parishioners are unhappy with the treatment from the NT.

The action log was reviewed and updated.

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

SM had submitted a report which was circulated to all members prior to the meeting; there was no mention of 20 Church Street.

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

P Holliday –

Corsham Road Play Area – DW agreed to liaise with Green Square re the purchase and siting of football posts.

S Gregory/P Shaw –

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

No objections had been received to the Lacock 20mph and Hither Way 30mph speed limits. Have asked for the work to be completed earlier than late Spring or early Summer.

High Street/West Street layout improvement – There was one written objection to the new double yellow lines in the High Street. The road work on the roundabout still programmed to commence 15 January 2024.

Residents Parking Scheme – this is the only way we are going to manage traffic in Lacock. PS has requested a meeting with NT to discuss the scheme and to ascertain their views and support.

Coach ban down Bowden Hill to be raised at LHFIFG

P Glen –

A draft grass cutting tender had been circulated prior to the meeting. A few minor changes were agreed and the contract to commence 1st April 2024.

J Boldon -

JB had received a complaint from a resident that a mature tree had been felled without permission at 7 Nethercote Hill. Also there was concern locally about the amount of hedging being cut down.

Carpenters Arms – Adrian Gott has complained about the lack of a decision from Wiltshire Council Planning. LPC understands that component of the application has been removed at request of conservation officer. Concern also about the length of time taken to determine this application.

C Doel –

CD attended the latest Allotment meeting – nothing to report. There is now a waiting list for available plots.

H Shepherd –

Thank you to Lackham College for providing the Christmas tree outside the Red Lion pub.

School - Lantern parade on 14 December. Baubles to decorate the Christmas tree are available to buy from the school office at £2 each. School thanks to LPC for the support received recently.

Wise Owls – new pupils starting in January but numbers are extremely low.

Red Lion have purchased remaining coronation mugs and will be selling them at half price.

S Wise

Footpaths – there are a number of outstanding maintenance issues with WCC to be resolved.

Orchard – There was no working group in December and the 13 January 2024 date is likely to be cancelled. The area continues to be well used by local groups and families.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Briefing Note 23-34 – Substantive Highways Scheme Fund Bid Application Process 2024/25
- 2 Derek Walters – Impact of Chippenham Bypass Improvements
- 3 Briefing Note 23-35 – Christmas FUEL Programme Update
- 4 Briefing Note 23-36 – Coronation Living Heritage – Coronation Orchards
- 5 Briefing Note 23-37 – Simpler Recycling for household and business recycling in England
- 6 PCC visits homeless charity after group recently received grant to fund digital referrals
- 7 Sarah Cozens – thinks it a shame no interest in Best Kept Village Competition – judging criteria has changed and involvement might give encouragement to a bit of community spirit.
- 8 Derek Walters – Weight Limit in Lacock – Freight strategy under review
- 9 John Boldon – Action Plan or Voids in Lacock – Record of meeting with National Trust on 27.11.23
- 10 PCC sees residents’ views on investment required to improve policing services in Wiltshire
- 11 Wiltshire PCC praises custody visiting scheme following national recognition award
- 12 Derek Walters – Impact of Chippenham Bypass improvements – expressed concern that an impact of dualling the A350 would be felt on the section past Lacock. What does PC think about it?
- 13 Ros Griffiths – Corsham Highways Matters Event – Thursday 11 January 2024

12 FINANCE:

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

Idverde Ltd	£233.99	(PF mtce - November)
Idverde Ltd	*£246.20	(grass cutting – September)
Idverde Ltd	*£246.20	(grass cutting - October)
Idverde Ltd	*£246.29	(grass cutting – November)
S Steward	£449.63	(for November)
S Steward	£ 13.49	(office expenses – November)

* Agreed to withhold payment until work completed satisfactorily.

Idverde be asked to confirm dates they have attended. PC assumes they have done 50% of the work.

ii) **Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PB/PH) the statement of account showing a balance of £42699.25 as at 24 November 2023 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.236) and £39464.16 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) It was resolved (PG/PH) that the quote from Frome Area Building Supplies Ltd for cemetery topsoil and gravel, in the sum of £330.24 (inc VAT) be accepted. All in favour.

- iv) Precept – it was agreed traffic interventions - £10k; grants - £2500; . PC to cease paying for village hall phone/broadband – LVHC to pay in future.

13 PLANNING:

PL/2023/09735

Prior notification of proposed change of use of 1no. Agricultural building to 1no. Residential under Class Q - Barn at Piccadilly, Folly Lane, Lacock **NO**

OBJECTION

PL/2023/09479

Create vehicular access and off-street parking - 2 Corsham Road, Lacock **NO**

OBJECTION

PL/2023/09772

Extend the existing workshop building to include 2 additional bays to the west to provide further workshop and storage space - Yard and Buildings, Folly Lane, Lacock **NO OJECTION**

PL/2023/10173

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area - 18A High Street, Lacock. **NO COMMENT**

PL/2023/10411

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area - Sunnycroft, Folly Lane, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

PL/2023/10143

Removal/variation of Conditions – Rowden Park, Patterdown Rd, Chippenham **NO OBJECTION**

14 GENERAL PARISH MATTERS

Nothing raised.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 8 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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8 January 2024

