

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THOSE TAKING PART:

J Durrant (Chair), J Boldon, P Glen, P Holliday, S Gregory, P Shaw, P Burkinshaw, L Heren, C Doel and S Wise. Also present were Sonya Macmillan (NT), James Bradshaw (NT) and three members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from H Shepherd and D Walters

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 (PH/PG) that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2024 be signed as a true record. It was requested that the draft minutes be issued within 7 days of the meeting and posted on the website. A copy to be sent to SM and JB.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

The action log was reviewed and updated.

Revised Playing Field lease – agreed to work on this over the year

Water test report at Mill Farm outstanding – DW to chase

Plans for car parking above Stoggy Lane – o/s

Island by Abbey Bridge – coppice two willow trees – NT o/s

Flooding above the common opposite Griffin Farm - NT waiting for second quote

Gravel area by Red Lion – no action imminent – move on for six months

No update from DW re Speed Watch data – chase

Q&A re residents parking – PS to circulate

Rubbish bin in bus shelter – needs planning application - NT

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

SM had provided a Lacock Key Programming Dates for Lacock Abbey 2024 which had been circulated to members together with a report for the meeting.

Current holiday let – recent Open Day received 618 visitors in five days.

Holding a Community Events planning on 27/2

Planning Parish Engagement Plan 4/3

Planning meeting with LPC – date to be confirmed

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

P Burkinshaw -

Website works and content can be accessed. However, there are lots of programming faults being highlighted and professional help needed to manage the background of the website. JD to look into this.

L Heren –

No issues reported.

S Wise -

SW advised that two footpaths are closed for structural repairs by WCC; another 7 or 8 minor issues still outstanding.

Community Orchard – small working party spent last Saturday tidying up. Raised beds project for this year.

C Doel –

Attended allotments meeting – the AGM to be held on 24/2. The Committee wish to change the rules to include how many people should be on the committee. They propose a maximum of 12. The PC raised no objections to this change.

CD had attended the recent flooding meeting and gave a brief report. A grant of up to £5k can be applied for from WCC by flood affected properties.

Naish Hill and Bewley Lane need massive work.

Site meeting needed with Danny Everett (Drainage), Dave Arnup and Nic Puntis.

What is happening on 28 February re Bowden Hill closure? PC no formal notification received.

Needs to be postponed before the site meeting. Escalate issue to Richard Clewer – CD and PG to draft letter, copy DW

P Glen –

Hedge and cemetery works – quotes received but not circulated.

P Holliday –

A leak in the cemetery tap required an emergency repair. Allotment holders need to ensure the tap is shut off properly. Strip light needs to be switched off in the pavilion. PH to stress this to Football team. Football Pitch lines painted and grass cut by Idverde.

S Gregory –

SG's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Favourable comments about the new junction.

SW asked for speed humps at Melksham Road – for consideration but not in Atkins report proposal so lower priority.

LH advised there are several deep potholes at Reybridge

8 PLAY PARK FUTURE:

A long discussion about the future of the playing field/play park took place. National Trust want to take over the play park from start of 2025.

Can PC extend the lease at the same time as renegotiating it? If the NT take over the PF some provision should be included to enable PC community events to take place. The play park should remain free to use by parish children at any time – wording to be included in agreement with NT. It was agreed that in principle the PC go ahead with negotiations with NT that they take over the play park early next year.

9 FALL IN LACOCK:

Following a reported recent fall does the PC think there is a risk of injury to people falling off the Brash at night if cars are not parked there, which usually they are. It was agreed that the letter from Mrs Marshall be forwarded to WC Highways.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 From Derek Walters – Corsham Road Survey
- 2 PCC – Government funding for policing means PCC must consider a rise in precept to continue improving the force.
- 3 Local Nature Recovery Strategy January 2024 Update
- 4 From Susan Marshall re her fall which occurred on the corner of Church/West Street
- 5 From Daniel Tyrrell re Enforcement 00978 – Bowden Hill House – following his site visit
PC not consulted originally; letter of complaint about lack of consultation JB to Director of Planning at WC
- 6 CIL Guidance Notes and CIL expenditure report 2024 – according to information Lacock Parish Council have 479 dwellings with £65,144 CIL available– **JB to look into the fund**
- 7 Chief Constable – update to PCC
- 8 Formal Notice on the Regulation 14 Stage of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2
JB to check if Lacock affected
- 9 From Karen McGreevy – Traffic down Bewley Crescent and over the abbey bridges
- 10 Briefing Note 24-02 - Septic Tank Upgrade Communications Campaign - Revamp Your Tank
- 11 From Democratic & Member Services Committee re Tourism
- 12 Parish Office MWPC – re PL/2023/11188 – Development for 500 dwellings at Blackmore Farm, Melksham – **LS to thank MWPC for forwarding on information. LPC is strongly objecting. Ask NT's position**
- 13 User Testing Invitation 20/2 – Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- 14 From Holly, The Loaf Shack Bakery – looking to start a new monthly market in Lacock possibly? - **Forward to Sune and SM**
- 15 Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority – Public Consultation on draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28
- 16 From JD – NT meeting on 8 February – notes

11 FINANCE:

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

Idverde Ltd	£233.99	(PF mtce – January)
S Steward	£449.63	(for January)
S Steward	£ 13.34	(office expenses - January)

- ii) **Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PG/PH) the statement of account showing a balance of £40399.23 as at

1 February 2024 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.239) and £39464.16 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct. It was requested that detail of each payment is added to the Statement of Account in future.

iii) **Hedging and Works in Cemetery -**

As the tenders for the hedging work had not been circulated prior to the meeting only the tree removal was considered. It was agreed (PS/PH) that the Falcon Landscapes quote £360 be accepted. Note: LH abstained

12 PLANNING:

PL/2024/00048 (Listed Building Consent)

Proposed removal of section of wall between 2 doors on the ground floor with insertion of rolled steel joist below kitchen beam – Showell Farm, Showell, Chippenham **NO OBJECTION**

PL/2024/00397 - Consent under TPO

Fell Oak Tree – 9 Bewley Crescent, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/00972

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – 2 Nethercote Hill, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/01174

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – St Cyriacs Church, Church Street, Lacock. **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/01150

Willow tree fell – Footpath LACO24, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024/00928

Lean-to extension to the rear of existing barn to provide WC facilities – Blue Barn, Naish Hill, Lacock

PL/2024/01275 **NO OBJECTION**

2 apple trees fell – 5 Cantax Hill, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

PL/2024 01274

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Land adj to playing field, Hither Way, Lacock **NO COMMENT**

13 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFO/DISCUSSION:

- i) Yellow lines at entrance to Corsham Road estate?
- ii) Speed along Corsham Road
- iii) Repairs to houses and state of garages
- iv) Reminder to PC that Grants have been included in precept so encourage local organisations/groups to apply.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday **4 MARCH 2024** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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4 March 2024

