

# LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### Those Present:

L Heren, S Wise, P Shaw, H Shepherd, J Boldon, P Burkinshaw, J Durrant and C Doel.  
Also present: D Walters (Unitary Councillor) and two members of the public

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from P Glen, P Holliday and S Gregory

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

CD declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2024/04056 & PL/2024/04525 and PB declared an interest in Item 15 on the Correspondence List – application from Lacock School for donation towards their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### 3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no matters raised.

### 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (JD/CD) that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024 be signed as a true record.

### 5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

The action log was reviewed and updated.

Memorial H&S quote received – action closed

Playing Field Lease – NT making progress and on track to complete the paperwork and formal handover before end of 2024.

Wessex Water pipe from Whitehall to Blue Barn – CD advised there is to be a meeting with Wessex Water to look at a new scheme – all in hand.

Defibrillator – matched funding scheme closed – is there a need for another one? – HS to approach The Bell to see if they would be happy to go 50:50 on one to be sited on their premises.

Ask the Leader – event which covers Lacock took place on 22 April. LS to enquire when is the next Forum we can attend?

## 6 DEREK WALTERS – UPDATE:

Speed Task Group has been set up – DW: this will need to show that it is transparent, listens to local opinion and is deemed to be fit for purpose.

Lacock issues: **Byde Brook** – still maintaining contact with Matthew Sully – have asked him for clarification of the info he has sent. He says it is complex. They have had to issue a penalty against the polluter (?) – we continue to monitor the situation. CD advised that Mr Harris says it is “just as bad if not worse”. Ongoing issue. LH asked if it could be ascertained how long the original spill might take to work its way through, hence ongoing decay of the brook may stem from this spill and not subsequent spills. CD acknowledged.

Whitehall Traffic Lights – matter has been sent to Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways.

## 7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

Emily Frayling had provided a report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and the contents of which were noted.

CD asked that NT be asked to deal with the weeds around the chestnut trees and also the nettles and weeds on both sides of the wall along Abbey Road.

## 8 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

### S Wise –

**Footpaths** – Long standing issue on Path LAC02 closure across the railway line. Current issues are being fixed but historical ones are not. SW raised three last week and one has already been fixed!

**Community Orchard** – No volunteers last weekend. The area is looking nice and being used by a number of groups. Need to get on top of the weeds. New volunteers needed.

### P Shaw –

SG’s report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limits in Village and Hither Way now complete.

Traffic Calming Measures – topographical work and financial contribution was agreed at May meeting.

**Residents Parking Scheme** – Information to be sent out to residents. SG and SW met with SM and others purely in a consultative manner. They were broadly very supportive.

**Stonegate** at Corsham Road – Criteria not met to move the speed limit sign. Suggest LPC withdraw from this matter. PS to continue to monitor.

### H Shepherd -

Lacock School has requested a donation from PC towards its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

HS proposed that PC fund the cost of two plaques (£460) and the enamel badges (£500) = total £960. Seconded by JD – all in favour.

### P Burkinshaw -

Some small fixes to councillors’ email accounts

Ongoing work with external advisor to resolve general website matters

### J Durrant -

JD has updated the Spend against Precept

Village Hall – new committee with JD as Chair/Treasurer at the moment, HS as Secretary and Michael Belcher as Vice Chair.

Art Club and History Group reps have cleared weeds and ivy.

A Barley remains a signatory on the Cambridge a/c which will be removed.

### **C Doel –**

Allotments – there has been some trouble at the Abbey Allotments – some people have got in and vandalised the area – will be reported to the police.

Flood meeting – more ditching and grit maintenance around the area. Only doing 5 gullies at the moment in a parish – every gully will be done over the year. Bob Ecclestone: county council cannot shut off roads during floods – only the police can; nobody can direct traffic unless trained. PS to obtain price for signs which have a drop-down flap indicating “Road Closed”.

Wessex Water pipe: £2.6m for new pipe from Whitehall Garden Centre to Blue Barn – earmarked for next year.

### **L Heren –**

Play Park issues reported by visitor – LH had already asked SMC if NT handyman could repair which is now with NT. Carpet underneath is solid.

Moles – three quotes had been obtained and circulated to members prior to the meeting. Wiltshire Pest Services Ltd - £288 inc VAT; Mission Pest Control Ltd - £100 + VAT per visit with a minimum of 2 visits; BeeKind Pest Control - £260 + VAT. LH proposed that the BeeKind quote be accepted, seconded by HS – all in agreement.

## **9 DAMAGED RAILINGS AT CENTRAL RESERVATION AT WGC LIGHTS:**

DW is pressing Wiltshire Council for action to get the damage fixed.

## **10 CARPENTERS ARMS:**

JB provided some background information – the applicant in a pre-application consultation to Wiltshire Council seeking a change of use from a public house to a five-bedroom dwelling house. LH and JB were invited to a meeting on 28 May with Mr Gott which JB attended along with conservation officer Alex Marsh from Wiltshire Council who stated that he would oppose it going back to a dwelling house. Historically the building had always been a public house.

LH followed on from JB with a statement that as a parish council in a heritage setting, it was incumbent on LPC as representative custodians of the village’s built heritage to attempt to facilitate a resolution for the parish so that the current dilapidated building might be restored to some function in the near future. LH asked for creative responses.

Members spent a large portion of the meeting discussing the matter. It was felt that, as the PC had raised an objection to the planning application, no further comment was necessary.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1 Briefing Note 24-09 – Defra Simpler Recycling Update
- 2 PCC Philip Wilkinson – “Regardless of political alignment, I’m here to serve you”
- 3 Kalum House re PC request for Ask the Leader meeting in Lacock “I’m afraid the Corsham event which covers Lacock has already taken place on 22 April”. **LS to enquire when next event will be in our area**
- 4 Briefing Note 24-10 – Local Development Order consultation – Revamp your Tank scheme
- 5 From Wiltshire Police Media – Wiltshire Police taken out of ‘special measures’
- 6 Quote from James Long for Memorial Health & Safety Inspection – Lacock Cemetery - £1512.00 **It was resolved (JD/PS) to accept the quote. LS to confirm go ahead**

- 7 Melksham Town Council – New Melksham Town Mayor (Cllr Price) and Deputy Mayor (Cllr Rabey)
- 8 Wiltshire Community Led Housing – The Wiltshire & Swindon Rural Housing Needs Project
- 9 Adrian Gott – Informal Parking Arrangements – Lacock Village – **PC knows certain things have taken place – and that Wiltshire Council sometimes send out enforcements.**
- 10 Visit Wiltshire Newsletter – May 2024
- 11 Briefing Note 24-11 – Management of Council business and publicity during the pre-election period
- 12 From Derek Walters – letter from constituent Clive Shipman re Lacock Post Office – **no change – it is still a Royal Mail collection point.**
- 13 From PCC’s desk – Keeping Councillors Informed – new newsletter – will be issued monthly
- 14 From Wiltshire Council re Defra’s Property Flood Resilience Grant Scheme – June update
- 15 Request from Lacock School for donation towards their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations - **AoR**
- 16 Three quotes for mole infestation in playing field - **AoR**
- 17 From National Trust advising that they have undertaken an asbestos survey, in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Management Regulations 2012, and no asbestos containing materials were found in the Village Hall or Playing Field Pavilion – **JD to query as the survey is due to take place on 18 June 2024**

**12 FINANCE:**

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

Idverde Ltd	£270.86	(PF mtce – May)
S Steward	£472.10	(for May)
S Steward	£ 18.24	(office/exps)
Idverde Ltd	£279.94	(Village mtce – new contract)
Falcon Landscapes	£280.00	(Cemetery – grass cut)
WALC	£422.88	(Annual subscription – retrospective)
Timko Ropes (J Durrant)	£200.48	(Tug of War rope)
HCI Data Ltd	£114.00	(lacockparishcouncil.gov.uk)
BeeKind Pest Control	£312.00	(PF – moles)

ii) **To approve Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PS/JD)) that the statement of account showing a balance of £32442.93 as at 29 May 2024 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.244) and £41846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

- iii) It was resolved JD/LH) to approve (External Audit Annual Governance Statement -
- iv) It was resolved (JD/LH) to approve External Audit Accounting Statement
- v) It was resolved (PB/JD) to approve (transfer of £10k from Co-operative current account to Cambridge & Counties deposit account

**13 PLANNING:**

**PL/2023/06727 – amended plans/additional information**

Reserved matters application for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 120no. dwellings, pursuant to outline planning permission 17/08554/OUT – Land at Showell Nurseries

**NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2024/04056 & PL/2024/04525 – Listed Building Consent**

Conversion of existing stables into a single storey 3-bedroom dwelling house, with extension to the eastern and western ends – Reybridge Farm Stables, 32 Reybridge, Lacock

**NO OJECTION**

**PL/2024/04583**

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Woodman’s House, 6 Bowden Hill, Lacock

**NO COMMENT**

**PL/2024/04813 – Listed Building Consent**

Installation of WC to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor including new studwork partitions and doors. To connect the associated new waste pipes into the existing soil and vent pipe within the eaves loft area – 9 West Street, Lacock

**NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2024/04872 & PL/2024/04873**

Removal/Variation of Conditions – South Point Business Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham

**NO OBJECTION**

**14 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:**

- i) PC logo – what progress? (PB)

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 8 July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.37pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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8 July 2024